



A Look Ahead

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It is with great pleasure that I take over as your AACVPR president. Over the past year, under Tom Draper's tremendous leadership, AACVPR has been incredibly successful. We have seen growth in membership and joint affiliation and have embarked on a brand new initiative, Roadmap to Reform, which is helping position us well for the future.

As we prepare for a new year, our Board of Directors has just completed the strategic planning process that will help shape our association's priorities over the next three years. We have selected three major focus areas: membership, value-based care, and science and outcomes.

With membership and value-based care, we will build upon our successes over the past few years. We will continue to examine the value of AACVPR membership, and explore novel ways to maximize it. As an extension of our Roadmap to Reform initiative, we will continue to explore innovation in how we deliver cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation

services to keep us competitive and successful in this new era of value-based care.

We also plan to capitalize on the success of our cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation registries by focusing on science and outcomes. Participation in the registries has been increasing, and our retention rate is high. It is time now to begin to leverage these data for bigger things. We have begun the process to find academic collaborators to explore research opportunities within these registries and to explore additional opportunities to collaborate with the scientific community as we advance the science of cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation.

I am looking forward to an exciting year. As we are all aware, the current health-care landscape is changing rapidly. With this change, however, comes opportunity. I think our association is well positioned to respond to these opportunities and strengthen our profession. ■

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