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ACPC Section Meeting

Saturday, March 13
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Atlanta Marriott Marquis
RSVP today!



Quality in Pediatric Cardiology and Congenital Heart Disease:

Past, Present and Future Perspectives

Join us for the inaugural Dan G. McNamara lecture presented by Charles Mullins, M.D., F.A.C.C. Additional presentations include discussion of development and use of quality metrics efforts in adult congenital and pediatric cardiology.

Sunday, March 14
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Georgia World Congress Center

ACPC Career and Mentoring Session

You know you want to be a pediatric cardiologist or adult congenital cardiologist, but how do you reach that goal? This session will focus on practical steps to launching a career in pediatric/congenital cardiology including career tracks, promotions and more!

Monday, March 15
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Omni Hotel at CNN Center
Cypress Room
RSVP to adeborn@acc.org

Congenital Cardiology Solutions Live Cases

Full-day session devoted to interventional and congenital cardiac interventions, with a focus on Right Ventricular Outflow Tract (RVOT), including live cases from

Toronto Sick Children's Hospital
and Miami Children's Hospital.

Tuesday, March 16
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Georgia World Congress Center

Please visit the [ACC.10 planner](#) for more exciting educational content within Congenital Cardiology Solutions

For more information about registration, visit www.acc10.acc.org

Save the Date!

2010 Congenital Heart Lobby Day

April 22, 2010
co-sponsored by the Ohio and California Chapters of the ACC
For more information, please contact smitchel@acc.org

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The Adult Congenital and Pediatric Cardiology Section (ACPC) of the American College of Cardiology connects more than 1,200 members who share a professional interest in pediatric cardiology, adult congenital cardiology and congenital heart disease surgery. Members of the ACPC Section speak through a collective voice to advance and advocate priorities that correspond both to the College's mission and the pediatric and congenital cardiology community. Gerard Martin, MD, FACC chairs the ACPC Section.

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Don't miss a minute of CCS.10!

At the American College of Cardiology's 2010 Annual Scientific Session in Atlanta, adult congenital and pediatric cardiologists will find everything they need for professional success. The Congenital Cardiology Solutions Learning Pathway, or CCS.10, is better than ever this year, with programming that not only reports the latest clinical advances, but also explores important professional themes: teamwork, lifelong care and quality.

By taking an integrated approach that highlights the complex interaction between cardiologists, interventional cardiologists, cardiac surgeons and cardiac care associates, CCS.10 offers the ideal educational venue for all members of the clinical team.

"This meeting demonstrates the team model of caring for patients with congenital heart disease first and foremost," says Gerard R. Martin, M.D., a senior vice president and C. Richard Beyda Professor of Cardiology at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and chair of the ACPC Section. "We have tried to provide everything in one place. It's a unique opportunity."

Lifelong care is another theme woven throughout CCS.10. Tailored programming addresses challenges that arise not only when children with congenital heart disease transition to adulthood, but also when CHD is first discovered later in life. CCS.10 is full of information on how to provide lifelong care to this diverse group of patients, covering topics including procedures in the developing fetus, complex surgery in children, pregnancy evaluation, arrhythmia management and more.

Quality—and the recent groundswell of initiatives for tracking and documentation of long-term clinical outcomes—is a third, critical focus of CCS.10. A new offering named in honor of the late Dan Goodrich McNamara, M.D., the McNamara Lecture, will launch the Quality Symposium this year.

During his remarkable career, Dr. McNamara trained dozens of pediatric cardiologists, boldly advocated for collaboration between surgeons and cardiologists and participated in pioneering work in diagnostic methods and outcomes. He also served as ACC president. The McNamara Lecture, made possible through the efforts of the ACPC Section, will be delivered by Charles E. Mullins, M.D., himself a pioneer in pediatric cardiology.

In addition, numerous sessions will report long-term outcomes from clinical studies, offer guidance on how to accomplish multi-center trials, and highlight opportunities to participate in quality initiatives sponsored by the Joint Council on Congenital Heart Disease (of which the ACPC Council is a member) and the ACC's IMPACT Registry.

"There is a menu of options that individuals can choose from," Dr. Martin says. "We can all be working at our various hospitals on an outcomes measure, and begin to fill the evidence gap."

Don't miss a minute of CCS.10! For information on registration and housing, go to acc10.acc.org.

Attend sessions on these topics at ACC.10/CCS.10

- The left ventricle: How small is too small?
- Ventricular assist devices: When to use and which to choose
- Adult congenital heart disease for the general cardiologist
- Quality in pediatric cardiology and congenital heart disease: Past, present and future perspectives—including the Inaugural McNamara Lecture
- Great Debates:
 - Should treatment guidelines for Marfan Syndrome be extended to other aortic conditions?
 - Is surgical repair the treatment of choice for native aortic coarctation in children and young adults?
 - Should general ICD criteria be applied in CHD?

Spotlight Session, Tuesday, March 16, 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

- When to re-intervene on the right ventricular outflow tract in children after TOF repair?
- Debate: Is surgery superior to transcatheter therapy for restoring pulmonary valve competence?
- Live Cases I and II from Toronto Sick Children's Hospital and Miami Children's Hospital! Plus expert lectures on pulmonary valve replacement and the long-term results of bare-metal stenting of obstructed RV-PA conduits.

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- Network with colleagues and share your ideas and goals for the ACPC Section.

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