



FINAL FULL AGENDA

ACC 2007 Legislative Conference September 16-18 Washington, D.C.

Saturday, September 15

- 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM BOARD OF GOVERNORS STEERING COMMITTEE**
LOCATION: Room 116-118 (Heart House)**
- 2:00 PM - 5:30 PM BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING**
LOCATION: Multipurpose Room (Heart House)**
- 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM BOARD OF GOVERNORS RECEPTION**
LOCATION: Atrium (Heart House)**
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM BOARD OF GOVERNORS DINNER**
LOCATION: Knowledge Exchange Area (Heart House)**

Sunday, September 16

- 2:00 PM- 7:00 PM REGISTRATION**
LOCATION: Imperial Wall (Ballroom Level, Fairmont Hotel)
- 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING**
LOCATION: Multipurpose Room (Heart House)**
- 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM CHAPTER EXECUTIVES MEETING**
LOCATION: Room 116 (Heart House)**
- 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM NOMINATING COMMITTEE**
LOCATION: Board Room (Heart House)**
- 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM CODING COMMITTEE**
LOCATION: Room 116-118 (Heart House)**

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6:30 PM - 7:00 PM WELCOME RECEPTION
LOCATION: Grand Ballroom Foyer, Fairmont Hotel

**7:30 PM - 10:00 PM DINNER WITH KEYNOTE ADDRESS FROM CHUCK TODD, NBC NEWS
POLITICAL DIRECTOR**
LOCATION: Grand Ballroom, Fairmont Hotel

Monday, September 17

6:30 AM – 5:00 PM REGISTRATION OPEN
LOCATION: Imperial Wall (Ballroom Level, Fairmont Hotel)

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM BREAKFAST AND ISSUE BRIEFING
LOCATION: Grand Ballroom, Fairmont Hotel

CONFIRMED PANELISTS:
Barbara Greenan, ACC Sr. Director, Advocacy
Jennifer Brunelle, ACC Senior Specialist, Legislative Affairs
Camille Bonta, Lewis-Burke Associates
Dean Rosen, Mehlman Vogel Castagnetti

Choose one of the two sessions below:

8:45 AM – 10:15 AM TRENDS IN PHYSICIAN PAYMENT FOR CARDIOVASCULAR SPECIALISTS
LOCATION: Grand Ballroom, Fairmont Hotel

CONFIRMED PANELISTS:
Barbara Greenan, ACC Sr. Director, Advocacy
Rebecca Kelly, ACC Director of Regulatory Affairs
Kathleen Flood, ACC Director of Payer Advocacy
Camille Bonta, Lewis-Burke Associates

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This session will feature a panel discussion of the legislative, regulatory and private payer trends affecting physician payment for cardiovascular care. Panelists will provide an overview of major developments in areas such as Medicare payment, accreditation and comparative effectiveness.

**8:45 AM – 10:15 AM QUALITY IMPROVEMENT THROUGH DATA REPORTING AND EDUCATION:
A PERSPECTIVE BASED ON ACC EXPERIENCE**

LOCATION: Grand Ballroom, Fairmont Hotel

CONFIRMED PANELISTS:

Jack Lewin, M.D., ACC CEO
Ralph Brindis, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.C.
John Schaeffer, M.D., F.A.C.C.
Janet Wright, M.D., F.A.C.C.

With health care reform imminent, hear from ACC members who are at the forefront of efforts to develop an end-to-end systems approach to quality improvement that translates science into practice. This session will look at the value of data reporting in facilitating quality improvement from the perspective of the ACC's National Cardiovascular Data Registry (NCDRTM). It will also provide a look at the Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) from a physician perspective and address the role of transparency in quality improvement efforts.

Choose one of the two sessions below:

10:30 AM – Noon HEALTH REFORM IN THE STATES: INDIANA, WEST VIRGINIA, AND MARYLAND

LOCATION: Executive Forum, Fairmont Hotel

CONFIRMED PANELISTS:

James Boxall, ACC Associate Director, State Advocacy
Michael Mirro, M.D., F.A.C.C.
Ganpat Thakker, M.D., M.B.B.S., F.A.C.C.
Roger Leonard, M.D., F.A.C.C.

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Gary Dillon, Indiana State Senator
Evan Jenkins, West Virginia State Senator
Gil Genn, Genn & Murphy, LLC

Learn about health reform efforts taking place in Indiana, West Virginia and Maryland. Panelists will discuss the Healthy Indiana Act, the Medical Adverse Event Reporting Act, the Indiana Health Informatics Corporation Act, the West Virginia Certificate of Need (CON) Law and prospects for CON reform, and efforts to modify the Maryland Self Referral Law.

10:30 AM – Noon THE ROLE OF RESEARCH AND COMPARATIVE EFFECTIVENESS IN THE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT CYCLE

LOCATION: Executive Forum, Fairmont Hotel

CONFIRMED PANELISTS:

Elizabeth G. Nabel, Director, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health

Jean R. Slutsky, Director, Center for Outcomes and Evidence, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Jack Lewin, M.D., ACC CEO

John Brush, M.D., F.A.C.C.

Learn about the ACC's guidelines development process and hear from key government agencies about federal comparative effectiveness and translational research efforts. With lawmakers interested in expanding federal comparative effectiveness research efforts, the session will prepare participants to discuss with lawmakers the link between practice guidelines, comparative effectiveness and translational research and their impact on clinical practice.

12:15 PM – 1:15 PM LUNCH WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER, AL FROM, FOUNDER AND CEO OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

LOCATION: Grand Ballroom, Fairmont Hotel

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM CARRIER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

LOCATION: Multipurpose Room (Heart House)**

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM THE HEALTH CARE AGENDA: A VIEW FROM THE HILL

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CONFIRMED PANELISTS:

James Fasules, M.D., F.A.C.C.

William Wynne, Health Counsel on the Senate Finance Committee Health and Welfare Team

Sue Walden, Health Policy Counsel on the Republican staff of the Senate Finance Committee

Cybele Bjorklund, Democratic Staff Director, House Ways and Means Health Subcommittee

Joelle Oishi, Professional Staff to the House Ways and Means Committee

Congressional staff instrumental in Medicare policy debates will share their perspectives on congressional activity this year on issues of importance to the cardiovascular community, including Medicare physician reimbursement and medical imaging, during this panel discussion. Information obtained during this session will be timely and relevant in preparing participants to discuss key Medicare policy issues with lawmakers on Tuesday.

3:15 PM – 4:45 PM THE HEALTH CARE AGENDA: A VIEW FROM WALL STREET

LOCATION: Grand Ballroom, Fairmont Hotel

CONFIRMED PANELISTS:

Paul Heldman, Director, Senior Health Policy Analyst, Citigroup Investment Research

Dean Rosen, Mehlman Vogel Castagnetti

Participants will hear the Wall Street perspective on the trends shaping the health care system and the Medicare program.

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM GRASSROOTS AND LOBBYING 101

LOCATION: Grand Ballroom, Fairmont Hotel

CONFIRMED SPEAKER:

Frank Ryan, ACC Director, PAC & Grassroots

Politicians listen to those they trust the most: personal friends and respected professionals. Learn how to influence your lawmaker by leveraging your stature as a cardiologist and member of the cardiac community.

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care team. In this session you will learn simple, time-efficient ways to become a strong policy advocate and effective political activist at the grassroots level.

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM RECEPTION SPONSORED BY ACC PAC
LOCATION: The Colonnade Room, Fairmont Hotel

8:00 PM – 11:00 PM ACC PAC TEXAS HOLD 'EM FUNDRAISING EVENT
LOCATION: The Grand Ballroom, Fairmont Hotel

The ACC Political Action Committee (PAC) will hold a reception for all conference participants at the Fairmont Hotel. Following the reception, you are invited to attend the "Texas Hold 'Em Tournament" to benefit the PAC. A \$250 PAC contribution (\$50 for FITs & CCAs) will admit you into the general tournament. Contributions of \$1,000 or more will admit you into the High Roller tournament. If you've never played poker, a tutorial will take place before the start of the tournament. Non-tournament participants can cheer on players and take advantage of the other activities taking place that evening.

Tuesday, September 18

7:00 AM – 8:15 AM BREAKFAST & BRIEFING
LOCATION: Grand Ballroom

8:15 AM – 9:15 AM SHUTTLES TO CAPITOL HILL CLUB & LUGGAGE DROP-OFF
LOCATION: Depart M Street Entrance, Fairmont Hotel

Please check out of your hotel rooms in the morning and bring your luggage with you to the Colonnade Room. A staff member will hold your baggage for you during your breakfast. After breakfast, retrieve your baggage, and go to the M Street Entrance of the Fairmont for transport on buses to the Capitol Hill Club. Your luggage will be stored in the Eisenhower Lounge on the first floor of the Capitol Hill Club. Once your legislative visits have been completed, you will depart for the airport from the Capitol Hill Club.

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9:30 AM – 4:30 PM CAPITOL HILL VISITS

LOCATION: **Refer to your Congressional Appointments Schedule**

Should you have any questions regarding your Capitol Hill visits, contact Molly Nichelson at (202) 375-6470 / mnichels@acc.org.

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM BOX LUNCHESES & LOUNGE AREA

LOCATION: Capitol Hill Club
300 First Street, SE

4:30 PM – 5:15 PM HILL VISIT DEBRIEFING AT CAPITOL HILL CLUB

LOCATION: Capitol Hill Club
300 First Street, SE

5:15 PM CONFERENCE CONCLUDES

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