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**Matthew R. Wolff,**  
M.D., F.A.C.C.  
*WC-ACC Outgoing Governor*

It has been my honor to serve as Governor of the Wisconsin Chapter of the American College of Cardiology for the past 3 years, and I will treasure the many experiences and new relationships I've enjoyed in this role. However, I now have the distinct pleasure of passing off this baton to our truly outstanding Governor-elect, Dr. Thomas Lewandowski. Tom has had a long relationship with the ACC, dating to his fellowship training at the University of Michigan where he was the Co-President of the Michigan ACC Chapter's Fellows-in-Training Society and the Fellow Representative on the Michigan ACC Chapter Board. During this tenure, Tom instituted that chapters Fellow Clinical Vignette and Poster Presentation Competitions; programs we've implemented under his suggestion and guidance in Wisconsin with an overwhelming positive response. Since joining Appleton Cardiology, Tom has served for 6 years as the Northeast Wisconsin Councilor on our Chapter Board.

Health care reform is providing what many view as a daunting set of challenges for our profession, but Tom is clearly one of the enlightened few who can see unique opportunities in this thicket of hurdles and obstacles. Tom is the Chapter's co-representative to the Wisconsin Medicare Care Advisory Committee. For the past two years, Tom has been working extensively with the College and the Wisconsin Medical Society in guiding the Wisconsin Health Information Organization (WHIO) in its interpretation of claims-based data in rating physicians and health care organizations. In this light, it is not surprising that Tom is making these issues the focus of his governorship. In the current healthcare climate, this could not be a better choice of direction for the chapter or a more important issue for its membership. I want to thank Tom for his leadership to date on these issues, and I look forward to working with him in the future on the same.

I want to thank the Board and our Chapter's membership for their enthusiastic participation over the past three years, and I look forward to an even more active Chapter under Tom's new leadership.

**Matthew R. Wolff, M.D., F.A.C.C.**  
*Outgoing Governor, Wisconsin Chapter ACC*



**Thomas J. Lewandowski,**  
M.D., F.A.C.C.  
*WC-ACC Incoming Governor*

Thomas J Lewandowski, M.D., F.A.C.C. has been a cardiologist in Appleton, Wisconsin for 10 years and a councilor for the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Collage of Cardiology for six. Tom practices general cardiology with an emphasis on noninvasive imaging and pulmonary hypertension. Prior to moving to Wisconsin, he was Co-President of the Michigan Chapter's Fellows in Training Society and successfully instituted the Chapters Clinical Vignette and Poster Competitions. While at the University of Michigan, he also served as Fellows in Training Societies' representative to the Michigan Chapter's Board of Directors.

For the last six years, Tom has acted as the Northeast Wisconsin Councilor for the Wisconsin Chapter of the ACC. Tom has been acting as co-representative for the WI Chapter to the Wisconsin Medicare Care Advisory Committee. On a national level, he was a member of the ACC/ACR development committee for a local carrier decision covering Cardiac MRI. Tom helped to found the Wisconsin Chapter's Fellows in Training Society and presently acts as its advisor. He has participated at the ACC Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., two of the last four years. Tom is a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology and the American Society of Echocardiography. He is a member of the Society of Cardiovascular Computer Tomography. This is the second time Tom has been nominated for State Governor.

# SAVE THE DATE

## Wisconsin ACC Chapter Annual Meeting

Saturday, October 22, 2011  
Location To Be Announced

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As a member of the Wisconsin Chapter ACC you have the unique opportunity to be a voice for your membership section. This year we are forming Committees for the Fellows-in-Training (FIT), Cardiac Care Associates (CCA) and Practice Administrator (PA) members. We hope that you take advantage of this opportunity to meet and work with your fellow cardiology professionals to build a strong bond across Wisconsin to better the cardiology industry as a whole. It is the goal of our incoming Governor, Dr. Thomas J. Lewandowski, M.D., F.A.C.C., that the entire cardiology team be represented.

Each of these Committees will be led by a Liaison to the Board of Directors who will report on the ideas and recommendations from the Committee. Committees will meet for an initial face-to-face meeting to get to know one another and develop the goals for each Committee, then convene primarily by teleconference every two to three months. The primary focus for each will be on expanding the membership base in their category, identifying relevant information to incorporate into the Annual Meeting, and creation of a “landing page” on the web site with content specific to their members needs.

Please consider volunteering your time in 2011.

**YES!** I am interested in serving on a committee.

- Fellow-in-Training (FIT)
- Cardiac Care Associate (CCA)
- Practice Administrator (PA)

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Practice/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Direct phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 mandated that the healthcare industry use standard formats for electronic claims and claims related transactions. The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) adopted ASC X12 version 5010 and NCPDP version D.0 as the next HIPAA standard for HIPAA covered transactions on January 16, 2009. Transition to the new format for Medicare fee-for-service (FFS) began on January 1, 2011.

By January 1, 2012, you must be ready to submit your claims electronically using the X12 Version 5010 to Medicare and other payers. Medicare does not anticipate extensions to these deadlines. The implementation will require changes to the software and perhaps procedures that you use for billing Medicare and other payers. It is extremely important that you are aware of these HIPAA 2 changes and plan for their implementation.

If you rely on your vendor or clearinghouse to maintain your billing system and keep you up-to-date with electronic transactions, you need to ask your vendor and or clearinghouse about their plans for transitioning to the new 5010 format. If you fail to prepare, you may not be able to send electronic claims or receive electronic remittances, significantly impacting your business and cash flow.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the EDI department at (877) 567-7261, 8:30 am to Noon and 12:35 pm to 4:00 pm CST Monday through Friday.

### Wisconsin ACC Chapter Member Profile

#### Executive Summary

There are 562 active ACC members in Wisconsin, 38 of which are emeritus. They are broken down and compared to national as follows:

#### Membership Profiles

	ACC Membership	Wisconsin Chapter
AA	9.4%	9.7%
AF	0.8%	.6%
CCA	13.0%	19.7%
Practice Administrator	1.3%	1.1%
FF	64.1%	58.0%
FIT	11.3%	10.7%
MA	0.1%	.2%

## Attention Fellows in Training!

There will be a 1-2 hour FIT Spring Program on preparing for the interview process, and what to expect after you are hired. Watch your e-mail for your invitation!

*This program is provided with support from MedAxiom.*



## About Your ACCPAC

Dear Colleague,

The last year certainly has been one of the most challenging for cardiovascular providers. While my career may not have been as long as others, I think we would all agree that now is the time our voices need to be heard. Many of you may view the American College of Cardiology's Political Action Committee, ACCPAC, as having questionable value, I am writing to encourage you to become involved in the ACCPAC. Your investment represents a direct investment in the well being of your patients - a testament to your professional commitment to the prevention and treatment of cardiovascular disease. Your contribution enables ACCPAC representatives around the United States to meet with members of Congress and bring our issues to the table. As implementation of policy is more often shifting focus from National policies to State policies, ACCPAC has become vital to Chapters in their efforts to shape local policy consistent with the principles of the ACC.

If every one of our 39,000 members donated just \$100 to the ACCPAC, \$3.9 million would be available. This would represent four times the amount contributed in 2010, which was a record year for contributions.



Furthermore, I encourage you to become involved in the advocacy effort beyond the act of contributing. 135 ACC members attended a political event in 2010. These events give us an opportunity to deliver an ACCPAC check directly to members of Congress. Additionally, many ACC members continually visit their representatives both in their hometown districts and on Capitol Hill. Likewise, we need more assistance on our State level, as many members move on to Washington, and much of what is implemented in Wisconsin, obviously affects us greatly. If you are interested in becoming involved in ACC's advocacy efforts by meeting with your representative or possibly delivering a check, please contact Nick Morse at nmorse@acc.org.

Even if you can't travel to Washington, there are other great opportunities available such as the Cardiologist-For-A-Day program. In this initiative you have the opportunity to host your representative for part of a day to shadow you in your practice to see first hand the value you provide to your patients, hospital system, and community.

*To contribute, please visit [www.accpacweb.org](http://www.accpacweb.org) or use the contribution form on the next page.*

Thank you,  
Thomas J. Lewandowski, M.D., F.A.C.C  
WC-ACC Incoming Governor

### It's Easy to Contribute

1. Visit [www.accpacweb.org](http://www.accpacweb.org)
2. Click on "Join the PAC"
3. Follow the three simple steps on the screen:
  - Verify your contact information
  - Make your contribution
  - Finalize with electronic signature
4. Then...you're done!

**Please join us in making Wisconsin a more powerful presence in the federal legislature through the ACCPAC.**

## WPS Alert

Please Help Reduce Evaluation and Management (E/M) Service Documentation Errors

WPS Medicare recently reviewed medical documentation for E/M services billed by Cardiologists and identified a 95% error rate (54% - no documentation received, 24% - services not documented, 15% - documentation did not support the service, and 5% - the documentation identified a different category of service.) Please evaluate your internal processes to verify you can access your documentation and respond to requests in a timely manner.

Taking advantage of the resources below and attending Medicare sponsored training will assist your office in reducing the error rates and increasing timely payments.

- Articles and questions and answers: [http://www.wps-medicare.com/part\\_b/education/evalmngmnt.shtml](http://www.wps-medicare.com/part_b/education/evalmngmnt.shtml)
- A specific article on the most common errors and how to prevent them: [http://www.wpsmedicare.com/part\\_b/education/2010-1206-prepayerrors.shtml](http://www.wpsmedicare.com/part_b/education/2010-1206-prepayerrors.shtml)
- Medical Review reports: [http://www.wpsmedicare.com/part\\_b/business/medical\\_review.shtml](http://www.wpsmedicare.com/part_b/business/medical_review.shtml)
- A video presentation of E/M education: [http://www.wps-medicare.com/part\\_b/education/em\\_ondemand.shtml](http://www.wps-medicare.com/part_b/education/em_ondemand.shtml)

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Please indicate the amount you would like to contribute to ACCPAC:

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NOTE: These amounts are suggestions only. Federal law allows individuals to contribute up to \$5,000 annually to PACs.

Please select preferred contribution method:

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Charge my PERSONAL    Visa    MasterCard    Discover    American Express

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Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The information below is required to process your contribution:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Check box if you do not want your name publicized in ACC-related materials.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Contributions to the ACCPAC are strictly voluntary. Federal law requires political committees to report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer for each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 in a calendar year. I am an American citizen or have been admitted to permanent U.S. residence and this contribution is made in my name. I understand that contributions to ACCPAC are not deductible as a charitable contribution on Federal Income Tax returns.*



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## CCA Update

by Judy Nichols MSN, NP-C



Cardiac Care Associates (CCA's) are a vital part of the American College of Cardiology organization and currently has 4,200 members. CCA's consist of Nurse Practitioners, Clinical Nurse Specialists, Registered Nurses, Pharmacists, and Physician Assistants. These associates work together with Cardiologists to

customize and optimize cardiac care for a multiplicity of patients. In the state of Wisconsin there are 116 registered CCA members.

Since the inception of the CCA position in 2003, members have been interested in obtaining credentialing distinction similar to the F.A.C.C. (Fellowship of the American College of Cardiology) merit reserved for Cardiologists. Placing the initials 'CCA' behind one's name has not been condoned; as the College wanted the initials to stand for something other than being a due paying member. In March of 2009 the ACC Board of Trustees started offering a new designation for the CCA member.

### A.A.C.C.

(Associate of the American College of Cardiology)

The A.A.C.C. credential is available for those CCA members who demonstrate advanced education, training and professional development in the field of cardiology. Meant to provide evidence of excellence, the A.A.C.C. designation signifies individuals who have developed distinction and service in the field of cardiology. Criteria for A.A.C.C. credentialing and an application form can be obtained from <http://www.cardiosource.org/ACC/ACC-Membership/CCA.aspx>.

CCA's interested in adding A.A.C.C. to their credentials will be reviewed by the Credentialing and Membership Committee, and will be expected to meet these criteria (not inclusive):

- Complete application for Associate of the American College of Cardiology
- Submit \$25 application fee
- Provide 3 letters of recommendation from F.A.A.C. members
- Be employed in a primarily cardiovascular based practice
- Have at least 5 years of cardiovascular practice/experience
- Be a CCA member for 2 years prior to application
- Have 12 hours of cardiovascular related CE/CME annually

I would encourage all CCA's in the state of Wisconsin to consider A.A.C.C. professional designation.

### Wisconsin Liaison

I have been asked by Dr. Lewandowski to re-join the Wisconsin Board as the CCA liaison. My name is Judy Nichols, and I have been a CCA member since 2003. I have worked as a Physician Extender for Marshfield Clinic Cardiology since 2002, and enjoyed the privilege of being the Wisconsin CCA Liaison in 2006 & 2007. I entered the CCA group as an RN, and have benefited greatly from membership. I especially enjoy access to CardioSource.org and the educational opportunities available through ACC. Recently I have completed my Masters Degree and continue to work with the group as a Nurse Practitioner. I look forward to meeting with the CCA's of the state, assessing your needs, and assisting with the revitalization of our Chapter. I am eager to hear your ideas, concerns and dreams for the Wisconsin Chapter ACC.

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## 2011 BOG Meeting Summary

This year's Board of Governors meeting was held in Washington, DC, in conjunction with the Cardiovascular Leadership Conference, January 28 and 29, 2011. Dr. Ralph Brindis summarized 2010, listing numerous accomplishments of the College and highlighting the dedication of its members. The incoming president of the ACC, Dr. David Holmes set the priorities for the College for the coming year. He placed great emphasis on returning the College to its core of education.

Advocacy will continue to work on payment reforms, and push for stabilization of payment, for the increasingly smaller group of physicians in private practice. For those who are in integrated, employed in academic practice, the College will lead discussions on inclusion of appropriate use criteria, registries and outcomes measures into EHRs. Advocacy will continue to educate lawmakers and insurance companies on the problems with claims only data and push for inclusion of clinical data from our many registries.

The College is actively creating novel uses of technology for use of the Appropriate Use Criteria. They are pushing for inclusion of participation in Pinnacle and Focus registries as suitable criteria for Maintenance of Certification and Licensing. New programs, such as the Cardiovascular PIP, and Catheterization Laboratory Accreditation will be launched. Both set to demonstrate excellence in cardiovascular laboratories and clinician excellence in patient care.



***Invitation to Participate:***

# Cardiologist-for-a-Day Program in Wisconsin

Every day Cardiology professionals are faced with new advances in medicine that are drastically changing the landscape of patient care. However, there are other new challenges such as important policy decisions that have a direct and significant impact on the ability of cardiologists to provide quality care while still operating an effective and efficient practice. One way that you can help policy makers understand the environment we work in is a program called Cardiologist-for-a-Day.

The Cardiologist-for-a-Day program is intended to give policy makers a rare chance to experience how policy decisions affect medicine and patient care in a way they may not have seen before. During the program, participants are given the opportunity to:

- Witness procedures such as the implantation of a defibrillator or the placement of a stent to open up a blocked artery.
- Learn about new advances in the treatment of heart disease and what it means for patients in their community.
- Get a behind-the-scenes look at how a medical practice operates—from what it takes to get reimbursed for treating a patient to the infrastructure needed to address regulatory requirements.

The Wisconsin Chapter is planning to coordinate Cardiologist-for-a-Day programs in 2011. We are seeking volunteers who would be willing to participate in hosting legislators to their practice or academic institution. If you have any interest in this program and want to learn more, please fill out the form below and remit to the WC-ACC office. A planning committee will be organized to identify dates, locations and other logistics this Spring.

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**Yes!** *I am interested in more information regarding participation in a Cardiologist-for-a-Day event in 2011.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Practice/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Location (city): \_\_\_\_\_ Region of State: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Direct e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_



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# ACC Upcoming Events

## ACC Live Events:

<http://www.cardiosource.org/Certified-Education/Courses-and-Conferences/All-Courses-and-Conferences.aspx>

### April

#### April 2-5, 2011

**60th Annual Scientific Session & Expo and Innovation in Intervention: i2 Summit 2011**  
New Orleans, La.



#### April 29-30, 2011

**8th Annual Ponte Vedra Cardiovascular Symposium**  
Sawgrass Marriott Resort  
Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

### MAY

#### May 4-6, 2011

**13th Annual Echocardiography Conference: State-of-the-Art 2011**  
Roosevelt Hotel  
New York

#### May 5-7, 2011

**33rd Annual Recent Advances in Clinical Nuclear Cardiology and Cardiac CT: Featuring Case Review with the Experts**  
Fairmont Hotel  
Washington, D.C.

#### May 20-21, 2011

**Emergency Cardiovascular Care 2011: Defining and Expanding STEMI Systems of Care**  
Intercontinental Chicago O'Hare  
Rosemont, Ill.

### JUNE

#### June 17-19, 2011

**The West Coast Cardiovascular Forum**  
The Ritz-Carlton  
San Francisco

#### June 19-22, 2011

**21st Annual Course on Congenital Heart Disease in the Adult: An International Symposium**  
*Presented by: Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center*  
Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza  
Cincinnati

### AUGUST

#### August 18, 2011

**ACCF Study Session for ABIM Maintenance of Certification: Interventional Cardiology Updates 2010 and 2011**  
The Ritz-Carlton  
Dallas

#### August 19-21, 2011

**ACCF/SCAI Premier Interventional Cardiology Overview and Board Preparatory Course**  
The Ritz-Carlton  
Dallas

**Heart Disease and Healthy Diets: Lifestyles of Mummies and Milwaukeeans was presented by WC-ACC Past-Governor Samuel Wann, M.D., F.A.C.C. at the Milwaukee Public Museum Mummy Exhibit on March 6<sup>th</sup>**

Dr. Samuel Wann is a cardiologist at the Wisconsin Heart Hospital, specializing in consultative and preventive cardiology and cardiac imaging. Together with three of his American and Egyptian colleagues, Dr. Wann recently performed CT scans on more than 50 mummies housed in the Egyptian Museum in Cairo, looking for signs of heart and vascular disease. Somewhat surprisingly, the CT scans show that many ancient Egyptians had build up of atherosclerotic plaques in their arteries quite similar to those found in modern man. During the session, Dr. Wann demonstrated the CT images of atherosclerosis in modern humans and mummies which are thousands of years old, and compared ancient and modern environmental risk factors for developing cardiovascular disease.



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## 2011 Councilor Election Ballot

*Terms: March 2011 through March 2013*

**Please return by fax to: 414-276-7704 by March 18th**

### Continuing Officers

President Thomas J. Lewandowski, M.D., F.A.C.C. (Northeastern) *Term expires March 2014*  
Past-President Matthew R. Wolff, M.D., F.A.C.C. (Southern) *Term expires March 2012*  
Secretary/Treasurer Anthony C. DeFranco, M.D., F.A.C.C. (Southeastern) *Term expires March 2014*

### Appointed Liaisons

Fellow-in-Training (FIT) Aurora: Lisa Schmitz, D.O.  
Madison: James Oujiri, M.D.  
Milwaukee: M. Fuad Jan, M.D.  
Cardiac Care Associate (CCA) Judy M. Nichols MSN, NP-C

### Director Elections *Please select TWO (2) from each region/category:*

- Northern
- Mark T. Hoffmann, M.D., F.A.C.C.
  - Peter N. Smith, M.D., F.A.C.C.
  - Write in \_\_\_\_\_
- Northeastern
- Timothy N. Logemann, M.D., F.A.C.C.
  - Silja K. Majahalm, M.D., Ph.D., F.A.C.C.
  - Write in \_\_\_\_\_
- Southern
- Leo C. Egbujiobi, M.D., F.A.C.C.
  - Miguel A. Leal, M.D. (*F.A.C.C. designation on June 30, 2011*)
  - Write in \_\_\_\_\_
- Southeastern
- Saqib Masroor, M.B.B.S., F.A.C.C.
  - Joshua A. Meskin, M.D. (*currently AA*)
  - Write in \_\_\_\_\_
- Western
- Regis I. Fernandes, M.D., F.A.C.C.
  - Juan E. Mesa, M.D., F.A.C.C.
  - Write in \_\_\_\_\_
- Delegate & Alternate
- Peter S. Rahko, M.D., F.A.C.C.
  - Stuart Berger, M.D., F.A.C.C.
  - Write in \_\_\_\_\_

*Only one vote is allowed per Wisconsin Chapter member of the American College of Cardiology*

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