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Dear Evolving Valve Management Strategies 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 specific issues and challenges within the realm of Valvular Heart Disease.

This Roundtable is a multidisciplinary effort to facilitate discussions and dialogue to support the identification and prioritization of gaps and challenges. This meeting is dedicated to address some of the more complex and longer term issues within valvular heart disease, such as defining an advanced valve center. This Roundtable will aim to further improve overall management of valve patients through the process of care and draw on the collective experience and wisdom of participants to address these challenges.

The format of the meeting is designed to encourage interactive and thoughtful dialogue through facilitated discussions. The first day will be organized by three sessions, and the second day will be organized by three sessions. After some brief presentations on each topic session, participants will work together in small groups to discuss specific issues, and share their combined thoughts with the full group.

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. We have included relevant articles of interest. The agenda for the meeting as well as a preview of some discussion questions are also enclosed in your briefing materials. 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 Sahisna Bhatia at sbhatia@acc.org or (202)375-6594.

We look forward to another successful meeting with interactive and thought-provoking discussion!

Sincerely,

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