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of Cardiology and the American  
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is to transform cardiovascular care  
and improve heart health.*

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Dear Heart Failure Roundtable Participants,

Thank you for accepting the invitation to participate in this Roundtable. As an esteemed participant, you are joining representatives from several medical specialty societies, industry, government, and other stakeholder groups to discuss heart failure management and emerging therapies.

The purpose of the Roundtable is to address the practical issues and key clinical questions facing clinicians, especially with the recent approval of several new drug therapies. The goal of the Roundtable is to leverage the interactive discussion among the wide group of experts to establish next steps around a focused set of solutions to address barriers to optimal care in heart failure management. The discussion at this meeting is intended to identify topic areas for an expert consensus decision pathway and inform the development of care algorithms and tools to address emerging issues and implement specific components of the Heart Failure Guidelines into easier point of care guidance.

As you will see in the enclosed agenda, the day will be organized by three sessions with brief thought provoking presentations to introduce key topics. Each session will direct participants to work together in small groups to discuss several questions that are provided for you in this book. Following an hour of facilitated discussion, the tables will share their combined thoughts with the full group. With the impressive caliber of experts the ACC is convening, each session will also be followed by a brief panel discussion that will be recorded to capture key themes for a broader audience.

In preparation for the meeting, we have assembled briefing materials for you. We hope that you will familiarize yourself with these materials before the meeting to encourage a productive discussion. Included are relevant sections from the current guidelines and several articles of interest. We encourage all participants to consider the discussion questions in advance of the meeting, and encourage you to discuss with your colleagues to collect additional perspectives and thoughts to bring with you to the Roundtable.

If you have any questions, please contact Severa Chavez at [schavez@acc.org](mailto:schavez@acc.org) or 202.375.6556.

We look forward to your participation and contribution to the Heart Failure Roundtable.

Sincerely,

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