



Practice Compact PREAMBLE

The medical profession is facing unprecedented social and political change. In these challenging times it is vital for members of the American College of Cardiology to renew their commitment to excellence and to demonstrate that commitment through the systematic practice and delivery of high value cardiovascular care.

We pledge ourselves to this compact.

The College's Pledge to PINNACLE Network Practice Members is to

- Provide the foundation for cardiovascular professionals and their practices through service offerings in the following domains: evidence-based medicine, practice management and operations, quality improvement, education and advocacy.
- Enhance professional success and satisfaction through the application of systematic and accurate measurement, analysis, and feedback on performance.
- Develop member-vetted programs and tools to help reduce the costs of practice, streamline work flow, reduce administrative burdens, and strengthen the business case for quality, thereby enhancing practice viability and vitality.
- Create a community to share pragmatic solutions to practice problems, accelerating the learning cycle and connecting peers to address common issues.
- Advocate at federal, state, and local payer levels for enhanced recognition and reimbursement based on PINNACLE Network members' commitment to the delivery of high value CV care.

Physicians' Pledge to the PINNACLE Network is to

- Learn, teach, and practice the principles of continuous quality improvement and share experience with others to help transform CV practice.
- Commit to individual and practice measurement, thoughtful review of those data, and action based on that review.
- Commit to working towards full participation in the PINNACLE Registry, the nation's first ambulatory QI program for cardiovascular patients.

Physicians joint commitment to their patients and community:

- Implement the most effective clinical practices as the guiding principle for quality and utilization management through the use of appropriate use criteria and procedure guidelines
- Demonstrate accountability for the escalating costs of cardiology services.
- Develop systems that support safe, high quality, efficient care.
- Facilitate a collaborative approach to patient care by demonstrating respect for and among cardiology practice associates, physicians, and administration.
- Promote a healthy patient-physician relationship by maintaining effective communication, transparent and shared decision making, and a focus on understanding all points of view.

ACCOUNTABILITY TO THIS COMPACT

The American College of Cardiology PINNACLE Network members will hold each other accountable for fulfilling the obligations of this compact.