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Dear Evolving Valve Management Strategies Roundtable Participants,

Thank you for accepting the invitation to participate in this Roundtable. As an esteemed participant, you are joining representatives from several medical specialty societies, industry, government, and other stakeholder groups to discuss the issues and challenges in the management of aortic stenosis (AS) and mitral regurgitation (MR).

The purpose of this Roundtable is to engage this group of stakeholders in a facilitated discussion on the key questions and issues clinicians face in identifying, managing, and treating AS and MR with the emergence of transcatheter therapies. The goal is to draw on the collective experience and wisdom of participants to address the common challenges faced in valvular heart disease. The discussion at this meeting is intended to identify additional gaps in care and to inform the development of ACC practical guidance for clinicians, as well as to determine the need for specific tools or quality improvement efforts around AS and MR.

The format of the meeting is designed to encourage interactive and thoughtful discussion. The first day will be organized by four sessions, and the second day will be organized by three sessions. After some brief presentations on each topic session, participants will work together in small groups to discuss specific issues, and 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 to encourage a productive discussion. We have included relevant sections from the current guidelines and several articles of interest. The agenda for the meeting as well as a preview of some discussion questions are also enclosed in your briefing materials.

If you have any questions, please contact Sahisna Bhatia at [sbhatia@acc.org](mailto:sbhatia@acc.org) or (202)375-6594.

We look forward to your participation and contribution to the Evolving Valve Management Strategies Roundtable.

Sincerely,

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