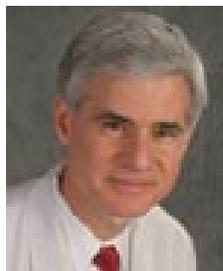




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President's Message

George J. Linsenmeyer III, MD, FACC



Dear Colleague,

As we head into the fourth quarter of the year, I am reminded of what Joe Nuxhall (former baseball pitcher and broadcaster for the Cincinnati Reds) would say: rounding third and heading for home.

I just returned from the ACC Legislative Conference in DC. What an eye opener! Have you ever had days when you just can't seem to make headway? The stress test you ordered was just denied from the insurance company, you are on terminal hold waiting for a peer-to-peer conference, you have an email that your MOC is overdue, and your billing office just informed you that the insurance company denied payment on a four-hour PCI from a STEMI at 3 AM. ***Well, the ACC is working very hard to fix these problems.***

I have heard from some of you who believe that the ACC is no longer relevant. But that could not be further from the truth. Take a look at the [ACC's Strategic Plan](#), and let me know your thoughts. Here is the [latest information](#) about where we stand with MOC. The ACC is working to make your life easier. So stay engaged! Remember, **any** ACC member may attend the Legislative Conference. I suggest that you join me next year. It is a great opportunity to meet directly with our legislators and tell them what you really think.

CME Opportunities for You

Why not take advantage of some great CME opportunities coming up?

- The [Ohio Chapter-ACC Annual Meeting](#) will take place on October 14, 2017 in Columbus, Ohio. They have a great agenda in place.
- The [CV Summit Meeting](#) (business meeting for cardiology) will take place Feb. 22-24, 2018 in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- The Conference at Snowshoe is usually the end of January; a great conference close to home.
- The [ACC.18 Scientific Session](#) on March 10-12, 2018 is in Orlando, Florida (bring your suntan oil!).
- And of course our own [West Virginia-ACC Meeting](#) is on, April 21, 2018, in Charleston. Spread the word about our annual state meeting, bring a friend, and contact your local industry reps for financial support. We cannot do it without them.

Chapter Management Transition

As I shared with you in my [last newsletter](#), our Chapter Executive Gwen Goldfarb will be leaving in October. We conducted a search for a new Chapter Executive. After careful consideration, we are pleased to announce that we have chosen the **West Virginia State Medical Association** to manage our West Virginia-ACC Chapter; **Danny Scalise** is the executive director. We look forward to a smooth transition!

And before Gwen leaves, I would like to congratulate her for being presented with the prestigious *ACC Advocacy Award* at the recently held ACC Legislative Conference in Washington, DC, which recognizes an outstanding individual who has been a staunch advocate on behalf of the ACC and the entire cardiology profession.

Would love to hear from you: [304-563-9016](tel:304-563-9016).

Sincerely,

George J. Linsenmeyer III, MD, FACC
President

The ACC is asking everyone to report their denials via www.acc.org/PARTool – especially in the month of November. Anyone in your office can enter the data. The PARTool will provide an opportunity for ACC to 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. Of course, the PARTool's success is contingent on high member engagement and participation. PLEASE help the ACC to help you by going to www.acc.org/PARTool.

ACC Archived Webinars

Did you know that you can find archived webinars from throughout the years from the ACC on *ACC.org*? As a member, you have access to this wealth of information at www.acc.org/WebinarsOndemand. Questions? Contact ACC's Resource Center at Phone: [202-375-6000](tel:202-375-6000), ext. [5603](tel:202-375-6000) or [800-253-4636](tel:800-253-4636), ext. [5603](tel:800-253-4636) or resource@acc.org.

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