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What to Expect at the **2016 ACC LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE**



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Webinar Key Takeaways

1. ACC Advocacy works at multiple levels of government to advance legislative and regulatory change for the benefit of our patients and members of the entire cardiovascular care team.
2. ACC Advocacy uniquely positions ACC at the forefront as a knowledgeable and reliable resource for Congress to rely on.
3. Involvement in ACC Advocacy is a unique experience to affect policy alongside legislators and ACC leadership.
4. The ACC Legislative Conference is a great opportunity to learn about and discuss issues at the forefront of the profession.
5. The ACC gathers input from the many interested parties in the organization and focuses efforts on specific objectives or talking points that are of high importance.
6. Talking Point No. 1: Encourage adequate oversight over the implementation of MACRA, with emphasis on CMS interfacing with medical societies to ensure a successful transition.
7. Talking Point No. 2: Garner support for continued medical innovation and research through sustained growth in NIH, FDA and CDC funding.
8. Talking Point No. 3: Promote legislation to make cardiac, intensive cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation programs more accessible by allowing physician assistants, nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists to supervise sessions.
9. An important aspect of effective advocacy is to promote specific agenda goals through patient stories to provide real world and memorable examples.
10. Understanding and expressing appreciation for the past actions legislators have taken provides a platform for future partnership.