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Comprehensive Cardiology with Spotlight Sessions

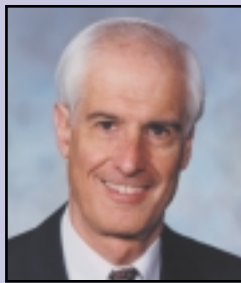
American College of Cardiology Annual Scientific Session

March 18–21, 2001

Orlando, Fla.

Welcome to Orlando and the ACC Annual Scientific Session

From “Spotlight” Sunday to “Highlights” Wednesday, the American College of Cardiology 50th Annual Scientific Session offers three and a half days of the most comprehensive, up-to-date educational programming for both clinical cardiologists and subspecialists.



George A. Beller, MD

off on Sunday with an expanded offering of special “spotlight” sessions. This year’s program features two new spotlight sessions—EP 2001 (focusing on electrophysiology) and Nuclear 2001 (focusing on nuclear cardiology).

These programs join the returning spotlight sessions—ACCIS 2001 (focusing on interventional cardiology), Echo 2001 (focusing on echocardiography), and ClinCard 2001 (focusing on clinical cardiology).



Sanjiv Kaul, MBBS

“The spotlight sessions have quickly become an enormously popular part of the Annual Scientific Session,” said Dr. DiMarco. “They are really setting a new educational standard for providing a focused, comprehensive look into a specific area of practice in a one-day format.”



John P. DiMarco, MD, PhD

“On behalf of the College, I would like to welcome everyone to Orlando and what promises to be an inspiring and informative meeting,” said ACC President George A. Beller, MD. “The Annual Scientific Session Program Committee, co-chaired by John P. DiMarco, MD, PhD, and Sanjiv Kaul, MBBS, has assembled a program that encompasses all aspects of cardiovascular medicine.”

Spotlight Sunday

The Annual Scientific Session kicks



Orlando's Orange County Convention Center, a world-class, state-of-the-art facility, is the perfect headquarters for ACC 2001, a world-class, state-of-the-art meeting.

Topic Tracks

The ACC 2001 educational program is designed around a topic track system, making it easy for cardiovascular specialists to identify and attend sessions related to their specific areas of interest. This year’s program covers the following nine areas of cardiology: ischemic heart disease, vascular disease, valvular disease, prevention, interventional cardiology, heart failure, cardiac arrhythmias, noninvasive imaging, and pediatric cardiology.

Within the individual topic tracks, attendees have the opportunity to take advantage of comprehensive, special-

ized educational sessions, including, state-of-the-art lectures, abstract presentations, late-breaking clinical trials, and an expanded offering of special evening sessions.

This year’s program also features new “brown-bag” lunchtime panels, which replace the luncheon sessions from previous years. As the name suggests, the distractions of food service during the sessions have been eliminated in favor of more casual, brown-bag dining.

“Based on feedback we received from attendees, we also added more of the popular controversies sessions to

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Dr. Libby to Deliver Groedel Lecture

A highlight of this year’s Presidential Plenary Session will be the presentation of the Franz M. Groedel Lecture by noted physician Peter Libby, MD. The title of Dr. Libby’s presentation is “Vascular Biology Enters the Mainstream of Cardiology.”



Peter Libby, MD

Dr. Libby is the chief of cardiovascular medicine at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, where he also conducts research and directs the Vascular Medicine and Atherosclerosis Unit.

He also serves as the Mallinckrodt Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School.

An extensive author and lecturer on cardiovascular medicine and atherosclerosis, Dr. Libby has published numerous articles in medical journals,

including *Circulation*, *The Journal of Clinical Investigation*, *The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *The New England Journal of Medicine*, and *Nature*. He contributed the chapter on atherosclerosis to Harrison’s *Principles of Internal Medicine*, and he is an editor of *Heart Disease (6th edition)*. He has held numerous visiting professorships and has been selected to deliver named lectures throughout the world on many occasions.

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Visit ACC Central (Booth # 3163)

Use a Handheld Device to Get the Most From ACC 2001

For attendees who brought their Palm-OS personal digital assistant (PDA) to this year's Annual Scientific Session, the ACC has a high-tech way to make navigating the meeting a little easier. In fact, with more and more cardiovascular specialists using handheld devices, the College has stepped up the range of services available on PDA.

For starters, ACC 2001 attendees can stop by beaming stations located in the convention center to download the ACC Palm Guide. This new product gives attendees handy access to information about the meeting's educational sessions as well as hotel and shuttle information, the *info@acc* class schedule, and exhibitor data. The latter data are sortable by exhibitor name, product category, and booth number. The Palm Guide, which has been available via the ACC Web site since February, is now updated; attendees are encouraged to stop by a beaming station (see below) to download the latest version.

Also available for download to handheld devices are a number of the ACC/American Heart Association practice guidelines that have proven to



be invaluable tools for physicians. Specifically, attendees can download guidelines on chronic stable angina, acute myocardial infarction (AMI), implantation of pacemakers and antiarrhythmia devices, and valvular heart disease. All of these guidelines can be beamed from ACC Central (booth #3163), and the AMI practice guideline will also be available for download from Genentech (booth #2715).

Put the ACC Palm Guide in Your Pocket

Who: ACC 2001 attendees with Palm-OS PDAs.

What: Educational session information, sortable exhibitor data, hotel and shuttle information, the *info@acc* schedule, and more!

How: Visit a beaming station in one of the following locations:

- Outside of the Hall C lobby, next to the Internet Program Planner (all day Saturday; Sunday until noon);
- ACC Central (booth #3163, during Exposition hours);
- The Bristol-Myers Squibb/Sanofi-Synthelabo Pharmaceuticals Partnership booth (booth #4549, during Exposition hours).

The "Beam to a Friend" function of the Palm Guide promotes sharing. PDA users can beam the entire Palm Guide to fellow attendees with PDAs.

Special thanks: The ACC thanks the Bristol-Myers Squibb/Sanofi-Synthelabo Pharmaceuticals Partnership for supporting the ACC 2001 Palm Guide.



Make Job Connections at ACC Placement Center

The ACC Practice Opportunity Line is again pleased to provide an on-site Placement Center. Candidates can browse online opportunity profiles by specialty and location, respond to positions of interest, and even post "position-wanted" listings. Attendees with an electronic version of their curriculum vitae may feature it on the Placement Center resume-posting area.

Replies to opportunities will be shared immediately to allow meetings between candidates and prospective employers during ACC 2001. The Placement Center is located in Room 206A of the convention center and is open Sunday through Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon.

The ACC Wants to Know What You Think

The College is interested in finding out what its members need and want. In a continuing effort to improve its service to members, the ACC will be soliciting attendee feedback regarding the Annual Scientific Session as well as other College services and activities. For example, ACC staff will be asking attendees if they like the new PDA service being offered and if using the service improved their ACC 2001 experience. Attendees who stop by ACC Central and participate in a College survey will receive a discount coupon that can be applied toward the purchase of any ACC self-assessment product.

Meeting Reminders

Registration

The ACC 2001 registration area is located in Hall C of the Orange County Convention Center and is open during the following hours

Saturday.....	Noon – 5 p.m.
Sunday	7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Monday.....	7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Tuesday	7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wednesday	8 a.m. – Noon

ACC Office

The ACC Office is located in Room 209B of the Orange County Convention Center. Telephone: 407-685-5430. ACC staff are available to help you during the following hours:

Sunday	Noon – 5:30 p.m.
Monday	7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday	7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	8 a.m. – Noon

Dinner Dance

Dinner Dance ticket holders must visit the Dinner Dance Counter in Lobby C to obtain a table number by noon, Monday, March 19. Tickets are not valid without a table number. To reserve a table or sit with a friend or group, present ALL tickets for seat assignment at one time: each table seats ten. A floor plan is available at the Dinner Dance Counter to assist you in selecting a preferred location. Unfortunately, the ACC is unable to keep lists of individual seat assignments by name.

Audiotapes

Audiotapes and CDs of selected sessions at ACC 2001 will be available two hours after each session concludes and may be purchased at Audiotape Sales located in Lobby D2 of the convention center. Hours of operation are as follows:

Sunday	8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Monday.....	8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Tuesday.....	8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Wednesday	7 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Tickets

Complimentary tickets to Meet the

Experts and *info@ACC* sessions have been available since September. Check boards in Registration for "sold-out" sessions and be prepared with ticket selections before placing ticket orders.

International Registrants

International attendees can pick up Certificates of Attendance at any Portfolio Pick-Up station throughout the convention center.

ACC Convocation Office

All Fellowship Candidates participating in the 2001 Convocation must sign the Convocation Register, located in the Convocation Office in Hall C of the convention center. The register must be signed by 5 p.m. on Monday. Certificates will be available immediately following the Convocation only for those who sign in advance. The Convocation office is open during the following hours:

Saturday.....	Noon – 5 p.m.
Sunday	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Monday.....	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Tuesday	8 a.m. – Noon

Name Badges

Your badge serves as your passport to education sessions, the Exposition, and to complimentary shuttle service. You must wear your name badge at all times. We suggest name badges be worn on your right side. ACC security will not allow persons without badges to attend events. As in any metropolitan area, we recommend for your safety that you do not wear your name badge in public.

Lost and Found

If you lose or find an item, please contact the ACC Office, Room 209B, at 407-685-5430.

No Smoking Policy

The American College of Cardiology promotes a "no smoking" policy. The use of tobacco products is strictly prohibited in the convention center and all hotel meeting rooms hosting ACC events.

DICOM Demonstrations Offer Glimpse of the Future

The American College of Cardiology and the Cardiac and Vascular Information Working Group of Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM) will demonstrate the DICOM Structured Reporting for Cardiology this week in Orlando. The demonstration, titled "Cardiovascular Structured Reporting," is the first full-scale demonstration of the use of DICOM's new structured reporting (SR) capabilities for cardiology.

Approximately 20 companies are scheduled to participate in this seventh annual demonstration of the DICOM standard. Each of these companies will help to show new and emerging aspects of the DICOM standard—the ability to exchange comprehensive information on patients far beyond that currently conveyed with images.

DICOM demonstration attendees will receive a CD-ROM that contains educational materials, a reference data set of cardiac images in DICOM format, reports in DICOM SR format, and information about the sponsors of this

year's demonstration. The contents of this CD-ROM are viewable on workstations in the booths of participating vendors. The computer programs and database tools to support the demonstration were developed by Jonathan Elion MD, in collaboration with Heartlab, Inc. All of these resources will be released into the public domain shortly after this week's demonstrations.

The goal of the demonstration is to further expand the dialogue among cardiovascular physicians, administrators, and vendors regarding the importance of integrating digital information in cardiovascular medicine. The target audience includes cardiovascular specialists, medical administrators, and purchasing agents who are interested in learning about the practical aspects of integrating cardiac information.

For more information about the demonstration, visit any of the participating companies' booths in the exhibit hall, pick up information at ACC Central (booth #3163), or attend one of

DICOM 2001 Participating Companies

- ADAC Laboratories, Booth #4383
- AGFA Corporation, Booth #1243
- Camtronics Medical Systems, Booth #1823
- Cedara Software (not exhibiting)
- ComView Medical Systems, Booth #1651
- GE Medical Systems, Booths #1971 and #2163
- HealthCenter (not exhibiting)
- HealthEnable Networks, Inc. (not exhibiting)
- Heartlab, Inc., Booth #1415
- L-3 Communications (not exhibiting)
- MEDIS Medical Imaging Systems, Booth #5063
- MITRA, Booth #1529
- Panasonic Security and Digital Imaging Co. (not exhibiting)
- Philips Medical Systems, Booth #4363
- PicSurf, a Division of Teralogic, Inc. (not exhibiting)
- Quinton, your heart company, Booth #4151
- Siemens Medical Systems, Inc., Booth #2149
- Spacelabs Medical, Inc., Booth #1633
- Toshiba America Medical Systems, Booth #4163
- Vasocor, Inc. (not exhibiting)
- Witt Biomedical Corporation, Booth #2535

the scheduled demonstrations in the theater at ACC Central. These demonstrations, which include a question-and-answer session, will take place

from 11 a.m. to noon on Monday, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

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this year's program," said Dr. Kaul. "They are a terrific opportunity to hear some of the leading experts in the world debate important issues in cardiovascular medicine."

Distinguished Speakers

As always, the Annual Scientific Session program features a distinguished line-up of invited speakers, including Peter Libby, MD, who will deliver the Franz M. Groedel Lecture during Monday's Presidential Plenary Session (see p. 1).

This year's Louis F. Bishop Lecture will be presented by Jean-Louis J. Vanoverschelde, MD, PhD, who will discuss "Myocardial Hibernation: Pathophysiology, Noninvasive Detection, and Clinical Implications." Dr. Vanoverschelde is professor of medicine at Cliniques Universite Saint-Luc in Brussels, Belgium.

"The ACC is also pleased to welcome former Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) Donna E. Shalala, PhD, who will deliver the 50th annual Convocation Lecture on Tuesday evening," Dr. Beller said. Dr. Shalala joined the Clinton administration in 1993 and became the longest-serving secretary of HHS in U.S. history.

ACC Exposition

The educational opportunities at ACC 2001 are not restricted to the

classroom. With more than 400 companies exhibiting, the ACC 2001 Exposition is the premier place to learn about the latest products and services in cardiovascular medicine.

"The ACC's annual Exposition is one of the largest commercial exhibits of cardiovascular products in the world," Dr. Beller said. "I encourage everyone to take some time to see what's on display in the exhibit hall. It is an outstanding opportunity to see what's new and what's available all under one roof."

Dr. Beller also encourages attendees to include a stop at ACC Central, the College's exhibit area. ACC Central is designed to give members, prospective members, and other attendees convenient access to all of the College's products and services. For more information on what's on display at ACC Central, see page 7.

Highlights Wednesday

Also back by popular demand, the ACC 2001 Meeting Highlights Session will wrap up this year's Annual Scientific Session on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Hall E of the convention center. During this session, distinguished faculty will offer summaries of the key findings presented throughout the meeting.

"This is a great way to ensure that you don't miss any of the breakthrough advances and important take-home messages delivered this week," Dr. Beller said.

Major Clinical Trial Results to Be Unveiled This Week

Always a highlight of the Annual Scientific Session are the clinical trials sessions, which offer participants late-breaking results of some of the most important studies being conducted in the field of cardiovascular medicine. The following are the Late-Breaking Clinical Trials sessions and presenters scheduled for Monday:

Session 405—Late-Breaking Clinical Trials I 9:15–10:30 a.m.

Convention Center, Hall E

- *Aggressive Diagnosis of Restenosis (ADORE) Trial*—Mark J. Eisenberg, MD, of Montreal;
- *Therapeutic Angiogenesis With Recombinant Fibroblast Growth Factor-2 for Intermittent Claudication (TRAFFIC)*—Robert J. Lederman, MD, of Bethesda, Md.;
- *Adenovirus FGF Angiogenic Gene Therapy (AGENT) Trial for Stable Angina*—Cindy Grines, MD, of Royal Oak, Mich.;
- *A Placebo-Controlled Safety and Pharmacology Study of ALT-711 in Older Patients With Stiffened Cardiovasculature*—David Kass, MD, of Baltimore; and
- *Clopidogrel in Unstable Angina to Prevent Recurrent Ischemic Events (CURE)*—Salim Yusuf, MD, of Ontario.

Important clinical trial results will also be presented during two of this year's spotlight sessions. Session 22, "Late-Breaking Trials in Interventional Cardiology," will be held on Sunday as part of the ACCIS 2001 program, and EP 2001 will feature Session 61, "Arrhythmia/Device Trial Update." For more information, check the special spotlight editions of *Scientific Session News* in newstands around the convention center. Attendees will also find these special editions in the portfolio bags they receive at Registration.

ACC 2001 Abstracts on CD-ROM Available at Merck Booth

Complimentary CD-ROM compilations of the American College of Cardiology 50th Annual Scientific Session abstracts will be distributed from the Merck U.S. Human Health booth (#1841) on a first-come, first-served basis. Supplies will be limited. The College thanks Merck U.S. Human Health for its educational grant in support of the CD-ROM.

Presidential Plenary Session**Dr. Beller to Discuss Challenges Ahead for Physicians**

ACC President George A. Beller, MD, will officially launch the 50th Annual Scientific Session Monday at 8 a.m. with his Presidential Plenary Address. Dr. Beller, who is wrapping up a successful year as president, will look at an issue important to him as a cardiovascular specialist. Dr. Beller sees it as a good news–bad news message as well as a call to action.



George A. Beller, MD

enhanced physician performance, better quality of health care, and improved patient outcomes.

Finally, Dr. Beller will outline quality initiatives being undertaken throughout the country as well as at the College. “There are definitely some challenges ahead, but a lot of good work is being done to help cardiologists to deliver the very best care to patients.”

The Presidential Plenary Session will be held in Hall E at 8 a.m.

“The good news is the tremendous advances our specialty has made in the past few decades. The bad news is that a few societal trends are working against us,” explained Dr. Beller. “We’re going to see the number of elderly Americans double in the near future, and we’re already seeing epidemic proportions of people with diabetes and obesity.”

The combination of an aging population and an expected marked increase in the prevalence of coronary heart disease fueled by obesity, physical inactivity, and type-2 diabetes will present challenges for cardiologists, noted Dr. Beller. “One way to be as prepared as possible for these new challenges is to focus on quality of cardiovascular care now,” he said.

“The quality of care is quite variable and undertreatment using proven therapies promulgated in our clinical practice guidelines is a problem,” he added.

Dr. Beller will review major issues that have to be addressed to achieve

ACC 2001 Shuttle Service

Complimentary shuttle service is provided from the Orange County Convention Center and the official hotels of the ACC on a daily basis. Check the shuttle sign posted in the lobby of each hotel for additional information, changes, frequency of service, and specific departure times for the designated route. General hours of operation are Sunday, 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Monday, 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Wednesday, 6:30 a.m.– 3 p.m.

Convocation Transportation

If you plan to attend Tuesday night’s annual Convocation and New Fellows Reception at the Peabody Hotel, please ride the regular shuttle to the Convention Center and walk across the street to the Peabody. The day’s last regularly scheduled shuttle will depart from the convention center at 10 p.m.. At 11:30 p.m., after the reception, specially arranged shuttles will be available to transport Convocation/reception attendees from the convention center to their hotels.

Monday Is Chapter Night

The eighth annual Chapter Night will be held on Monday evening. Nearly every chapter will host an evening gathering that will offer opportunities for members to socialize and network with colleagues from their state.

ACC chapters provide a vital link to cardiology at the local level. Chapter Night is a great way for attendees to find out what their local chapters are doing and learn about opportunities for involvement.

Chapter representatives will also be on hand at ACC Central (booth #3163) throughout the week to answer questions.

A list of chapter receptions and locations will be published in Monday’s *Scientific Session News*.

ACC 2001 Offers Attendees a Variety of Helpful Resources

Navigating a meeting as comprehensive as ACC 2001 and a facility as expansive as the Orange County Convention Center can be challenging. To help attendees find out what's going on, when, where, and how to get there, the ACC is providing the following services and tools.

Tune in to the ACC News Network: ACC 2001 TV

The College will once again offer the ACC News Network, daily television programming focusing on Annual Scientific Session news, interviews

with key presenters and ACC leaders, highlights of important sessions and presentations, Exposition news, and city information.

The ACC News Network will air Sunday through Wednesday on hotel television channels and on monitors in the Orange County Convention Center. A new program is produced daily. A standard program runs 30 minutes in a continuous loop throughout the day.

Use Your ACC Expocard

The ACC is again using an Expocard system for attendees to obtain

exhibitor information after the Annual Scientific Session.

All professional ACC 2001 registrants are issued a special encoded card that will provide exhibitors with their name, institution (where applicable), address, and business telephone number when they present their card at an exhibitor's booth.

Keep in Touch With the Message Center/Attendee Locator

ACC 2001 attendees should be sure that their homes and offices have their hotel phone numbers as well as the

ACC 2001 Message Center number (407-685-4888). Attendees who made hotel reservations through I.T.S. automatically have their name and location entered in the message system and can leave and retrieve messages at the Message Center kiosks.

Attendees can access the Message Center by using their Expocard or entering their badge identification number. Message Center kiosks are located in the registration area, Lobby C, and Lobby E of the convention center. Be sure to check the Message Center television monitors frequently for message notices.

Find What You're Looking for With the Exhibitor/Product Locator

For assistance in tracking down a specific product or company in the exhibit hall, check out the Exhibitor/Product Locator. Kiosks containing the exhibit search information system are located in Lobbies C and E of the convention center.

A layout of the ACC 2001 Exposition as well as exhibitor and product search programs may be accessed via the locator system. Print-outs detailing individualized selections are also available.

Official Notice

Annual Business Meeting Is Tomorrow

The annual business meeting of the College will be held Monday at 9:15 a.m. in Room 230B of the Orange County Convention Center.

All Fellows of the College are encouraged to attend and to hear reports of the president and secretary and to take part in the election of officers and trustees.

The scheduled agenda for the meeting includes:

- Introductory remarks by ACC President George A. Beller, MD;
- List of deceased members during the past year;
- Reports of the Secretary, Treasurer, and Nominating Committee; and
- New business: Resolution to create Internal Revenue Service tax designation for the American College of Cardiology, the new American College of Cardiology Foundation, and accompanying bylaws.

ACC Programs, Services All in One Place at ACC Central

For attendee convenience, the American College of Cardiology is again featuring ACC Central in the Exposition. This booth, #3163, is fully staffed to handle questions about ACC products, programs, initiatives, and member benefits.

During Exposition hours, it will also feature beaming stations, enabling attendees to receive the ACC Palm Guide and selected ACC/American Heart Association practice guidelines (see p. 2).

CME Products

Attendees can view and get hands-on experience with the College's hottest and most helpful new self-assessment programs. A special ACC 2001 discount is available for all on-site product purchases.

- **ACC SAP 2000**—The latest version of the ACC's award-winning self-assessment program in adult clinical cardiology is ideal for cardiologists studying for their Board examinations;

- **CathSAP**—This program was designed to cover all aspects of interventional cardiology, including hundreds of high-quality images. *CathSAP II* will be available in June;

- **EchoSAP**—This new, interactive CD-ROM features nearly 300 high-quality visuals, many in full motion;

- **ECG-SAP III**—This new program, available in both print and CD-ROM, features interpretations, clinical syndromes, serial tracings, and computer over-reads; and

- **EPSAP II**—This updated print edition of a popular program reviews the latest advances in clinical electrophysiology.

info@ACC

The College is again featuring its popular technology area at ACC Central. Attendees are invited to attend educational sessions in the *info@ACC* theater and to meet with representatives of the College's growing list of "e-partners."

This week's sessions include presentations on the electronic medical record (Monday, 9–10:30 a.m.) and the effect of Internet-empowered consumers on health care (Tuesday, 9–10:30 a.m.).

Attendees who already have e-mail accounts can send and receive secure e-mail messages in the *info@ACC* area. The *info@ACC* area is made possible through an unrestricted grant from Pfizer Pharmaceuticals Group, celebrating five years of support.

Practice Tools

- **CPT 2001**—The latest version of CPT 2001 is an essential guide to cardiovascular coding and reimbursement.

- **ACCEL**—The College's popular audiojournal is now available on CD as well as audiotape.

Live Demonstrations

- The College is seeking input from physicians and other health care providers on **KDE—a Joint Learning Initiative of the ACC and the AHA**. This online educational site is being



ACC Exposition

One of the largest assemblies of cardiovascular products and services, the ACC Exposition, located in Halls A4–D of the convention center, is open during the following hours:

Sunday

Noon – 5 p.m.

Monday

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Tuesday

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Wednesday

9 a.m. – Noon

specially designed to provide specific answers to clinical questions anywhere and anytime.

- **Cardiosource**—The ACC, the European Society of Cardiology, and Elsevier Science Inc. have just relaunched Cardiosource. Now an even more comprehensive resource for full text of the world's best-known cardiovascular journals and featuring a more user-friendly navigation system, Cardiosource promises to be a time-saver for physicians and others. (See p. 8 for more on Cardiosource.)

Quality-of-Care Initiatives

The ACC has numerous activities under way to assist cardiovascular specialists in their efforts to provide the highest-quality care. The College, along with the AHA, is continuing to lead the way in the provision of practice guidelines, four of which are available for download to handheld devices at ACC 2001 (see p. 2 for details).

- **ACC-National Cardiovascular Data Registry™**—The College's registry is known for its role in developing nationally recognized data standards. Expert staff will be on hand to discuss the benefits of participation in the ACC-NCDR™. Attendees will

receive a coupon for \$250 savings on the first year's annual fee.

- **Guidelines Applied in Practice (GAP) Project**—Results from the first GAP Project will be announced at ACC 2001 and in future issues of *Scientific Session News*.

Member Services

- **Advocacy**—Learn more about how the ACC is advocating for its members, their patients, and the profession. Staff will be on hand to discuss the latest legislative and reimbursement issues.

- **Member Relations**—ACC staff will be on hand to answer membership questions.

- **Web Site for Fellows in Training**—The College is pleased to unveil a Web site created exclusively for fellows in training. Fellows will be able to view sample contracts, salary compensation studies, and practice start-up information.

- **ACC Emblem Products**—Discounts have been provided for all ACC emblem products, including the always-popular golf shirts, ties, lapel pins, and sweatshirts.

ACC 2001 Restaurant Reservation Service

The ACC 2001 restaurant reservation service booth is located in Lobby C of the Orange County Convention Center and is open Saturday, noon to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Monday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The service is also available on site by calling 407-685-4607.

ACC 2001 Symposium to Examine Medical Errors

Monday, March 19, 2001
9:15–10:30 a.m.

Orange County Convention Center, Room 414C

"Improving the Quality of Cardiovascular Care:
Strategies for Preventing Medical Errors"

Moderator: Kim A. Eagle, MD, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Chair, ACC/AHA Joint Task Force on Performance Measures
Editor in Chief, Current Journal Review

Featuring: Leading experts in the field of medical errors research and prevention

Topics:

- The controversial question of how "medical errors" are defined, from the perspectives of both the public and the cardiovascular specialist;
- The underlying causes, particularly of preventable "errors," and
- Strategies for improving patient safety and quality of care in cardiovascular medicine.

Invited speakers: Representatives of the National Quality Forum, the Leapfrog Group, and contributing writers of the National Institute of Medicine report, "To Err Is Human: Building a Safer Health System."



CJR and Cardiosource Evolving to Keep Pace With Rapidly Changing Medical Environment

Readers of *Current Journal Review* (CJR) and visitors to the Cardiosource Web site will notice some changes in these popular resources. Both have undergone transformations designed to make them indispensable tools for keeping up to date in the rapidly changing cardiovascular field.

Current Journal Review

The popular journal has been redesigned to achieve a single objective: the transmission of new, wide-

ranging, patient-relevant knowledge in as timely and accessible a manner as possible, according to Kim A. Eagle, MD, who recently began his five-year term as the journal's editor in chief.

Dr. Eagle sees this challenge in terms of three variables: *range*, *timeliness*, and *packaging*. For starters, in each issue of the bimonthly journal, Dr. Eagle and his team of associate editors report on 35–40 articles published in medical journals relevant to cardiovascular medicine and surgery.

The new CJR is divided into eight sections, organized around the following areas of clinical care, and guided by associate editors with expertise in these areas:

- General cardiology,
- Preventive cardiology and vascular medicine,
- Noninvasive imaging,
- Interventional cardiology,
- Arrhythmia,
- Congestive heart failure and transplantation,
- Cardiovascular surgery, and
- Congenital heart disease.

Each issue of CJR also includes a number of review articles that synthesize the most recent information available in specific areas undergoing rapid change.

Readers will also find diversity and humor in CJR, including articles that look at how now-standard treatments evolved to their current status and vignettes contributed by readers will show the lighter side of medicine.

“I think readers will also enjoy a new feature of each issue of CJR that lets them try and solve a puzzle,” said Dr. Eagle. “We’ll present a clinical unknown, often with an illustration and a case study. There’s nothing like a challenge to keep you on top of your profession.”

Cardiosource

Attendees are also invited to stop by ACC Central to view a demonstration of the the newly revamped Cardiosource Web site.

Developed by the ACC in collaboration with the European Society of Cardiology and Elsevier Science Inc., the new, more comprehensive Cardiosource Web site (<http://www.cardiosource.com>), provides online access to the world's best-known cardiovascular journals, including full-text access to the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology* (JACC) and CJR. Visitors to the site can browse the latest issues of *Circulation*, the *European Heart Journal*, and a variety of other premier journals in cardiovascular and general medicine.

Cardiosource's clinical trial database now includes more than 600 ongoing and published studies throughout the world.

Visitors will also find quick access to ACC/AHA guidelines, daily news-feeds, job postings, and an expanded Help section.

ACC 2001 attendees can also view all the new features of the Cardiosource Web site at the Elsevier Science Inc. booth, #2238.