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CHAPTER

Ohio Chapter of the American College of Cardiology

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2019 State of the State Report

Top Accomplishment: Engaging Ohio-ACC members in Clinician Wellness Awareness & Prior Authorization

1. We developed an Ohio-ACC Wellness survey that was sent to all members.
2. Based on the survey results, we created and delivered a Wellness Townhall at our annual meeting with panelists representing physicians, the CV team, and the ACC executive office. Audience interaction was excellent.
3. We secured Ohio-ACC representation on the Ohio State Medical Association Wellness Work Group.
4. We engaged our PharmDs to create a new task force on Prior Authorization Best Practices, which developed a Resource List, Sample Documentation Templates for New Drug Starts, and Sample Appeal Letters to address some of the prior authorization issues that contribute to clinician burnout.
(<https://www.ohioacc.org/prior-authorization/>)

Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home

Accomplishments:

- Launched a wellness task force that successfully conducted a membership wellness survey and delivered a Wellness Townhall at our annual meeting.
- Successfully nominated two Governor candidates from private practice to diversify Ohio-ACC's leadership and to be inclusive of physicians in private practice. Also had two excellent CV Team Liaison candidates; our next liaison will also be from private practice.
- Conducted our first Women in Cardiology dinner for Northeast Ohio with nearly 20 registrants and excellent feedback. The group aims to host two dinner meetings per year, and 2020 will focus on leadership skills.
- Engaged CV team members with a pharmacy background to create a Pharmacy Task force that developed Prior Authorization Best practices for our members. In addition, we plan to offer pharmacy credits at our Spring Summit and annual meeting with the goal of increased participation from pharmacists.
- Initiated a Case of the Month series on www.ohioacc.org, highlighting cases and research submitted by cardiology fellows at our annual meeting.

Opportunities:

- As members indicate willingness to volunteer, we need to create opportunities to connect them with appropriate committees/taskforces within the chapter.
- We would like to design programs for the medical students and residents to encourage more women and minorities to join cardiology.

Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge

Accomplishments

- Updated www.ohioacc.org to provide content relevant to our state in line with our strategic goal. New content includes clinician and patient resources, including additional resources for prior authorization and clinician well-being. Newsletter open statistics remained solid at 33%, and website hits increased 26%.
- Created a Grand Rounds Hub on www.ohioacc.org. The Ohio-ACC is committed to promoting the clinical and academic growth of its members across the state and facilitating interaction between members, their hospital systems, and practices. The goal is to have compiled grand round presentations from field experts in Ohio for

use by fellows and practicing clinicians. In addition, this would provide an opportunity for programs to select grand round speakers for their institution and connect them with mentees interested in their field of expertise.

- Launching a quarterly pharmacy newsletter section to appraise our members on updates on newer cardiovascular medicines and to engage more pharmacy CV team members.
- Created an Ohio-ACC Education Chair position to oversee all of our educational program committees, educational offerings at annual meetings, on our website, and for potential future webinars.
- Held our 2019 Spring Summit, which included our CV Team Meeting, the 12th Annual Cardiovascular Update, and the 56th Annual Carl J. Wiggers Memorial Lecture. We had 134 attendees; 57 were CV Team members. The 12th Annual Cardiovascular Update is a CV team-run conference which is quite popular; testimony to its success is the fact that many cardiologists find the meeting outstanding and attend as well. This is an important member networking and educational event.
- Held our 2019 Annual Meeting with 152 attendees, 19 of which were CV Team members. Had an outstanding Poster Competition with 56 FIT posters, 1 resident poster, and 1 CV Team poster.

Opportunities:

Besides clinical education, we need to develop resources for leadership development for our board and cardiovascular management curriculum for our members. We have applied for an ACC chapter grant to collaborate with MedAxiom in this endeavor.

Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care

Accomplishments:

- Created an Ohio-ACC advocacy committee to vet advocacy and regulatory issues at the state and national levels and to include quarterly advocacy updates in our newsletter.
- Had a delegation of 20 Ohio members attend the ACC Legislative Conference in Washington, DC at the beginning of November.
- Held a successful 2019 State Legislative Day with 21 participants. Key issues discussed include increasing the legal age of sale for tobacco and vaping from 18 to 21, supporting telemedicine coverage parity between telemedicine services and in-office services, supporting a task force on physician, nursing, and allied health care work force, and supporting transparency of drug pricing.
- We have successfully partnered for joint advocacy efforts with the OSMA, the AHA, the Ohio Rare Disease Council, and an Ohio coalition to support efforts to stop discriminatory policies that drive up out-of-pocket costs for patients' prescription medications.

Opportunities:

Increasing member engagement in advocacy and participation in PAC.

Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability

Accomplishments:

- Made great strides in successful implementation of several initiatives from our strategic plan, especially with efforts in Clinician Wellness.
- Proud to have a diverse and inclusive board with 42% under-represented minorities/women.
- Successfully utilized Basecamp as a project management tool for strategic plan initiatives and board projects.
- Ohio-ACC remains financially strong with 7% growth from 2019 to 2020 due to prudent fiscal management and an appropriate investment policy.

Opportunities:

We need to develop a systematic process to facilitate a leadership pipeline and provide opportunities for board members to advance professionally within and outside of ACC.