

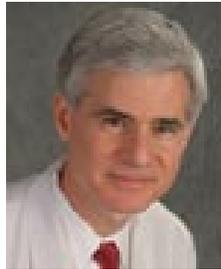


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President's Message

George J. Linsenmeyer III, MD, FACC



Dear Colleague,

ACC CV Summit

The year is moving along. I recently returned from the ACC's Cardiovascular Summit in Florida. This meeting brings together experts in the field of cardiology, business practices and leadership to offer an educational experience that leads to operational excellence, cost efficiency and leadership training. The curriculum included national aim issues, business of medicine including payment reform and finance, operational excellence, quality and efficiency. There will be a lot of changes in the near future. Like it or not, our way of caring for our patients, and how we get reimbursed **WILL** change. The ACC is working hard on behalf of the members. The 2018 Cardiovascular Summit will be in Las Vegas, Feb. 22-24, 2018. Please plan to go and bring your favorite administrator. It's a real eye opener.

ACC.17 in Washington, DC

The ACC Annual Scientific Session is coming up in Washington, DC, March 17-19. I hope to see many of you there. Call me ahead of time to get together. In addition, plan to attend the **ACC All-Section Reception** at ACC.17 on Saturday, March 18, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Marriott Marquis. Submit your RSVP at ACC.org/MemberSections. Finally, stop by the ENGAGE @ ACC.17 Studio in the Expo Hall from 10:15-10:45 a.m. on Friday, March 17, to cheer our WV-ACC Fellow in Training Jeopardy Team to victory.

April 8: Annual Meeting

Mark your calendar for April 8! It is our [12th Annual Meeting in Charleston at the Charleston Marriott](#). Encourage some of your family docs and PCP's to attend. We have a great agenda, lots of good speakers, and some good information for PCP's. It is a great time for all of us to get together and exchange ideas. The meeting is accredited for CME, CNE & pharmacy credit. [Find out more and register.](#)

How Can We Help?

I love to hear from ACC members. Let me know how the ACC can help you. Feel free to contact me at georgelinsenmeyer@uhsww.com.

Sincerely,

George J. Linsenmeyer III, MD, FACC
President

Register Today! Annual Meeting on April 8



Registration is open for the [12th Annual Meeting of the West Virginia-ACC](#) on April 8, 2017, at The Charleston Marriott Town Center.

This meeting is filled with excellent education for the entire cardiovascular care team:

- The New Age of Heart Failure: Innovative Diagnosis and Treatment Strategies
- Issues from the ACC: A Town Hall with the Immediate Past ACC President
- Worst Nightmares, Best Saves: Right Intervention for the Right Patient

- Unusual Cases: Cardiovascular Surgery
- Familial Hypercholesterolemia: Diagnosis and Treatment
- Mission: Lifeline - Addressing the System of STEMI Care
- Adult Congenital Heart Disease: A Success Story
- Groundbreaking Trials of the Past Year

We hope to see you there. [Register today!](#)

Questions?

Contact wvchapteracc@gmail.com or 304.837.2223.

Congratulations to Dr. Don Lilly

Dr. Don Lilly Receives *Heart of Gold Award*

Dr. Don Lilly was selected by the AHA Charleston to receive the *Heart of Gold* award at the 2017 Charleston WV Heart Ball on February 25, 2017. Dr. Lilly is Associate Chief Medical Officer, CAMC Memorial Hospital, Fellow, American College of Cardiology, Mission: Lifeline Physician Leadership Team, and Mission: Lifeline Chair of Policy Subcommittee.



New Prior Authorization Reporting Tool

The new ACC Prior Authorization Reporting Tool (www.acc.org/PARtool) is open and available to collect members' data on inappropriate cardiovascular testing and procedure request denials by insurers and prior authorization vendors. The [PARtool](#) is open to all members and their staffs. Please participate to make this successful.

The [PARtool](#) will primarily serve as a process for ACC to monitor and identify inconsistent denials by region, payer, prior authorization vendor and modality. Additionally, there will be a focus on "test substitution"-denying an appropriate test request to require another appropriate test.

The 12-question tool will gather information about the practice requestor, payer, prior authorization vendor, de-identified patient indication, modality/procedure requested and overall prior authorization experience. It is important to remember that the tool is NOT collecting patient specific/identifiable information rather details surrounding the prior authorization request. ACC staff will monitor the data on a regular basis to review and identify trends and problem areas for members.

The [PARtool](#) will provide an opportunity for ACC to directly see the prior authorization hassle and burdens experienced by cardiologists across the country. With this data, we aim to influence payers and national and state policymakers to improve the prior authorization process, criteria and member experience and delaying in patient care.

Of course, the [PARTool's](#) success is contingent on high member engagement and participation.

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