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2009 Legislative Conference Agenda
September 13-15
Fairmont Hotel
Washington, D.C.

Sunday, September 13

- 2:00 PM- 7:00 PM** **REGISTRATION**
LOCATION: Imperial Foyer
- 5:15 PM- 6:30 PM** **ADVOCACY STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**
LOCATION: Decatur Room
- 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM** **WELCOME RECEPTION**
LOCATION: Ballroom Foyer
- 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM** **DINNER AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
LOCATION: Ballroom
SPEAKER: Ron Brownstein,
Political Director, Atlantic Media Company

Monday, September 14

- 6:30 AM – 5:00 PM** **REGISTRATION OPEN**
LOCATION: Ballroom Foyer
- 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM** **BREAKFAST AND CAPITOL HILL ISSUE BRIEFING**
LOCATION: Ballroom
- PANELISTS:
James Fasules, M.D., F.A.C.C., ACC Sr. Vice President, Advocacy
Patrick Hope, ACC Director, Legislative Policy
Jack Lewin, M.D., CEO
- 9:00 AM – 9:15 AM** **Break**
- 9:15 AM – 10:45 AM** **HEALTH CARE AT THE CROSSROADS: A VIEW FROM THE HILL**
LOCATION: Ballroom
This session will provide a look at the health care landscape from the congressional perspective. Panelists will discuss what they see happening in 2009 and beyond when in terms of key issues like physician payment, imaging cuts, health IT adoption and patient access to quality care. Session includes 15 minute Q&A.
- PANELISTS:
Jack Lewin, M.D, ACC CEO (Moderator)
Geoff Gerhardt, House Ways and Means Committee
Wendell Primus, Office of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (CA)



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10:45 AM – 11:00 AM Break

11:00 AM – 11:45 AM MOVING MEDICARE PHYSICIAN PAYMENT FORWARD

LOCATION: Ballroom

This session will focus on the trends in the Medicare program that will affect cardiology in 2009 and beyond. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the economic and policy environment surrounding Medicare physician payment, as well as how this relates to the broader issue of payment reform. The last 15 minutes of this session will allow participants the opportunity to engage in discussion around these very important issues.

SPEAKER:

Robert Kocher, M.D.
National Economic Council

12:00 PM – 1:15 PM LUNCH AND KEYNOTE

LOCATION: Ballroom

SPEAKER: Michael Dunn
Chair and CEO, Dunn Associates

1:15 PM – 1:30 PM Break

Choose one of the two sessions below:

1:30 PM – 2:45 PM STATE ADVOCACY: ALL POLITICS ARE LOCAL

LOCATION: Ballroom

This session will provide several case studies on state efforts in such areas as tort reform, imaging and/or tobacco-free legislation. Participants will hear first-hand about the challenges and opportunities involved in state-level advocacy and learn how to become effective state advocates themselves.

PANELISTS:

Stanley Defehr, M.D., F.A.C.C., Blue Stem Cardiology, Oklahoma
Philip Laney, M.D., F.A.C.C., The Heart Center, PC; Alabama
Neal Lippman, M.D., F.A.C.C., Arrhythmia Consults of Connecticut, LLC

EXPLORING OPTIONS: MEDICAL LIABILITY REFORM

LOCATION: Executive Forum

Health care reform presents an historic opportunity to enact meaningful medical liability reforms. This session will explore different options for making the medical liability system more reliable.

PANELISTS:

Jerry Kennett, M.D., F.A.C.C. (Moderator)
James Paluskiewicz, Office of Rep. Michael Burgess (TX)



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Dana Lichtenberg, Office of Rep. Bart Gordon (TN)

2:45 PM – 3:00 PM

Break

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

TALK BACK!

LOCATION: Ballroom

A reactor panel made up of ACC leaders will respond to what's happening on the Hill as it relates to the practice of cardiology and ACC's efforts. In addition, Conference participants will have a chance to ask questions of the panel and share their own reactions.

PANELISTS:

Ralph Brindis, M.D., F.A.C.C., ACC President-Elect

James Fasules, M.D., F.A.C.C., ACC Vice President, Advocacy

Fred Krainin, M.D., F.A.C.C., Co-chair ACC Advocacy

Doug Weaver, M.D., M.A.C.C., ACC Past President

5:00 PM- 6:00 PM

PAC BOARD MEETING

LOCATION: Ballroom

8:00 PM – 11:00 PM

ACC PAC TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT AND RECEPTION

LOCATION: Ballroom

Tuesday, September 15

7:00 AM – 8:15 AM

BREAKFAST & BRIEFING WITH MEMBER OF CONGRESS

LOCATION: Ballroom

7:00 AM – 8:15 AM

LUGGAGE DROP-OFF

Colonnade Foyer – Lobby Level

8:15 AM – 9:15 AM

SHUTTLES TO CAPITOL HILL

IMPORTANT: Before taking the shuttle, please check out of the hotel and pick up your luggage from the drop-off area. Buses will leave from the Fairmont's M Street exit. You and your luggage will be transported by bus to the Reserve Officers Association on Capitol Hill.

9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

CAPITOL HILL VISITS

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

BUFFET LUNCH & LOUNGE AREA

LOCATION: Reserve Officers Club



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- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM** **PAC LUNCHEON FEATURING JAMES CARVILLE**
LOCATION: Johnny's Half Shell
*Special event for \$1,000 donors
- 4:30 PM – 5:15 PM** **HILL VISIT DEBRIEFING**
LOCATION: Reserve Officers Club
- 5:15 PM** **CONFERENCE CONCLUDES**