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From the President's Desk



Dear Members,

Thank you for your continued support of the Anticoagulation Forum. As we look to the future, I want to take a moment to thank our Immediate Past President Mark Crowther for his excellent leadership and commitment.

As the premier provider of education and an authoritative voice among anticoagulation professionals, it is our mission to offer insight and expertise to those of you on the front lines. My goal, as your new President, is to grow our community of physicians, pharmacists, and nurses by sharing engaging content and stories of excellence and providing important educational opportunities and resources.

Together we can improve the quality of care for patients on anticoagulants. Continue to utilize and share all the important information AC Forum has to offer:

- Use our website: our robust resource library, VTE guidance, and best practices from our Centers of Excellence
- Share your best practices in the Centers Of Excellence
- Participate in our monthly Lunch and Learn Webinars and attend our Boot Camps
- Learn on the go with our exciting new educational platform - ACForum.MinuteCE
- Help us grow our community and extend our reach by sharing with us on social media

Sincerely,

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Education in 5 Minutes or Less
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Free CE Available in October

This year's conference held last April in Los Angeles, CA, provided our members with a unique opportunity for open discussion and education on advances in anticoagulant therapy and in support of improved patient care.

As an added free benefit to our members, we are excited to announce the launch of a novel mobile educational platform, ACForum.MinuteCE.com. Here you can view highlighted lectures from many key sessions from this year's conference held in April. It's an ideal way to visit top presentations from the meeting, and stay current with the latest research and clinical advancements. Even if you attended the meeting you can receive additional CME credits for taking the on-line course.

ACForum.MinuteCE.com is a Mobile Microburst Learning Platform, with programs broken down into modules ranging between 30 seconds and 10 minutes, so you can watch, learn and earn free CE at any time, at your own pace.

ACForum.MinuteCE.com provides brief, focused presentations on:

- Current research, best-practice approaches, and real world experience in addressing
- contemporary issues and challenges in anticoagulation
- Hot topics in anticoagulation and venous thromboembolism (VTE)
- Insights and updates on the use and management of direct oral anticoagulants (DOACs)

Access to this exciting resource will be available on our site soon.



Just Announced! Anticoagulation Boot Camp Austin, April 23-24, 2018

AC Forum's regional boot camp will be held this spring in Austin, TX. This compact 2-day meeting provides a comprehensive curriculum that covers the essential aspects of anticoagulation, disease state, and drug management. An engaging discussion around quality improvement, new agents and special situations will benefit all practitioners, and daily "chalk talks" will allow for attendee participation to shape the topics. The boot camp model will have a limited enrollment in order to provide ample time for Q&A and personal interaction with our expert faculty.

Registration will be available soon at acforumbootcamp.org.



October Webinar: Uninterrupted Dabigatran versus Warfarin for Ablation in Atrial Fibrillation

Thursday, October 19, 1:30PM ET
Guest Author: Hugh Calkins, MD

Catheter ablation of atrial fibrillation is typically performed with uninterrupted anticoagulation with warfarin or interrupted non-vitamin K antagonist oral anticoagulant therapy. Uninterrupted anticoagulation with a non-vitamin K antagonist oral anticoagulant, such as dabigatran, may be safer; however, controlled data are lacking. We investigated the safety of uninterrupted dabigatran

versus warfarin in patients undergoing ablation of atrial fibrillation.

To read an abstract of the study in the *The New England Journal of Medicine*, click [here](#).

Our webinars are free and open to all medical professionals. Advance registration is required.

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November Webinar: A multifaceted intervention to improve treatment with oral anticoagulants in atrial fibrillation (IMPACT-AF): an international, cluster-randomised trial

Wednesday, November 15, 12:00 PM ET
Guest Author: Renato Lopes, MD

Oral anticoagulation is underused in patients with atrial fibrillation. We assessed the impact of a multifaceted educational intervention, versus usual care, on oral anticoagulant use in patients with atrial fibrillation.

To read an abstract of the study in *The Lancet Haematology*, click [here](#).

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