Rheumatic Valve-Associated Atrial Fibrillation: Selecting the Best Anticoagulant Strategy

Thursday | October 27, 2022 | 12:00pm ET
11:00am CT | 10:00am MT | 9:00am PT

Join Dr. Stuart Connolly and AC Forum guests as we discuss the implications of the INVICTUS trial comparing rivaroxaban with warfarin in patients with rheumatic valve-associated atrial fibrillation.

Register now!
**Health Disparities in PAD - What to Know as an Anticoagulation Provider**

Faculty:
- Foluso Fakorede, MD
- Surabhi Palkimas, PharmD

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**"Advancing Anticoagulation Stewardship: A Playbook"**

Faculty:
- Allison Burnett, PharmD, PhC, CACP
- Scott Kaatz, DO, MSc, FACP, SFVM
- Chelsea Lynch, MPH, MSN, Rn, CIC
- Scott Winiecki, MD
- Arthur Allen, PharmD, CACP

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Missed Boot Camp last weekend?

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Register by **October 21st** to access the presentation recordings for 30 days through November 7th!

Only $249 per person

**Learn More & Register**

14+ hours of CME available for physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians!

This is the final Boot Camp of the year, with our next program not taking place until Fall 2023.

You don't want to miss it!

**Congratulations to our Boot Camp Scholarship Recipients!**

Mudishya Abeywickrama, MD  
Ministry of Health Sri Lanka

Hassan Dehaini, MD  
MetroHealth Medical Center

Shirley Abraham, MD  
University of New Mexico

Anamika Kalam, PharmD  
HCA Healthcare Houston Northwest
Registration Now Open!

17th National Conference on Anticoagulation Therapy
April 1-3, 2023
San Francisco, CA

It is our pleasure to invite you to attend our 17th National Conference on Anticoagulation Therapy, which will take place IN-PERSON at the the Marriott Marquis in San Francisco, CA on April 1-3, 2023.

Our conference features over 30 nationally recognized anticoagulation experts and provides the largest venue for open discussion and education on advances in anticoagulant therapy and improved patient care.

We've created an agenda full of timely topics including:

- New Agents, New Indications
- Women's Health
- Clinic Administration
- Specialist Perspectives
- Thrombophilia Testing and Management
- Periprocedural Anticoagulation
- LAAO Devices
- Arterial Thrombosis
- DOAC Levels, D-dimer, & Other Testing
- LV Thrombus
- Pediatric Clotting
- and More!

Register Now!
Four AC Forum TRAIN Pharmacist Residency Grants Awarded!

Thrombosis/Hemostasis Residency Award and Innovation Network (TRAIN)

The Anticoagulation Forum is pleased to announce that 4 sites have been selected to receive two years of funding for pharmacist PGY2 residencies in Thrombosis and Hemostasis Management for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 residency cycles.

The successful applicants are:

- Henry Ford Health (Detroit, MI)
- Johns Hopkins Health (Baltimore, MD)
- Sanford Health (Sioux Falls, SD)
- University of New Mexico (Albuquerque, NM)

The application and award cycle will open again in Spring 2023.

Learn more about the program by visiting our website or stopping by the AC Forum booth during the Residency Showcase at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting on Tuesday, December 6th in Las Vegas, NV.

Today is World Thrombosis Day!

The AC Forum is proud to join communities from around the world in providing educational events that serve to increase global awareness of thrombosis, including its causes, risk factors, sign/systems, and evidence-based prevention and treatment.
"Advancing Anticoagulation Stewardship: A Playbook"

The Anticoagulation Forum, in partnership with the National Quality Forum (NQF), and with funding from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), is pleased to announce the release of "Advancing Anticoagulation Stewardship: A Playbook", a new, publicly available guide to help healthcare organizations implement evidence-based strategies to promote patient safety in the use of anticoagulant medications.

Download the Playbook

Meet Our Newest Staff Member!

Anna Nilsson joins the Anticoagulation Forum as our new Executive Assistant! She will assist in organizing day-to-day operations, supporting team and board members, scheduling and managing meetings, arranging corporate travel, and managing event logistics.

Prior to joining the AC Forum, Anna was the Program Manager for a sport psychology practice, Unlimited Resilience LLC, as well as a Program Administrator for another psychology practice, Rowan Psychotherapy and Consulting, PLLC. Her background includes supporting practice directors, managing operations and finances, marketing and website maintenance, along with coordinating with patients and their caregivers.

Anna started her career within healthcare at Boston Children's Hospital in their Sports Medicine Department as an Administrative Assistant. During her time at Children's, she supported the director of sports medicine and managed their schedule. Additionally, she transcribed medical notes, referrals, and worker compensation documents.

Before working in healthcare, Anna was a marketing assistant for a multiphysics simulation company, COMSOL, Inc. At COMSOL, Anna gained experience in travel planning, event logistics, contract negotiation, and marketing.

Anna received her BS in Public Health with a focus in Public Policy and Management in 2019 from UMass Amherst. She spends her free time being active, running and hiking in the warm weather, while snowboarding and cross-country skiing in the cold. Most of all, she enjoys being with her family, dog, and friends.
**Newly Updated Rapid Resource**

Direct Oral Anticoagulant (DOAC) Drug-Drug Interaction Guidance

September 2022

Resource updates include a new algorithm on how to find and utilize info on a drug/drug interaction!

Read Now!

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**AC Forum IDEA Initiative**

*Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Allyship*

The AC Forum IDEA Initiative works to increase awareness and promote diversity in our leadership, membership, and programming.

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**Scholarship Opportunity**

As an organization, the AC Forum is working to increase awareness and promote diversity in our leadership, membership, and programming. As part of this initiative, we are pleased to offer scholarships to our National Conference to support the ongoing education of clinicians from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups. Scholarships will be awarded to candidates who best
illustrate the desire to further their professional knowledge in the field of antithrombotic therapy.

**Scholarship Award:**
- Complementary registration to National Conference (minimum $345 value)
- Travel stipend of $1000

**Eligibility:**
- Applicants must be clinicians from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups within the field of antithrombotic therapy
**OR**
- A clinician conducting research on racial health disparities (Abstract Research Award only)

Learn More & Apply

Applications Due November 1, 2022

**Recommended Reading**

*The Black American Amputation Epidemic*
Lizzie Presser
ProPublicia

*Mississippi Delta Miracle: Angiographic Screening Yields Dramatic Reduction in Amputations*
Fakorede, F.; Anose, B.; Yost, M. et al.
*CathLabDigest*

**Training Opportunity**

*ASHP Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Certificate*
Self-guided, online program incorporating recorded presentations, worksheets, and practice activities.

Learn more about how the AC Forum is addressing health disparities

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From Our Leadership

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*Board Member Spotlight*

**Andrea Van Beek, RN, DNP, AGPCNP-BC**
Nurse Practitioner
How did you become interested in the field of anticoagulation?
Completely by chance! I was looking for a new job and called a Cardiologist that I worked with during my Cath Lab days asking if there were any NP positions in the Cardiology department at my current clinic. He thought about it for a week or two and called me back and asked if I wanted to start a Coumadin Clinic. I thought that sounded terribly boring, but I was sort of desperate, so I jumped at it. My anticoagulation knowledge was extremely limited, so I started googling and one of the first resources that popped up was AC Forum...which quickly became my go-to as I self-taught. What started as a Coumadin Clinic I've now grown into full outpatient anticoagulation service – and I LOVE what I do!

Do you have an ultimate career goal?
My area is very underserved, and I'm the only dedicated anticoagulation clinic for about 100 square miles. I have HUGE dreams of expanding services. Some days I dream of opening my own independent Anticoagulation Clinic (I've been told this hasn't been done before...I like a challenge!) Other days I dream of quitting anticoagulation and becoming a professional gardener...

Do you have any hobbies? If not, how do you like to spend your free time?
I love to work outside in my yard. Mowing is one of my favorite pastimes. I enjoy being with my family, whether that be at the lake, or Sunday coffee times, or mid-week dinners. I also enjoy (or so I tell myself) exercising.

What is an interesting fact about yourself?
During my senior year of high school, I was a Dairy Princess. I represented Tulare County – the top milk producing county in the nation. It was an extremely beneficial program that helped lay the groundwork for public speaking and leadership skills.

Do you have any pets?
Well, if you count a few thousand cows as pets...

What is your favorite family tradition?
Each year we go to a local lake and rent a house for a week – we water-ski, tube, play bingo and card games, and eat great food. It's the best week of the year!

If you could meet any celebrity, who would it be and what would you do?
I've already met the celebrity I most wanted to meet: AC Forum Celebrity Jack Ansell! I read Jack's work extensively while working on my doctoral thesis – he was a total celebrity in my mind. He sat down next to me at our ACF Board Retreat this spring, and I was completely star struck and could barely string a sentence together.

Aside from necessities, what one thing could you not go a day without?
Sunshine, humor, and a little (or a lot) of sarcasm. I love to have fun.

Is there anything you wish would come back in fashion?
Cowboy boots are a favorite of mine. They seem to wax and wane on style trends, but hopefully are here to stay now. Back when I worked in the Cath Lab I was at a Destruction Derby and was on STEMI call. I got called in and forgot my work shoes at home, so I did the STEMI in my cowboy boots.

What is the most daring thing you’ve done?
I’m a type A non-adventurer, but my most daring moment in life was nearly maxing out a car’s speedometer driving on the Autobahn in Germany a few years ago!

Anything else you’d like to share?
For those of you out there who are just getting started in anticoagulation – jump in with both feet! I strongly encourage you to utilize the resources that are available to you, and to get involved with the AC Forum. You don’t have to be an expert to be a part of the organization – we just need willing individuals to help us further our mission to educate providers to provide high quality care to patients. Joining the AC Forum Board of Directors is the best thing I’ve done in my career – I feel so fortunate to be a part of such a fantastic organization. Thank you for giving me this opportunity!