



Meeting the Challenges

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“When you have vision it affects your attitude. Your attitude is optimistic rather than pessimistic.”

— Charles R. Swindoll

It has been almost a year since I took the gavel and became President of AACVPR. What a year it has been! With the collective leadership and vision of so many volunteers and AACVPR staff, we have accomplished so much!

At the end of the AACVPR Annual Meeting last year in New Orleans, I shared a vision with the audience: a challenge to seize an opportunity in front of us. I felt very optimistic about our future and the role that cardiac and pulmonary rehab could play in our changing health care environment. In that presentation, I set forth three challenges for our organization:

- To Lead Change
- To Collaborate
- To Leave a Legacy

Inarguably, you all have stepped up to these challenges. Through the development of Roadmap to Reform (R2R), AACVPR is viewed as the thought leader in the role that cardiac rehab plays in value-based care. We have provided tools and strategies to make programs more efficient and to increase referrals,

and have educated thousands of you on how cardiac rehab adapts to a health care environment focused on value and quality across the whole continuum of care. Through our affiliate network and beyond, many of you have accepted the challenge and are leading this change within your own institutions.

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Throughout this past year we have collaborated with so many to advance our mission and expand our impact on the field. Collaborations with ACC and AHA have led to securing an NCD for reimbursement for supervised exercise for PAD. Additionally, through a strong partnership with AARC we are in the final stages of developing a Pulmonary Rehab Certificate to be rolled out later this year.

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