

**Summary of the
2015 Health Policy Statement
(HPS) on CV Team-Based Care
& the Role of Advanced
Practice Providers**

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HPS Background & Writing Committee

- In Fall 2014, a committee of interdisciplinary members were appointed by the president of the College, Patrick T. O’Gara, to participate on a writing committee tasked with writing a Health Policy Statement on CV Team-Based Care.
- The HPS Writing Committee included:

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ACC Think Tank on TBC

- To help facilitate the development of the statement, the ACC convened a think tank on the topic of CV Team-Based Care at Heart House.
- The primary objective of this meeting was to inform the development of the College's Health Policy Statement on Team-based Care in Cardiology, by bringing together thought-leaders, as well as internal and external stakeholders to discuss team-based practice.



ACC Think Tank on TBC

- The think tank focused on advanced practice clinicians in the nursing, physician assistant, and clinical pharmacy professionals in the U.S., engaged in cardiovascular care.
- Think tank participants were tasked with the following objectives:
 - Reviewing the current state of team-based practice, including models of team-based care.
 - Identifying opportunities and challenges to team-based care.
 - Reviewing and discussing relevant literature, current and needed research, and key concepts related to team-based care.
 - Reviewing education, training, credentialing and licensure for advanced practice clinicians and consider how cardiovascular specialization can be formalized and what it would entail.



ACC Think Tank on TBC

Participating external organizations for the ACC Think Tank on Team-Based Care, included:

- American Academy of Physician Assistants
- American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
- American Association of Colleges of Nursing
- American Association of Nurse Practitioners
- American College of Clinical Pharmacy/ Board of Pharmacy Specialties
- American College of Physicians
- American Nurses Association
- American Nurses Credentialing Center
- American Pharmacists Association
- Association of Physician Assistants in Cardiology
- Committee on the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Initiative on the Future of Nursing, at the Institute of Medicine
- Federation of State Medical Boards
- MedAxiom
- National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists
- National Council of State Boards of Nursing



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Health Policy Statement Objectives

- The policy statement focuses on the role of advanced practice providers because they have the “requisite education, training and experience to allow them greater autonomy.”
- It outlines the capabilities of these providers in a team-based care model, highlights existing barriers and offers recommendations for improvement.



Health Policy Statement: Key Take-aways

- The statement highlights the many ways the varied post-graduate training experiences of advanced practice providers add a rich diversity of talent and capabilities to the care team.
- It also highlights the need for successful and effective teams to have “shared goals and clear roles” and touches on the need for a more flexible approach to leadership.



Health Policy Statement: Key Take-aways

- The statement also recognizes that broad dissemination of this team-based approach to cardiovascular care is not without its challenges.
- Differences in state regulations regarding the licensure of practitioners, as well as variations in payment policies by private and public payers, can interfere with the team-based approach. In addition, new payment models focusing on value over volume “represent both an opportunity and a challenge for cardiovascular team-based care,” the report states.



Recommendations from the HPS

Key recommendations from the HPS, include:

1. Expand interprofessional education to encourage creative interaction by all members of the team;
2. Pursue advocacy around sensible payment reforms;
3. Explore emerging technologies to extend the capabilities of the CV Team including telemedicine and virtual teams to help bring care to underserved regions.

The CVT Section Leadership Council will pursue these recommendations – integrating them into their goals for 2015 and beyond.



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Communication Plan for HPS

The ACC will use the following communication tactics to generate awareness about the HPS:

- ✓ Dissemination of HPS to Think Tank Participants
- ✓ News Story on ACC.org
- ✓ Social Media (ACC's Facebook, Twitter & LinkedIn)
- ✓ ACC Email Newsletters (CV News Digest, SmartBrief, CV Team Newsletter, ACC Update and ACC Advocate)
- ✓ CardioSource WorldNews May Issue
- ✓ Cardiology Magazine



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