



AACVPR is the Key to Future Success

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“Even though the future seems far away, it is actually beginning right now.” — *Mattie Stepanek*

Over the past decade, we have experienced an evolution in the field of cardiovascular and pulmonary rehabilitation to become more outcomes-, competency- and process-driven. With incremental changes, AACVPR has prepared its membership for a future that is beginning right now.

I have been an AACVPR member since 1999, and have been intimately involved as a volunteer since 2007, providing me a front-row seat to witness our industry pioneers shape our future. These brilliant minds have created tools to help validate and articulate program successes to stakeholders. Three initiatives have been critical to the success of our programs: Program Certification, the Registries, and Professional Certification.

Program Certification is now evolving to the next phase that will demonstrate success: Outcomes-based certification. It is imperative that our programs not only demonstrate that they have the right processes and policies in place, but that we can also

demonstrate our effectiveness; particularly in a healthcare world that is hyper-focused on outcomes. And the best way to collect and analyze those outcomes is through the AACVPR Registries, which not only allow us to assess how our program is doing, but also view how it compares to others.

As Program Certification and the Registries evolved, AACVPR realized there was still a gap: How do we help staff develop competencies to drive performance? The answer is Professional Certification. This allows the professionals in our field to demonstrate they have the evidence-based experience and knowledge to deliver on the outcomes that are expected by all of our stakeholders.

I want to personally thank and honor those whose vision made these programs come to life. I also want to stress the importance of them as our profession evolves into a future heavily focused on value and outcomes. The tools we have to succeed in the future are right in front of us — and the future is beginning now. ■

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