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

Dear Roundtable Participants,

Thank you for accepting the invitation to participate in the *2020 Emergency Department Evaluation of Patients with Possible ACS Roundtable*. As an esteemed participant, you are joining representatives from several medical specialty societies, industry, health systems, and other stakeholder groups to discuss challenges in the emergency department (ED) evaluation of patients with possible acute coronary syndrome (ACS). Your engagement in this initiative will help the American College of Cardiology (ACC) as we make strides toward improving patient outcomes.

Heart House Roundtables seek to draw on the collective experience and wisdom of participants to identify issues and inform the development of practical guidance for clinicians in areas where evidence may be limited, new and evolving, or lack sufficient data to fully inform clinical decision making.

At this Roundtable, we aim to explore evidence and synthesize best practices related to the evaluation and work up of patients presenting with chest pain and/or possible ACS in the ED. We do not seek to reach consensus, but rather to uncover the challenges faced. Additionally, we would appreciate your feedback on how the ACC can better serve clinicians and patients in managing this challenging group of patients. Your valuable input will help to direct our work in supporting the broader community caring for patients presenting with chest pain in the ED.

As you will see in the enclosed agenda, the day will be organized into three sessions with short, 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.

In preparation for the meeting, we have assembled briefing materials for your review. Given the difference in participants' backgrounds, we have selected what we believe to be the most important (but by no means comprehensive) materials for everyone to be familiar with at the Roundtable, including the agenda, discussion questions and articles of interest. We hope that you will review these materials before the meeting and encourage all participants to discuss the questions with your colleagues to collect additional perspectives and thoughts to bring with you.

If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Ladden-Stirling at astirling@acc.org or 202.375.6553.

We look forward to your participation and contribution to the *Emergency Department Evaluation of Patients with Possible ACS Roundtable*.

Sincerely,

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