



Women in Cardiology

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Women in Cardiology Section Meeting

The section meeting will take place on **Saturday, March 13, from 4:30-5:30pm, in Room L404 of the Atlanta Marriott Marquis**. This is an excellent opportunity to network with other women who share some of the same interests and challenges as they relate to mentoring, personal and family issues, career choices and participation in leadership in your practice/institution and in the ACC. There will also be opportunity to get more involved with the Women's Section by learning more about and supporting one of its many initiatives.

Don't forget to wear your WIC Section membership pin!

Newly Elected Women FACC Reception

A reception honoring Newly Elected Women Fellows will be held on Monday, **March 15, 2010**, prior to Convocation, at **4:30pm, at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Pulse Loft**. Check your mail for an invitation.

Recruit a Colleague to ACC Membership

As a Women in Cardiology member, you know first-hand the benefits of being part of the ACC. Encourage your colleagues to join the ACC and help them discover the ACC's education, tools and resources that will help their practice continue to thrive and serve their local patient community. Visit www.acc.org/beamember for information on becoming a member of the ACC.

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Champion of Women's Health Speaks to WIC at ACC.10

Susan F. Wood, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Jacobs Institute of Women's Health at The George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services has followed anything but a straight line in her career. "Some women have decision points that follow a traditional path. Others' careers are more zigzag. Mine was a non-traditional route," says Dr. Wood.



In her lecture, *Navigating Your Career: How to Handle Roadblocks and Detours*, Dr. Wood will address the Women in Cardiology Brown Bag Lunch attendees, discussing her story, her career and obstacles she has faced and overcome.

While her career path is unusual – from science with a Ph.D. in biology; to policy as Director for Policy and Program Development at the U.S. Department of Health Policy; to women's health at the Jacobs Institute and Associate Professor of Health Policy and of Environmental and Occupational Health at George Washington University – Dr. Wood has remained a dedicated champion of women's health care and of applying scientific evidence to health policy decision-making. In 2005, she resigned from the FDA where she was Assistant Commissioner for Women's Health and the Director of the Office of Women's Health over the agency's continued delay in approving emergency over-the-counter contraception, when, in her words, "science became ruled by politics".

Given WIC's mission of mentoring, broadening career choices and encouraging participation in leadership roles, Dr. Wood's experience and expertise are especially relevant for members. In her talk, Dr. Wood will take up such topical issues as professional women and their responsibility as mentors, her dealings with women members of Congress as they advocate for their communities in matters of health care and the necessity for education and training as the numbers rise of women with heart disease. She will also discuss roadblocks and detours in careers and how to get back on track.

[Click here](#) to visit the WIC Web site for up-to-date information on section activities.

"Women who are leaders in their profession have their own challenges but also the challenge of mentoring others. People look to them as leaders," says Dr. Wood. But, she continues, "How do you balance professional work with the expectations of others for you to be mentors and leaders?"

The congresswomen with whom she works must take on the role of disseminating information to a wide variety of women to serve their diverse constituencies. This has become especially urgent given the growing number of women with heart disease. "There is an increased need for patient education and training," says Dr. Wood, a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of WomenHeart/the National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease and a powerful advocate for the national Heart Truth campaign. Recognizing the importance of partnership in delivering a wakeup call to women about heart disease, Dr. Wood says, "I will look to the WIC as partners and leaders in promoting health for women."

Don't miss this opportunity to hear Dr. Wood at the WIC Brown Bag Lunch Session on Sunday, March 14, 2010 from 12:15 to 1:45 pm at the Convention Center in room A314.

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