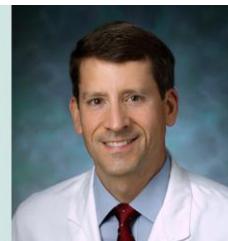




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## Message from the President

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President's Message

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### ACC and Medical Education

[ACC.19](#), held March 16-18 in New Orleans, was another great success. The opening plenary session featured the major announcement of the new [Collaborative Maintenance Pathway](#) (CMP) between ACC and ABIM as a third way to maintain ABIM certification in Cardiovascular Disease. ACC has achieved prior success in lobbying ABIM for suspension of MOC Part IV (practice improvement), eliminating "double jeopardy" for dual-boarded cardiac subspecialists, and expanding a range of options for obtaining dual CME/MOC credits. Now the CMP provides another alternative to ABIM's secure 10-year exam and the 2-year knowledge check-ins. The CMP involves purchasing ACCSAP on the year of or before the ABIM 10-year exam is due and maintaining continuous enrollment. Enrolled cardiologists review 20% of ACCSAP's high quality content each year, then take practice questions associated with the content in those modules. Finally, the CMP provides two 1-week opportunities to take a series of performance questions pertaining to that year's content on one's home computer. Learners have two opportunities to pass the performance questions. The program is also designed to provide all Part III MOC credits needed to meet ABIM MOC requirements and will also provide enough CME credits to meet almost all states' licensure requirements. It is designed to be a "one-stop shop" for cardiologists' CME and MOC needs. You can learn more about the program [here](#). Programs for interventional cardiologists (Cath-SAP) and electrophysiologists (EP-SAP) are planned to roll out next year.

The ACC's leadership has expended a significant amount of time, effort, and resources to reach this agreement with ABIM and to develop the enormous amount of educational content, practice questions, and performance questions associated with the SAP modules. While the CMP may not satisfy the ABIM's harshest critics, it should be seen as a sincere effort by our College to meet the challenge posed by many ACC members to make the MOC process more educationally valuable and meaningful.

ACC.19 also featured a lot of great science, with late-breaking clinical trials featuring the [Apple Heart Study](#), [Worldwide Randomized Antibiotic Envelope Infection Prevention Trial](#) (WRAP-IT), [AUGUSTUS](#), which compared apixaban vs. vitamin K antagonist and ASA vs. placebo after acute coronary syndrome, and [many others](#). ACC.19 also featured more interactive, clinically-oriented learning sessions and more opportunities for networking and information sharing at the many member hubs. Mark your calendars now for [ACC.20](#), which will be held in Chicago in conjunction with the World Congress of Cardiology March 28-30, 2020.

I close with congratulations to Dr. Colin Craft, FIT and 3rd year cardiology fellow at University of Maryland, for being chosen to attend the [Teaching Tomorrow's Teachers](#) (3T) program at ACC's annual [Big Sky Cardiovascular Update](#) in Montana, held February 18-22. For the past 2 years, Maryland ACC has partnered with ACC to sponsor one FIT in Maryland to attend this valuable program. This program within the Big Sky program allows a select group of FITs from across the nation to hone their presentation skills, build a community of collaborators, and network with preeminent master educators and mentors. Colin will put his teaching skills to use in the fall as he joins Penn Medicine at

### Women Cardiologists - A Member Section For You

The Women Cardiologist (WIC) Member Section offers opportunities to strengthen your professional support system and leadership skills through networking events, professional development and mentoring programs. It is open to all women physicians who are members of the Maryland Chapter. Go to the [new webpage](#) at [marylandacc.org](#) for additional details about the Kick-off Event and to save the date for the Regional Women Cardiologists meeting in September.

#### Interested in participating?

Email [wic@marylandacc.org](mailto:wic@marylandacc.org)

#### Upcoming Events

#### JUNE 20: Join the MDACC Women Cardiologists Section for our Kick-off Event!

Join your colleagues for an evening of networking and connections as we kick-off the formation of a member section in Maryland for women who are cardiologists. RSVP: [email Holly](#) by June 14th.

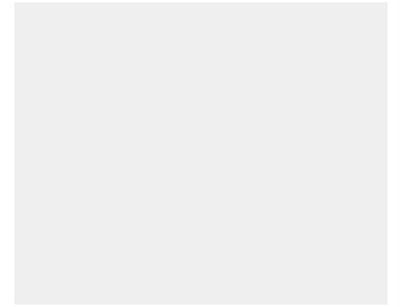
#### SEPTEMBER 28: WIC Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting

Join colleagues from Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia for a regional gathering that is planned to have women cardiologists in our region for networking and science.

Pennsylvania Hospital as a faculty in non-invasive cardiology. We wish Colin and all of Maryland's graduating FITs the best as they start their professional careers. And of course we ask that you not forget to apply to [become an FACC!](#)

As always, please send MDACC leadership and staff your comments, questions, and suggestions [here](#).

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