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ACC.08: Spotlight On and For CCAs

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Whether you have made your educational plans for 2008 or not, Cardiac Care Associates need to take special notice of ACC.08, March 29 – April 1, in Chicago. As always, ACC.08 will offer excellent educational venues including very popular sessions like Heart Songs and late-breaking clinical trials. However, this year's program offers expanded, more focused content for members of the cardiac care team, and even more exciting, a new weekend schedule approach to meet the needs of time-strapped CCA members.



The Cardiac Care Team Spotlight will feature both basic and advanced sessions, and attendees will be able to pick and choose the sessions that are most appropriate given their level of training and experience.

For those limited in the amount of time they can take away from the office, several weekend options will be available at ACC.08. CCA nurse members will be able to earn eight pharmacology credits by attending the pharmacology program on Saturday, March 29. This clinically-oriented program will provide the pharmacology units that prescribing advance practice nurses need. Physician Assistants (PAs) will be able to earn up to 8 hours of Category I CMEs. For the clinical pharmacists, this program will offer 8 CEUs of continuing pharmacy education through the ACPE.

All CCA members — nurses, nurse practitioners, PAs and clinical pharmacists — will be able to earn credits by attending sessions in the Nurse/Tech program at the SCAI Annual Scientific Sessions in Partnership with ACC i2 Summit on Saturday afternoon.

Cardiac Care Team Spotlight

The most exciting news is the new Cardiac Care Team Spotlight on Sunday, March 30. The Cardiac Care Team Spotlight will feature both basic and advanced sessions, and attendees will be able to pick and choose the sessions that are most appropriate given their level of training and experience.

Basic sessions for the Cardiac Care Team Spotlight will cover topics such as —

- physical findings in cardiovascular disease
- 12 lead ECG interpretation and management in ischemic heart disease
- what test to use when — Echo, nuclear stress testing, CT/MR
- managing hypertension and dyslipidemia
- using teachable moments during discharge instructions for risk reduction
- behavioral strategies that work

These sessions will also include audience response, enabling

attendees to actively engage in the learning process.

Advanced sessions will use a case-based approach to look at complex cardiac patient management. Sessions will include —

- updates regarding diagnostic strategies in women
- stem cell and gene therapy in cardiovascular disease
- assessment of the ECG in a patient with an implantable device
- stents — bare metal and DES: management in the outpatient setting

Session topics are planned to assist attendees in their daily practice. The afternoon sessions will also include presentations by speakers who run successful outpatient clinics with reference to coagulation, lipid and device concerns. These practitioners will share their experience and expertise. The sessions will offer great learning and networking opportunities, particularly for those whose practice is considering starting a new clinic.

Importance of Your Feedback

The Nurse Education Committee is excited about the focused educational opportunities that CCAs will have at ACC.08. The committee plans to review the content, and your experience with it, to help finalize a Core Curriculum for Cardiovascular Practitioners program that will be offered in October 2008 at Heart House. We need to hear from you. For that reason, we ask that you be sure to fill out the session evaluation forms at the Scientific Session to let us know how well the content meets your educational needs. If you have additional comments, please e-mail them to handbem@ufl.edu or ccampbel@acc.org.

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