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The American Association for Clinical Chemistry (AACC) presents a one day conference on *The Cardiac Spectrum: Risk Assessment, Diagnosis, and Management* to be held on May 11, 2007 at the Renaissance Chicago O'Hare Suites. The conference is designed for those who need to stay up-to-date on the dynamic field of cardiac disease testing, including laboratorians, physicians, industry reps, consultants and those in related fields. AACC invites members of the press to attend the conference at no charge. Contact Peter Patterson at 800-892-1400 ext. 718 or [ppatterson@aacc.org](mailto:ppatterson@aacc.org) for more information.

The field of cardiac testing has never been more promising, with novel markers continuing to find their way in to clinical use, an ever-growing body of knowledge surrounding multimarker strategies, and the new reality of risk stratification through biomarker testing. In addition, women's cardiac care is making great strides and the future is bright for proteomic discovery applied to cardiac care. This conference is designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of the fast advancing field of cardiac markers and its impact on improving patient diagnosis, management, and risk assessment through laboratory testing. Participants will understand:

- What ED doctors want most out of cardiac biomarker testing
- The results of a recent report on natriuretic peptides and their role in management
- Why and how women's cardiac disease needs to be managed
- Recent studies indicating that cardiac markers can guide therapy
- Emerging markers of cardiac risk
- Future efforts in proteomics

The conference will be moderated by Stephen Kahn, PhD, Vice Chair, Laboratory Medicine, Loyola Medical Center, Chicago, IL. Speaking at the conference will be:

**Fred S. Apple PhD**

Medical Director of Clinical Laboratories, Hennepin County Medical Center and Professor of Laboratory Medicine & Pathology, University of Minnesota School of Medicine, Minneapolis, MN  
*Multimarker Strategies*

**Robert Christenson, PhD**

Prof. of Pathology, Univ. of Maryland School of Medicine, Prof. of Medical and Research Technology, Baltimore, MD  
*Emerging Markers of Cardiovascular Risk: Expectations and Reality*

**Judd Hollander, MD**

Professor and Clinical Research Director, Department of Emergency Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

**Markers of Myocardial Ischemia: Risk Stratification in the ED**

**Patrick Jourdain**

Associate Professor of Cardiology, Rene-Descartes University, Paris, France  
*Natriuretic Peptides and Management: the STARRs Study*

**L. Kristin Newby**

Associate Professor, Medicine, Director, Chest Pain Unit, Associate Director, Cardiac Care Unit, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC  
*Women's Heart Health*

**W. Frank Peacock, MD**

Vice Chief, Emergency Medicine, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH  
*Diagnosis and Management Heart Disease: The Emergency Medicine Doctors Dilemma*

**Monica R. Shah, MD, MHS**

Director, Heart Failure Research, Washington Hospital Center, Washington, DC  
*The STARBRITE Trial: BNP Guided management vs. Standard Clinical Assessment*

**Jennifer Van Eyk, PhD**

Director, Bayview Proteomics Group, The Johns Hopkins NHLBI Proteomics Center, Baltimore, MD  
*Future Efforts in Proteomics and Discovery*

For more information about the conference, or to register, visit the AACC web site at [Cardiac Conference](#).

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