



# Finding the “N” — AACVPR’s Investigative Puzzle

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“It is the unknown that draws people.” - E.A. Bucchianeri

**M**ost of us are familiar with the *Where’s Waldo?* books, where the goal of each page is to find the hidden, striped-hat-clad character. Well, AACVPR has been on a search of its own. For more than a year, members of the Membership & Affiliate Relations Committee (MARC) worked diligently with AACVPR affiliate organizations to locate all of the cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation programs in the United States. This was not a small task. Much like finding a needle in a haystack, there were many hidden programs — both large and small — of which AACVPR was unaware and for which we did not have contact information.

As anticipated, this initiative proved fruitful. Through the dedicated efforts of our affiliates, MARC was able to identify 2,685 cardiac rehabilitation and 1,758 pulmonary rehabilitation programs nationwide. Hopefully, this information underscores just how many programs are available to our patients. Do you have members or participants from all

of the programs identified in your affiliate’s state or region?

I would like to take a moment to thank MARC for its dedication and guidance, as well as you (our members) for your assistance in completing our first phase of the “Finding the ‘N’” project. The information gathered will prove extremely valuable as AACVPR works to ensure our important information reaches all cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

Although we have made tremendous strides in identifying the scope of programs in the United States, we still need your help. We all know there are individuals in our profession who are unaware of AACVPR. This means they do not have access to the many valuable resources that AACVPR has to offer, including legislative/regulatory updates, program certification, professional certification (CCRP), professional education, and cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation data registries. We work diligently to provide you with the necessary resources so each program

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