



CCA Membership — A Growing Value for Your Practice

It has been five years since the ACC opened the CCA membership category and welcomed registered nurses, clinical nurse specialists, nurse practitioners and physician assistants who specialize in cardiovascular care and work on Cardiac Care Teams. In 2007, clinical pharmacists (PharmD) colleagues were added to the membership category.

Since 2004, the value of CCA membership has increased substantially. CCA members enjoy —

- Free access to Cardiosource and the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*
- CE credit through outstanding ANCC-accredited courses
- Substantial savings on educational programs — including the Annual Scientific Session and educational products
- Outstanding networking opportunities
- Opportunities to participate on ACC committees and workgroups and in ACC local chapters

Part of the value of ACC membership for CCA members has been the opportunity for professional development. Many CCA members

have taken active roles in developing materials and programming at the College, working closely with physician members.

Suzanne Hughes, M.S.N., R.N., associate editor of the Cardiac Care Associate section of Cardiosource, has guided the development of a useful section to meet the CE needs of her colleagues. Recently, she has been joined by three other CCA members who will provide expertise in specific subspecialties and will help to build additional CE opportunities. They are **Suzanne Wingate, R.N., Ph.D., C.R.N.P.**, who specializes in heart failure; **Melanie Gura, R.N., M.S.N., C.N.S.**, who specializes in electrophysiology; and **Leeann Bauch, R.N.**, who specializes in interventional cardiology. Hughes specializes in prevention and general cardiology.

In March 2008, the American Nurses Association (ANA) official document, “The Scope and Standards of Practice for Cardiovascular



Nursing” was successfully published as the result of a collaborative effort by a task force with representatives from 17 nursing organizations. The effort was initiated and guided by several CCA members including **Eileen Handberg, Ph.D. A.R.N.P.**, and **Melanie Gura, R.N., M.S.N., C.N.S.**

The Cardiac Care Spotlight has become an important element in the Annual Scientific Session. This year in Chicago a CCA Spotlight on Intervention was added to the SCAI-ACCi2 program, thanks to the efforts of **Eva Kline-Rogers, R.N., M.S.N.**, **Janet Wyman, M.S.N., A.P.R.N., R.N.-C.S.**, and others.

These are just a few examples of the value added to the College because of the CCA member contributions and the value gained by being a member.

May 6 marked the beginning of National Nurse Week. Did you do something special to recognize the nurse members of your Cardiac Care Team? How many of the nurses on your team are Cardiac Care Associate members of the ACC? CCA membership is only \$125. Isn't it about time for every member of your Cardiac Care Team to be a part of the ACC family of cardiovascular professionals?

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Featured Articles

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- Assessment of Autonomic Function in Cardiovascular Disease: Physiologic Basis and Prognostic Implications
- Safety and Efficacy of Switching from Either Unfractionated Heparin or Enoxaparin to Bivalirudin in Patients with Non ST Elevation Acute Coronary Syndromes Managed with an Invasive Strategy: Results from ACUITY

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- Plasma N-terminal B type Natriuretic Peptide as an Indicator of Long-term Survival After Acute Myocardial Infarction: Comparison With Plasma Mid-regional Pro-atrial Natriuretic Peptide - Leicester Acute Myocardial Infarction Peptide (LAMP) Study
- Epidemiological Study on the Effect of Pre-hypertension and Family History of Hypertension on Cardiac Autonomic Function

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- Intensive Lipid-Lowering with Atorvastatin for Secondary Prevention in Patients Following Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery
- Conduit Artery Constriction Mediated by Low-Flow: a Novel Non-invasive Method for the Assessment of Vascular Function

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- The Potential Role of the Ubiquitin-Proteasome System in Atherosclerosis - Aspects of a Protein Quality Disease
- Early and Late Benefits of Prasugrel in Patients with Acute Coronary Syndromes Undergoing Percutaneous Coronary Intervention: A TRITON-TIMI 38 Analysis

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- Detection of Subendocardial Ischemia in the Left Anterior Descending Coronary Artery Territory with Real-Time Myocardial Contrast Echocardiography During Dobutamine Stress Echocardiography
 - Integrated ADVANCE MPI Trial Results: Effects of Age, Gender, Obesity and Diabetes on the Efficacy and Safety of the Selective A2A Agonist Regadenoson vs Adenosine
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