October 6, 2016

Dear Organized Systems of Anticoagulation Care Summit Participants,

Thank you for accepting the invitation to participate in this year’s Organized Systems of Anticoagulation Care Summit. As an esteemed participant, you are joining representatives from several medical specialty societies, health care systems, payers, industry, and other stakeholder groups to discuss the challenges of organized anticoagulation care. Your engagement in this initiative will help the American College of Cardiology as we make strides toward improving patient outcomes.

The goal of the Summit is to draw on the collective experience and wisdom of our participants to understand potential methods for accelerating change toward more optimal anticoagulation management. The aim of this meeting is not to reach consensus; we aim to uncover important insights from each participant regarding patient perceptions and financial challenges, care team coordination, patient activation, and health system design. Your valuable input will help to steer our work to support the broader community caring for patients on anticoagulants, and improve patient outcomes.

This meeting is designed to encourage interactive and thoughtful discussion. As you will see in the enclosed agenda, the day will be organized by four sessions with brief thought provoking presentations to introduce key topics. Each session will direct participants to work together in small groups to discuss several questions that are provided for you in this book. Following an hour of facilitated discussion, the tables will share their combined thoughts with the full group.

In preparation for the meeting, we have assembled briefing materials for you. We hope that you will familiarize yourself with these materials before the meeting, in preparation for a productive discussion. We have included relevant sections from the current guidelines, several articles of interest, and documents related to specific presentations. We encourage all participants to consider the discussion questions in advance of the meeting, and to discuss with your colleagues to collect additional perspectives and thoughts to bring with you to the Summit.

We look forward to a successful meeting with interactive and thought-provoking discussion!

Sincerely,

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