



## News You Can Use

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### [ACC.21 Early Bird Registration Now Open](#)

ACC member and nonmember [early bird registration](#) is now open for ACC.21 – taking place May 15 – 17, 2021, in Atlanta, GA, and virtually. ACC.21 offers [Gold, Silver or Bronze](#) registration packages to meet your needs. The Gold Package provides learners with a [safe environment in Atlanta](#) and allows you to experience the excitement and camaraderie that only an in-person meeting can offer. The Silver and Bronze Packages provide an engaging virtual experience with an innovative digital platform built for learning, collaboration and networking. [Register today](#). The ACC is also accepting abstracts across 10 learning pathways, plus the Spotlight on Special Topics, Complex Clinical Cases and Interventional Challenging Cases until Wednesday, Dec. 2. [Learn more](#).

### [Guidance For Use of NCDR Clinical Quality Measures During COVID-19 Pandemic Released](#)

The College has released guidance for the use of NCDR data for external accountability, such as health insurance payer programs or employment compensation programs. The new recommendations on patient outcomes and care process measures recognize the changes in health care delivery related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including hospitals suspending elective procedures and patients delaying or deferring medical care. The guidance is specific to NCDR clinical quality measures and is not intended to apply to all cardiovascular measures of quality care and outcomes, either those developed by the ACC or other organizations. [Learn more](#).

### [Download the Latest Flu Tools](#)

Patients with cardiovascular disease have a ten times higher risk of heart attack within three days of getting the flu and are more likely to have a heart attack even weeks after the flu. However, only two-thirds of cardiac patients are getting the flu shot. Effectively communicating the risk associated with flu and cardiovascular disease is rated as one of the top challenges clinicians face during a patient visit. The [CardioSmart](#) team has developed an [infographic](#) and a [fact sheet](#) to help patients understand how the flu shot works and why is important to get one every year. In addition, the ACC has created a [risk communication tool](#) to assist clinicians in explaining risks of flu to cardiac patients. For more tools and resources on this topic, visit [CardioSmart.org/Flu](#).

## Learn the Year's Latest Science Virtually

Join Course Director Valentin Fuster, MD, PhD, MACC and some of the most prestigious names in cardiology for a not-to-be-missed virtual program without having to leave home or take a flight! Experience education presented by: JACC editors; top trialists; authors of top research and renowned educators. You will not want to miss presentations of this year's ground-breaking science by contributing authors and how you can translate this latest science into your daily practice. Register today for the [New York Cardiovascular Symposium Virtual](#), Saturday, December 12 and Sunday, December 13, 2020! Can't make those dates? Access the On-Demand sessions through Feb. 28, 2021!

## New ACC/AHA Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Guideline Encourages Shared Decision-Making

The new [2020 AHA/ACC Guideline for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Patients with Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy](#), published in the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, offers recommendations on the evaluation and management of patients with HCM, encourages shared decision-making between the clinician and patient when determining treatment course, and updates recommendations for sudden cardiac death risk assessment and HCM center referrals based on the latest evidence. [Read more](#). To accompany the guideline, the College has developed several tools and resources including a clinician-focused [HCM Guidelines Made Simple Tool](#) and a patient-focused [CardioSmart HCM Infographic](#). In addition, don't miss an [interactive central illustration](#) in *JACC* and two HCM Guideline-focused case reports in the latest issue of *JACC: Case Reports* from [de Feria, et al.](#), and [Kantor, et al.](#) Access these tools and more via [ACC's HCM Guideline Hub](#).

## [New ACC/AHA HF Performance and Quality Measures Released](#)

A new measure set to evaluate heart failure (HF) care in the inpatient and outpatient settings was released Nov. 2 and published in the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*. Developed by the ACC and the American Heart Association, the measure set is in accordance with the [2017 ACC/AHA/HFSA HF guideline update](#). Paul A. Heidenreich, MD, MS, FACC, chair of the writing committee, et al., updated the 2011 HF performance measure set, and developed "a comprehensive HF measure set" that includes 13 performance measures, four quality measures, one structural measure and two rehabilitation performance measures. [Read more](#).

## Check Out Full Coverage From AHA 2020 on [ACC.org](#).

In case you missed it, the ACC provided coverage of the hottest trials – including RIVER, HARP-MONICA, One Month DAPT, and GALACTIC-HF – that came out of the 2020 American Heart Association (AHA) meeting. For trial summaries, news coverage, highlight videos and more, visit [ACC.org/AHA2020](#). In addition, check out the latest installment of ACC's *Cardiology Hour*, as **Valentin Fuster, MD, PhD, MACC**, leads expert panelists in discussion on top late-breaking clinical trials released during AHA 2020. [Watch now](#).

## **Watch Expert Discussion With Dr. Valentin Fuster and Experts on Top Trials From AHA 2020.**

In the latest installment of the long-standing expert round-table discussion, *ACC Cardiology Hour*, **Valentin Fuster, MD, PhD, MACC**, leads expert panelists in discussion on top late-breaking clinical trials released during the 2020 American Heart Association (AHA) meeting. Watch as Fuster; ACC President **Athena Poppas, MD, FACC**; **Christine M. Albert, MD, MPH, FACC**; **Gilles Montalescot, MD**; and **Vinod H. Thourani, MD, FACC**, analyze key takeaways from GALACTIC-HF, TIPS-3, RHAPSODY, HARP-MINOCA and more. [Watch now](#) and find complete meeting coverage at [ACC.org/AHA2020](https://www.acc.org/AHA2020).

## **Introducing the New *JACC.org***

The ACC is excited to introduce the newly redesigned online home for *JACC Journals*. Developed with user input, the revamped *JACC.org* website incorporates a new umbrella [landing page](#), updated [search functionality](#), a [topic-based approach](#) across all *JACC Journals* content, and an [author center](#). The new look, navigation, and features are intended to streamline access to the trusted scientific research, guidelines and multimedia content cardiovascular clinicians rely on in daily practice and research. To allow users to fully explore the new features, content across all journals will remain unlocked through November. See the new homepage at [JACC.org](https://www.jacc.org) and explore details about the updates at [JACC.org/Welcome](https://www.jacc.org/welcome).