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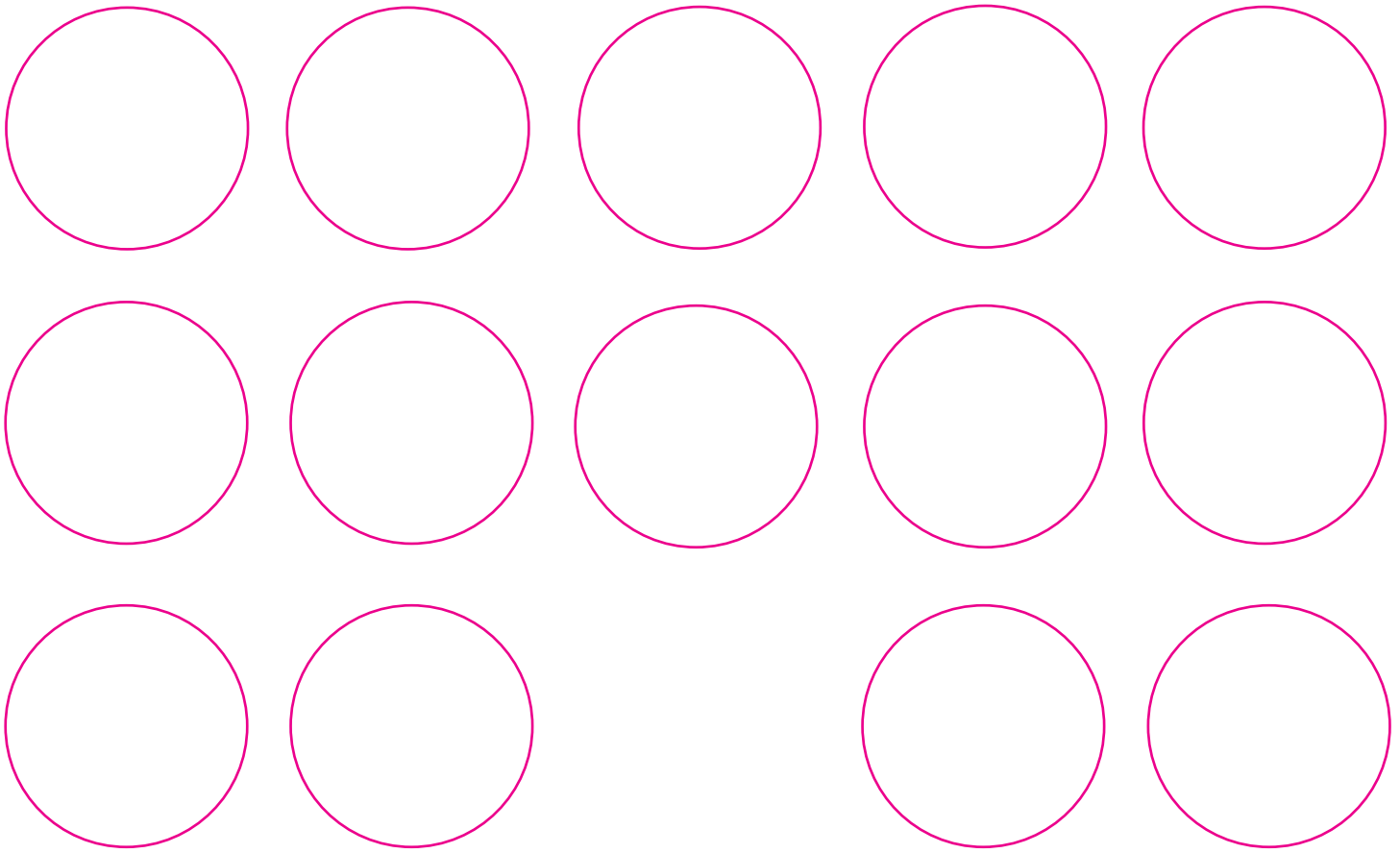


CARDIAC CARE ASSOCIATE

Membership Application

American College of Cardiology

*Helping Cardiovascular Professionals
Learn. Advance. Heal.*



IMPROVE PATIENT CARE, INCREASE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND TAKE YOUR CAREER TO THE NEXT LEVEL.

You are on the front lines every day, working with your Cardiac Care Team to make and execute the best medical decisions possible with flawless precision. Keeping up-to-date on the latest pharmaceuticals, technology and guidelines, as well as your required CME and CE credits can be daunting. The American College of Cardiology can help.

The American College of Cardiology (ACC) invites members of the Cardiac Care Team — Registered Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Clinical Nurse Specialists, Physician Assistants and practicing Clinical Pharmacists — to join as Cardiac Care Associates (CCA).

No other organization can match the cardiovascular education and networking opportunities that ACC provides.

HOW DO I JOIN?

The American College of Cardiology requires that all new members be sponsored by an existing member. This is true for both physician and nonphysician members of the College. For a CCA application to be immediately processed you must complete the following steps:

- 1.** Complete the attached CCA Application
- 2.** Have a CCA or FACC member of the ACC fill out the attached Sponsorship Letter
- 3.** Photocopy your Practicing License
- 4.** Provide Payment

DEAR CARDIOVASCULAR PROFESSIONAL:

Learn side-by-side with your physician and cardiac care team peers! As a member of the American College of Cardiology, you'll have the opportunity to enhance your cardiovascular skills by earning continuing education credits, participate on chapter and national committees and network with world-renowned cardiovascular professionals.

As a Cardiac Care Associate member, you'll enjoy:

- **Complimentary access to the JACC Journals, online:** the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology (JACC)*, *JACC: Cardiovascular Imaging* and *JACC: Cardiovascular Interventions*
- **Complimentary access to CardioSource.org**, the College's interactive website that features all the content you can trust from the ACC including guidelines, case studies, expert opinions, clinical studies, continuing education, journal scans, advocacy information, practice management resources, cardiovascular care team news and information, the latest news from the College and more.
- **Reduced registration fees** for continuing medical education certified programs and the Annual Scientific Session and i2 Summit.
- **Significant discounts on ACCF educational products**, including Self-Assessment Programs and *Meetings on Demand*[™] Programs.
- **Timely updates** on ACC's efforts to represent cardiovascular community interests on Capitol Hill, as well as with state and federal agencies.
- **Additional opportunities** to influence the College's policies in science, advocacy and education through expanded avenues of participation available on national committees, councils and work groups.

A CCA colleague recently wrote: "CCA membership has quickly become a key symbol in representing the value of team practice in cardiology."

Join the American College of Cardiology today and become a member of the national cardiovascular care team! For more information on getting involved with the CCA community and the Cardiovascular Team Member Section visit www.CardioSource.org/CVTSection.

Sincerely,



Margo B. Minissian, ACNP-BC, MSN, CNS
Co-Chair of the Cardiovascular Team Council
"Ex-Officio" Cardiac Care member of the Board of Governors





ACC CARDIAC CARE ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

(Sponsorship form – Signed by a F.A.C.C., A.A.C.C. or CCA member)

As a member of the American College of Cardiology, it is my pleasure to recommend _____
for Cardiac Care Associate membership at the American College of Cardiology. His/her interest in cardiovascular medicine
combined with proven ability makes him/her an excellent candidate for membership. Becoming a Cardiac Care Associate of
the College will open up a new level of education and access to information that will ultimately benefit his/her patients and
their families.

Name of Sponsor (F.A.C.C., A.A.C.C. or CCA Member)

Member ID Number

Signature of F.A.C.C., A.A.C.C. or CCA Sponsor

Note: This form can be mailed or faxed with the application or faxed directly from the sponsor's
personal or business number.

This form should not be used for the A.A.C.C. sponsorship letter.

MAIL OR FAX TO:

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RACE AND ETHNICITY

- American Indian or Alaska Native
 Black or African American
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 Asian
 Hispanic or Latino
 White

EDUCATION

	Name of Institution	City/State	Date Graduated	Degree
College or University				
Medical Undergraduate				
Postgraduate Training				

PROFESSIONAL TYPE, LICENSURE AND BOARD CERTIFICATION

Please check all of the appropriate types, and write in current license and board certification information.

- CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST (CNS)
 NURSE PRACTITIONER (NP)
 REGISTERED NURSE (RN)
 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT (PA)
 CLINICAL PHARMACIST (PHARM)

State _____ License No. _____ Date Issued _____ Date Expired _____

Board Certification & Credentialing Body _____ Date of Certification _____ Date Expired _____

Percentage of professional time devoted to cardiovascular field? _____ % Since _____ year

LICENSE INFORMATION

License State _____ Date Issued _____

RN License Number _____ CNS License Number _____

NP License Number _____ PA License Number _____

Pharmacist License Number _____

Percentage of professional time devoted to cardiovascular field? _____ % since _____ year

MEDICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

Name of Society	Office Held (if any)	Dates

1. Primary work setting (select one):

- Cardiovascular practice group
- HMO group model
- Multi-specialty group practice
- Governmental hospital or agency - medical
- HMO staff model
- Non-governmental hospital
- Governmental hospital or agency - VA
- Medical school or university
- Solo practice
- Other

2. Primary practice setting (select one):

- Inpatient Outpatient Both

3. Primary practice focus (select one):

- Cardiothoracic Surgery
- General Cardiology
- Peripheral Vascular
- Congestive Heart Failure
- Hypertension
- Preventive Cardiology
- Diagnostic Imaging
- Interventional
- Valvular Heart Disease
- Electrophysiology
- Pediatrics/Neonatal
- Other (please indicate)

4. Areas of interest (select as many as needed):

- Acute Critical Care
- CV Education (patient)
- Information Technology
- Anticoagulation Clinics
- CV Education (staff)
- Lipids Clinic
- Arrhythmias and Devices
- Diabetic Management
- Pediatrics/Neonatal
- Cardiac Rehab
- Diagnostic Testing
- Preventive
- Chest Pain
- Emergency Care
- Quality Assurance
- Congestive Heart Failure
- General Cardiology
- Research
- Consulting/Consultation
- Hypertension
- Women's Health
- MR/CT Cardiology
- Cardiology
- Other (please indicate)

5. How did you find out about CCA membership in the ACC?

- Physician
- CCA Colleague
- www.CardioSource.org
- Advertisement in Professional Journal
- Professional Conference
- Mail Promotion
- E-mail Promotion
- ACC Chapter Representative
- Other (please indicate) _____

6. What medical publications do you read? Please list in order of preference with #1 as most preferred.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

7. What form of communication would you prefer the College to use?

- Fax
- Phone
- Mail
- E-mail

SPONSORSHIP LETTER

All new members, including physicians, must have a sponsor. A template letter is enclosed.

Name of Sponsor

Applicant Signature

Date

Recruited By: _____

Enclosed you will find a blank CCA Sponsorship Letter for your convenience. Any nurse practitioner, physician assistant, registered nurse, clinical nurse specialist, clinical pharmacist, or physician who is a member of the American College of Cardiology can sign this letter for you. If you need help finding a sponsor, please contact Kelli Bohannon at (800) 253-4636, ext. 6635 or via e-mail at kbohanno@acc.org.

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JOIN THE ACC AND BECOME PART OF A NETWORK OF PROFESSIONALS DEDICATED TO IMPROVING CARDIOVASCULAR CARE.

As a member of the ACC, you will have the option to join the Cardiovascular Team Member Section. The mission of the Cardiovascular Team Council and Section is to provide the Cardiac Care Associate (CCA) member segment with increased career development and leadership opportunities with the American College of Cardiology.

OBJECTIVES

- To improve the quality of cardiovascular care
- To advocate for an increase in educational opportunities for Cardiac Care Associate members
- To advocate for a team-based approach to cardiovascular care
- To strengthen advocacy efforts for cardiovascular specialists
- To enhance opportunities for mentoring and career development for cardiac care team members
- To foster relationships with other care team organizations to provide greater opportunities for the Cardiac Care Associate members

WORKING GROUPS

Cardiac Care Associate members are encouraged to be active in the College, to advance the perspective of the CCA in efforts within the College, in practice and on the Hill. A selection of our working groups is listed below. Upon completion of your application, those interested in joining the working groups below should contact Kelli Bohannon at kbohanno@acc.org.

- CCA State Liaisons Working Group
- CCA Designation Working Group
- Cardiovascular Team Section Practice Outcomes and Research Working Group
- Cardiovascular Team Section Working Group for Advanced Practice Nurses
- Cardiovascular Team Section Working Group for Clinical Pharmacists
- Cardiovascular Team Section Working Group for Physician Assistants
- Cardiovascular Team Section Working Group for Registered Nurses
- Cardiovascular Team Section Advocacy Working Group
- CCA Publications & Web Content Working Group

ADVOCACY

The Cardiovascular Team Section works closely with the Advocacy Steering Committee and its three (3) advisory boards (Legislative, Regulatory and Payer), to create awareness regarding the ACC advocacy initiatives and engage the Cardiac Care Associate membership.

QUALITY

The Cardiovascular Team Section supports the College's ongoing quality improvement efforts and initiatives by reviewing and providing feedback on clinical documents and guidelines, as well as through CCA contributions to the National Cardiovascular Data Registry. Currently, Cardiac Care Associate members serve on several of the ACC's key quality-related working groups and committees including:

- ACTION Registry®-GWTG™ Registry Steering Committee
- Quality First Network Steering Committee
- Cardiovascular Practice Recognition Program Committee
- CQC Steering Committee
- CQC Partners in Quality (PIQ) Work Group
- Patient-Centered Care Health Policy Writing Group

MEMBER SECTIONS

In addition to the Cardiovascular Team Section, CCAs also have the option to join two subspecialty sections: the Interventional Scientific Member Section and Adult Congenital and Pediatric Cardiology Member Section. As section members, you'll have the opportunity to influence activities related to the specialties and network with colleagues of similar interest.



**CARDIOVASCULAR
TEAM COUNCIL**

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