As we enter 2021, we are so excited to celebrate our 30 years of education and impact. From the first newsletter in 1991 to the establishment of our Centers of Excellence in 2012 to our current work with the FDA on Anticoagulation Stewardship, the AC Forum has been a leader in the field. Our team of experts work to provide guidance and clarity on clinical best practices for multidisciplinary care teams with the goal of improving the quality of patient care.

**AC Forum's 30th Anniversary Virtual Celebration**

Wednesday | April 14, 2021
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET

All attendees will be entered into a drawing for a free registration to our National Conference in October!

Click here to celebrate with Us!

Thank you to everyone who shared their member experiences!

Still interested in providing feedback? Share your thoughts [here](#)

Congratulations to the winners of the AC Forum Sock Give Away!

> Brandi Cummings, PharmD, Richmond Veteran’s Affairs Medical Center
> Leah Frantzen, PharmD, BSPS, M Health Fairview
> Dawn Funk, MSN, BSN, RN, Novant Health UVA Health System Prince William Cardiology
> Ted Heierman, PharmD
> Melinda Miller, RN, Atlanta Heart Group

Here’s what our members are saying...

I started our anticoagulation clinic almost 18 years ago, and anytime I have questions about standards of care, I immediately look to the AC Forum for help. Our clinic would not be where we are today with the AC Forum and their leaders.

Janet Campbell, RN, BSN, CACP
*CoxHealth- Wheeler Heart & Vascular Clinic*
Call to Action: Structural Racism as a Fundamental Driver of Health Disparities: A Presidential Advisory from the American Heart Association
Thursday | March 18, 2021 | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

Structural racism has been and remains a fundamental cause of persistent health disparities in the United States. This presidential advisory by the AHA reviews the historical context, current state, and potential solutions to address structural racism in our country.

Join representatives from the American Heart Association, American Society of Health System Pharmacists, and the Anticoagulation Forum for a discussion of the article in the first of a four-part series on racial disparities in health care.

**Guest Speakers**
Eduardo Sanchez, MD, MHP, FAAFP
Anjail Z. Sharrief, MD, MPH, FAHA
Paul Walker, PharmD
Terri Wiggins, MS

**AC Forum Moderators**
Tracy Minichiello, MD
Sara Vazquez, PharmD, BCPS, CACP

Be the first to learn about our scholarships being offered for our National Conference and Abstract Research Awards

**Register Now**

**Read AHA's Call to Action here**

Hear from Dr. Sara Vazquez, Co-Chair of AC Forum's new IDEA Committee, on the importance of this topic and relevance to every AC Forum member.

**Watch Sara's video to learn about our diversity initiatives**

*This webinar is coordinated by the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Allyship (IDEA) Committee. Through the IDEA Committee, the AC Forum will work to increase awareness and promote diversity in our leadership, membership, and programming. We hope our members will engage in this initiative to re-evaluate their current practice, work to reduce health inequities, and improve the quality of care for all patients.*

**To Claim Credit (active on 3/18)**, just click on claim cme!

Interested in viewing our enduring webinars?
Join us Thursday & Friday, April 15-16, 2021
Broadcast live with 30-day access until May 15th
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Here is our program:

**Thursday, April 15 - 9am to 6pm**
- Essentials of Coagulation Cascade and Hemostasis
- Pharmacology of Anticoagulants and Critical Drug Interactions
- Common Indications: Atrial fibrillation
- Common Indications: Venous thromboembolism
- Patient Education
- Invasive Procedure Planning
- VTE Prophylaxis
- Special Situations

**Friday, April 16 - 9am to 4pm**
- Cardiac Valves and Circulatory Support
- AC Forum Centers of Excellence
- Managing Bleeding & Other Unexpected Situations
- Anticoagulation in Pediatric Population
- Transitions of Care
- Quality improvement and Benchmarking

Daily Chalk Talks will provide live Q&A with our faculty so bring your toughest questions and cases!

**Faculty**
- Arthur Allen, PharmD
- Geoff Barnes, MD
- Marilyn Blumenstein, MSN, CRNP
- Nathan Clark, PharmD
- Mark Crowther, MD
- Adam Cuker, MD
- Scott Kaatz, DO
- Sara Vazquez, PharmD
- Diane Wirth, ANP
- Dan Witt, PharmD

Here's what some of our 2020 attendees had to say . . .

"Excellent Job! Of all of the virtual conferences I have attended, this was the most engaging."

"The course gave me better decision-making in special populations such as valvular, pregnancy and APS plus I got ideas for QA data and justification for staffing."

"Absolutely a fantastic conference! You hit the ball out of the park with the virtual format and I’m tremendously thankful."

"Diane's strategies for transfer of care were helpful. Geoff's review of the different types of valves was a great review and filled in some knowledge gaps I had."
"Boot Camp renewed my passion for what I do & definitely helped to increase my level of confidence."

AC Forum in the News

AC Forum President-Elect, Allison Burnett, PharmD, PHc, CACP, highlights the “Core Elements of Anticoagulation Stewardship” and the importance of the pharmacists role in her new article "Pharmacists on the Bleeding Edge of ADE Prevention" published in Pharmacy Practice News in the February 2021 edition.

Read Published Article

Anticoagulation Center of Excellence

New Tools and Literature Updates!

View our newest Rapid Resource:
Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Prophylaxis in Acutely Ill Medical Patients

As the field of anticoagulation continues to quickly evolve and become more nuanced, Rapid Resources aim to provide succinct one-page to two-page summaries to help providers stay informed.

This library of compact info sheets is housed in the ACE Rapid Resources section located on the left of our ACE Resource Center. New materials are added regularly!

View All Rapid Resources

Don’t miss the over 500 resources in our Library.

Literature Resource Updates!

Here is the breakdown of new articles:
> 3-07-21 update, 91 new articles, including 9 related to COVID-19
> 2-14-21 update, 56 new articles, including 7 related to COVID-19

Download the Latest Copy

Special thanks to Dr. Bishoy Ragheb who updates our literature search by topic!
Seeking Member Feedback!

AC Forum's National Conference is October 28th-30th, 2021 in San Francisco, CA. As we move forward in the planning process, we would appreciate your input so that we can ensure we are best serving the needs of our members.

Click here to complete the quick survey

Supporting our Partners

The Anticoagulation Forum is dedicated to supporting our partners. Information about partner events, activities, and programs are listed below.

Want to know how you or your organization can partner with the Anticoagulation Forum? Email us at info@acforum.org

Anticoagulation Management in the COVID-19 Era

Virtual Discussions with Scott Kaatz, DO, MSc, FACP, SFHM

March 10, 2021 | 8 PM ET
March 11, 2021 | 8 PM ET
March 16, 2021 | 8 PM ET
March 18, 2021 | 8 PM ET

Join Scott Kaatz, DO, MSc, FACP, SFHM, as he shares the latest data and interim prepublished analyses from international trials to examine evolving approaches to anticoagulation management in patients with COVID-19.

Topics include:
> Potential mechanisms of COVID-19 coagulopathy and microangiopathy
> Evolving guidance based on current research on anticoagulation therapy and treatment
> COVID-19 VTE risk and prophylaxis by patient setting

Register Now

Do not miss one of these final opportunities to engage in a small group virtual discussion with Dr. Kaatz. Please contact Bedford Scientific at BedfordCOVID19@thelockwoodgrp.com with any
questions. We hope you will consider participation in this timely program.

These virtual discussions, *Anticoagulation Management in the COVID-19 Era*, are brought to you by Bedford Scientific through an Independent Medical Education Grant from Pfizer Inc and are not affiliated with AC Forum.

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**Open Position: Thrombosis Specialist Partner**  
Intermountain Medical Center, Salt Lake City, UT

The Intermountain Healthcare Thrombosis Division is seeking a board certified / board eligible internist or specialist partner to join an established team focused on Thrombosis and Anticoagulation at Intermountain Medical Center. 70% of time will be committed to Thrombosis clinical care, and the other 30% of time will be committed to academic/administrative responsibilities. Will have 1/3 share of thrombosis call and partner with developing a thrombosis telemedicine program. Academic roles will include participating in all Thrombosis Research Group meetings, joining all active thrombosis research group projects as co-investigator, and application for a faculty appointment. Prior research experience and clinical trial experience is preferred.

For details please contact Dr. Scott Woller directly at scott.woller@imail.org.

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