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## President's Message: What AACVPR's Cooking Up for Summer



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I am very excited to write to you again as we enter the summer months. I want to thank you for all of the hard work you do for our profession each and every day and for the excellent care that you provide to our patients. As an association,

we are also working hard to add value to your AACVPR membership and to help position you to be successful in the ever changing healthcare climate. June is membership renewal month, so it only seems appropriate to discuss the value of AACVPR membership and what we have planned for you over the next several months.

This summer, we are again hosting our Affiliate Leadership Forum in Chicago. This meeting is designed to empower our affiliate leaders and give them the tools they need to effectively lead their respective state affiliates. It also gives them the opportunity to communicate directly with us and help us to better serve you, the membership. We continue to see growth in our Joint Affiliations, and are looking forward to building more of these relationships in the future.



In addition to the Affiliate Leadership Forum, we will be working on some important value-based care initiatives over the next several months. Although the changing climate of value-based care presents a host of challenges for us, we strongly believe that cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation services are well positioned to be successful in this new healthcare environment. Our goal is to work with other national associations to make sure that the value of cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation is recognized in bundled care programs and other forms of value based care. In addition, we will be empowering you, through our educational programs, to advocate for your own programs at your home institutions.

Given this ever-changing healthcare climate, it is more important now than ever before to be an active member of AACVPR. We will continue to support your roles as cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation professionals, are committed to advocating for you at the national level, and will continue to provide you with the necessary educational tools to make your career successful and fulfilling.

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