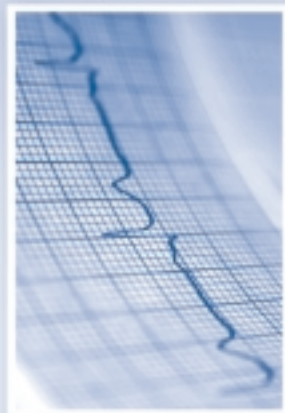
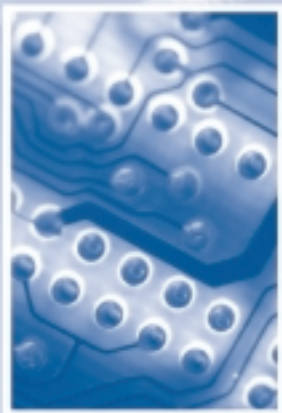
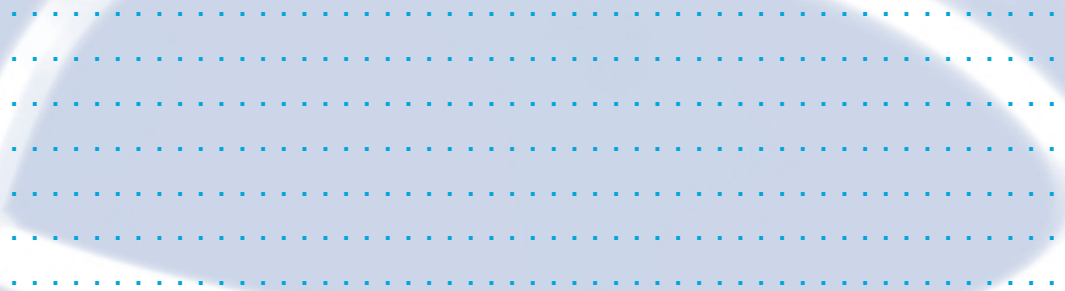




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Guide to Membership BENEFITS



The Alliance: Your Professional Advantage

A complete guide to obtain the maximum benefits available through your participation in the leading cardiovascular professionals organization in the country.

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ACVP Mission Statement

To meet the needs of all cardiovascular and pulmonary providers, to promulgate standards, and to promote recognition of the cardiovascular profession.

Goals

- Explore Alliances.
- Increase membership and improve retention.
- Develop guidelines for consistent marketing of ACVP.
- Determine the most effective communication strategy for members.
- Identify and promote the unique contribution of the individual specialties within ACVP.
- Review current educational programs both in content and delivery and propose recommendations for change.

Annual Meetings

Management Conference

The Alliance hosts a Cardiovascular Management Conference each March. Exhibits are also available for viewing, with new product updates and social events for professional networking.

Annual Technical Symposium

The Alliance hosts an Annual Technical Symposium each year preceding the American College of Cardiology Meeting. Special educational workshops and exhibits are focused on continuing professional development and training.

Management Institute

ACVP's renowned Management Institute with modules in:

- Human Resources
- Technical Assessment
- Financial Management
- Performance Improvement

Call (757) 497-1225 for a schedule or bring a module to your institution!

Credentialing Support

Credentialing Reviews

The Alliance provides reviews throughout the year for individuals interested in sitting for credentialing examinations.

Monographs and Study Guides

The Alliance offers members with discounted monographs and study guides to help prepare for credentialing exams.

Representation

The Alliance sends representatives to credentialing bodies, accrediting organizations and the JRC-CVT. This representation helps ensure that the theory of practice is in line with actual practice. It also helps to maintain that the exam and validation process is effective and ensures quality patient care.

Transcript Services

ACVP maintains a database of CEU's acquired by members that is recognized by organizations requiring CEU's for credentialing or licensure maintenance.

Educational Opportunities

Regional Meetings

The Alliance hosts regional meetings throughout the country in various specialty areas. Members are also invited to host a regional meeting/seminar at their institution. All seminars receive CEU credits.

Registry Reviews

With over 12 registry reviews hosted each year, we offer individuals the opportunity to study for the Cardiovascular Science, CCT, Invasive Registry and Noninvasive Registry exams.

Monographs & Study Guides

The Alliance offers monographs and study guides in various subject areas. These publications are designed to assist professionals through a self-study program.

Transcript Service

Forward your attendance certificates for recordation in our authorized and recognized CEU database, and receive a report annually upon request.



CaPCE CEU Program

Cardiovascular & Pulmonary Continuing Education Program. Offer CEU's to attendees as an authorized provider, as recognized through CaPCE.

Technical Paper

Write a technical paper for any of the specialty publications, the magazine or for presentation at the Annual Symposium. Please call the national office at (757) 497-1225 for information on how to prepare a paper for publication or presentation.

Alliance Leadership

Governance and Councils

Specialty councils are designed to provide you with the information you require for professional development and advancement. Each council is involved in activities relevant to that particular specialty.

Councils include:

- Echocardiography
- Invasive
- Cardiovascular Suppliers
- Noninvasive (Ekg, Stress Testing and Holter Monitors)
- Management
- Educators

Together, the councils make up the single most effective voice in cardiovascular medicine representing non-physician professionals. Each council is responsible for recommending policies to the national Board of Directors for advancement of the professionals represented in their council. All members are entitled to membership in the national organization and affiliation with a minimum of one council through indication of their primary specialty practice.

Each council chair is automatically a member of the national Board of Directors as elected by the membership. Elections are held every two years.

Health & Professional Liability Insurance

The Alliance works with McClellan Marsh Insurance, formerly Maginnis & Wohler's Insurance, to provide quality health insurance for you and your family. McClellan Marsh also provides professional liability insurance for members. Services offered through these companies are as independent contractors. McClellan Marsh can be contacted at (800) 503-9320. When you call be sure to mention that you are calling as a member of the Alliance of Cardiovascular Professionals. If you have any questions please call the National Office at (757) 497-1225.

Job Opportunities

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The ACVP website lists jobs and employment opportunities available throughout the country. Just visit www.acvp-online.org.

ONLINE AVAILABILITY — Employers invited to submit jobs. Call (757) 497-1225 for information or the website to post an opportunity.

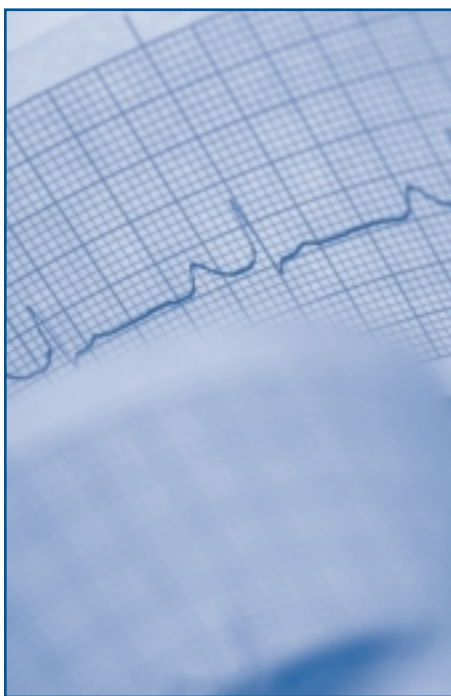
Newsletter Classified Opportunities Listing

Read the bi-monthly newsletter, CP Digest, for the latest job listings and positions available.

Price: Free to members
Call (757) 497-1225 for information.

Networking at Meetings

Employers often attend ACVP meetings seeking qualified candidates to fill job openings. The meetings also provide you with an informal opportunity to network with your colleagues and learn about job opportunities before they are publicly listed.



Legislative and Regulatory Activities

Committee Participation

Participate in or develop an ad-hoc committee in your state designed to seek licensure for cardiovascular professionals.

Information and Updates

Get on the mailing list for your state's legislative initiatives and announcements. Forward these announcements to the national office and/or write articles for your chapter or national publications informing the membership of the latest activities in your state. The national office can assist you in the interpretation of these initiatives.

Get Your Opinion on Record!

Forward your opinion to the national office regarding licensure and/or what you believe is the best course for the future in your practice.

Develop Your Voice for Your Future!

Participate in committee activities, state your opinion, get involved. This is your profession, this is your future and your voice matters!

Professional Involvement

Committees

Participate in a committee working on any number of projects including standards development; technical program information and listings; career ladders; educational programs, etc. Committees include: membership, business, standards, credentialing, education, and legislative.

Councils

Work actively on councils: invasive, noninvasive, echo, management, cardiopulmonary, suppliers, educators. These councils are responsible for developing technical information for publications, programming sessions for meetings and identifying programs and activities to support specialists in their representative areas.

House of Delegates

Chapter participation is a valuable component of the Alliance's governance. Local and state chapters work to provide networking and educational opportunities. All chapters are invited to send two individuals to the House of Delegates for the Alliance. This body is responsible for recommending programs and activities to the Board of Directors for implementation to better fulfill the mission of the Alliance.

Chapters

Start a chapter with your friends and colleagues. Get local professionals involved. Call (757) 497-1225 for chapter start-up guidelines.

Writing

Participate on the publication committees responsible for: identifying authors, editing submissions, book reviews and web reviews. Improve your own writing abilities through this activity!



Member Drive

Participate in the perpetual member-get-a-member campaign. You have the opportunity to win cash prizes. Call (757) 497-1225 to request a membership recruitment kit.

Publications

ACVP is the leading provider of published information to its members. With over 26 periodicals annually and countless other publications, there is bound to be material that you can use as a professional!

Heart to Heart

Quarterly Invasive Council publication with information for invasive practitioners and managers.

The Beat Goes On

Quarterly Noninvasive and Echo Council publication with information for noninvasive practitioners and managers.

CV Educator

Periodic publication for Cardiovascular Educators. Written and supported by the ACVP Educator's Council.

CP Digest

Bi-monthly newsletter of the Alliance. Included with all membership types.

Strategies

Quarterly Management Council publication with information for managers and administrators.

Standards and Competencies

Complete publication for all cardiovascular specialties outlining the accepted Standards of Practice and Competencies by which to measure standards.

Advance Magazine

Bi-monthly publication produced by Merion Publications in a strategic partnership with the Alliance. Advance provides information for health-care managers and radiology professionals.

Monographs and Study Guides

Seven specialty monographs and study guides for in-depth information and exam preparation. Call (757) 497-1225 for an order form and more information.

Technical Information

Publications

The Alliance produces over 26 periodicals annually. Information contained in these publications includes the latest developments in the fields of practice.

Specialty Publications

Read the specialty publications for your primary specialty or subscribe to a specialty publication for more than your primary specialty.

Visit with Exhibitors

Visit with suppliers at both the Management Conference and the Annual Symposium. Learn directly from companies supplying equipment and services you use in the marketplace.

Attend Meetings

Attend local meetings, regional seminars, the Management Conference and/or the Annual Symposium to learn about the latest trends.

Career Ladders and Standards & Competencies

Request career ladders; scopes of practice; and/or standards for your specialty from the national office.

Website

Participate in website discussion groups and pose questions and get answers from around the globe through the ACVP on-line information at www.acp-online.org.

Network with Your Peers

Contact a member, ask a question and the office will survey the membership to get your answer. As the Alliance represents all levels and all disciplines in the cardiovascular service line, somebody has an answer for you. Anything is possible within the Alliance network of professionals!



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