President's Message

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Dear FCACC Colleagues,

In 2019 we are at an important inflection point in medicine, with mandates to provide care in the face of increased regulatory and documentation burdens, new integrated systems of healthcare delivery that hold promise for better care of large populations but may sacrifice the nuanced care required for an individual patient, and the introduction of disruptive new therapies and technologies. Facing these challenges requires the long-term strategic commitment to goals by organizations like the Florida Chapter of the American College of Cardiology.

I believe that there are three pillars for our organization. The first pillar is advocacy. In 2018 we had our third consecutive state "fly-in" to Tallahassee. During these events we are able to talk to lawmakers directly about critical issues such as preauthorization, retroactive denial, and preventing MOC status from being used for hospital credentialing. The second is facilitating strategies that provide best quality care regardless of the delivery model. Our chapter continues to help develop new programs that provide measurable benefits in quality of care to our patients and is always looking for new opportunities to facilitate the spread of "best practice". Finally, education has always been one of the primary roles for the Florida Chapter. Our annual meeting has continued to grow and is now the largest state chapter meeting in the United States. Although the meeting continues to attract national and international thought leaders who speak on the latest issues, the highest value comes from in-person interaction among caregivers throughout the state. Talking to a friend and colleague about a great program at their practice often leads to something that I can bring home for my patients. The best ideas come from our collective wisdom. Our organization has a 30 year history of cardiologists around the state collaborating to improving cardiovascular care for Floridians.

Get involved. We are the Florida Chapter.

Best regards,

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