

## CRITICAL AND POINT-OF-CARE-TESTING DIVISION NEWSLETTER

May 2, 2016

Greetings CPOCT Division Members!

It's hard to believe we're already five months into 2016 and just over 3 months until the 2016 Annual Meeting and Clinical Laboratory Expo in Philadelphia! And we've all survived the launch of IQCP! Or at least I hope we've survived.

I'm sure there will be a lot of discussions, webinars and events surrounding what's happened post-January 1, 2016. It will be interesting to hear about sites that have been inspected and what kind of findings there were. I'm sure the division will have more to say and show on this topic.



I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Scott Isbell, our past-chair, for all his hard work in making the past year a successful and productive one for the division. I know I have big shoes to fill and I'll be leaning on the many dedicated members and volunteers in the CPOCT division to make 2016 a special year.

Special thanks also go to the members of the organizing committees for the 2015 and I would like to congratulate the following officers in the CPOCT Division for 2016:

- **Chair-Elect**
  - Kerstin A. Halverson, Childrens Hospitals & Clinics Laboratory, Minneapolis, MN
- **Secretary**
  - Peggy Ann Mann, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX
- **Nominating Committee:**
  - Christine Snozek, Mayo Clinic Laboratory Medicine and Pathology, Scottsdale, AZ
  - Monica Marie Thomas, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, West Hollywood, CA
  - Nicole Villiere Tolan, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA
  - Marcia L. Zucker, ZIVD, LLC, Metuchen, NJ
- **Awards Committee**
  - Jo Ann Crain, UMass Memorial Medical Center, Worcester, MA
  - Alexander Kratz, Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, New York, NY
- **Members at Large**
  - Nichole L Korpi-Steiner, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC
  - Christiane Michele Nooney, Duke University Health System, Durham, NC
  - Kimberly A Skala, Instrumentation Laboratory, Critical Care Division, Oak Lawn, IL

Be sure to check out some of the great events and opportunities that committees are putting together plans for our 2016 events, especially those at the AACC Annual Meeting and Clinical Lab Expo. Information these events is included in this newsletter – click on a link below to advance to that article...

- [The AACC CPOCT Business Meeting and Mixer](#)
- [The AACC POCC Forum](#)
- [The AfterGlow @ AACC POCC Social](#)
- [Events for POCCs at the Annual Meeting](#)
- [AACC Clinical Lab Expo](#)
- [The 2016 International Symposium in Copenhagen](#)

Visit the [CPOCT Division website](#) often for program and event updates. We'll also post our activities on the [PointofCare.net website](#) calendar pages as well.

And last but not least, the division is pleased to announce the availability of an all-new Express Membership! This membership costs just \$65 and enables you to take advantage of the all-new [AACC Artery](#) Communication Forum!!

Until then, if you have any questions or comments on the CPOCT Division, don't hesitate to contact me.

Look forward to seeing you Philadelphia!

Best regards,

Karen Jenkins  
CPOCT Division Chair  
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## THE AACC CPOCT BUSINESS MEETING AND MIXER

Tuesday, August 2, 2016 | 6:00pm – 7:30pm  
Philadelphia Downtown Marriott  
Liberty Ballroom  
*No charge to attend*

POCC evening events kick off once again with the CPOCT Division Business Meeting and Mixer. Attendees will get an update on division activities and plans as well as hearing from the 2016 POCC of the Year!

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## 11<sup>TH</sup> AFTERGLOW @ AACC THE POCC SOCIAL OF THE YEAR

Tuesday, August 2, 2016 | 8:00pm – 11:00pm  
Philadelphia Downtown Marriott  
Liberty Ballroom  
*No charge to attend but [RSVP required](#) for headcount*

Philadelphia Freedom is the theme for the 2016 AfterGlow @ AACC event! AfterGlow Chairperson Adonica Wilson from Alfred I duPont Hospital for Children and her committee are planning on another great social event for POCCs during the annual meeting in Philadelphia this summer.

So mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 2 at 8:00pm and make plans to be part of this annual event!



## 14<sup>TH</sup> POCC FORUM @ AACC

# TALKING THE TALK : OVERCOMING THE BARRIERS OF PRODUCTIVE COMMUNICATION

Thursday, August 4, 2016 | 7:30pm – 10:00am

Pennsylvania Convention Center

[Register online on the CPOCT Division Events page](#) | Includes breakfast and CEUs

'Talking the Talk - Overcoming the Barriers of Productive Communication' is the topic for one of the most popular and highly attended events during the AACC Annual Meeting.

Led by **Whitehat Communications Rick Import**, this Forum will highlight leader communication for POCCs and essential skills for dealing with anyone. The session will focus on techniques to help understand the perspectives of the people we communicate with before we shape our responses.



In addition, a panel of POCCs will be on hand to address communication challenges that come from the audience and from the POCC Survey that was distributed this Spring. Haven't completed the survey and submitted your communication challenge? [Click here...](#)

### Forum committee members include:

<b>Chair</b>	Steven Valorz, Marketing Manager – RALS®, Alere Informatics
<b>Members</b>	Kerstin Halverson, POCC, Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota Amanda Bennett, MLS (ASCP)CM, POCC Pennsylvania Hospital JoAnn Crain, POCC, UMass Memorial Hospital Charlotte Bismark, BS, MT(ASCP), POCC, Dixie Regional Medical Center Kim Skala, MT (ASCP), Clinical Specialist, Instrumentation Laboratory (IL)
<b>Advisor</b>	Karen Jenkins, POCC, Emory University Hospital - Midtown

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## EVENTS FOR POCCS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

### Point of Care Testing Topic Tracks

Sunday, July 31, 2016

- AACC University: The Impact of Pre-analytical Variables on Critical Care Point-of-Care Testing

Monday, August 1, 2016

- Chairs Invited Session: mHealth and the Continuum of Patient care
- Oral Abstract Session: POCT-Utilization, QA/QC and Advances in Technologies

Wednesday, August 3, 2016

- Evaluating the Hypoxemic Patient: Oxygen and Oxygen-Related Parameters Used in Critical Care Settings

### Brown Bag Sessions

Sunday, July 31, 2016

- Issues in the Practical Implementation of POCT: Overcoming Challenges
- Point of Care Testing and Population Health Management
- Who Can Help with this Point of Care Project? - Thinking Outside the Box
- Point of Care Testing and Population Health Management

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- Point of Care Testing and Population Health Management
- Designing a Successful Point-of-Care Testing Program: Survival Guide for New Laboratory Directors

[For more details, visit the Annual Meeting Search Sessions page](#)

## AACC CLINICAL LAB EXPO | AUGUST 2-4

With more than 750 companies exhibiting, the 68th AACC Annual Scientific Meeting & Clinical Lab Expo is the world's largest exposition for clinical laboratory products and services. It includes:

- New Product Showcase
- OEM Section
- OEM Lecture Series Theater
- Industry Workshop Theaters and Workshops
- Free Exhibit Hall Lunch on Wednesday, August 3
- Poster Sessions
- And more!

[For more details, and to register, visit the Clinical Lab Expo web page](#)

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## THE AACC ARTERY IS GAINING MOMENTUM... ARE YOU PART OF IT?

The AACC Artery is the newest communication offering for AACC members. Forums on AACC Artery offer collaborative spaces for AACC members to ask questions, share knowledge, and refine ideas by connecting with their peers. The AACC Artery is a private online community of laboratory medicine professionals accessible only to AACC members. In AACC Artery, you can:

- Discuss scientific practice and research issues with like-minded professionals in AACC's scientific divisions.
- Communicate with other members of AACC Local Sections and continue conversations between meetings.
- Search the Member Directory to find members in your area or members with similar interests.

[Visit the AACC Artery](#) today!

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## NEW AACC 'EXPRESS MEMBERSHIP' LEVEL INCLUDES THE AACC ARTERY!

AACC's Express Members benefit from access to AACC's online networking opportunities, select educational programs, and news publications at an affordable dues level. One of the essential ways that AACC members convene is online through the members-only AACC Artery. Discussions cover a range of topics from the challenges of monitoring point-of-care testing compliance to practical lab fundamentals, such as critical values and specimen types and retention.

To benefit the most from all AACC has to offer, consider joining at one of the other membership categories. For example, Professional Members receive unlimited access to AACC's complete array of member products and services, including subscription(s) to AACC journals, discounts to the AACC Annual Scientific Meeting & Clinical Lab Expo, and access to more than 18 scientific divisions.

Registration is available for new members only. [Visit the Express Membership page.](#)

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## 25<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CPOCT SYMPOSIUM THE BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES OF POINT-OF- CARE TESTING ACROSS THE CLINICAL SPECTRUM

Be a part of AACC's 26th International CPOCT Symposium, The Benefits and Challenges of Point-of-Care Testing Across the Clinical Spectrum by submitting an abstract. Accepted abstracts will be displayed as posters throughout the meeting and several outstanding abstracts will be selected for oral presentation.

[Click here to register](#) | [Click here to submit an abstract](#)

**Abstract Submissions Close: May 1, 2016 and include the following categories:**

- Point-of-Care Testing in the Emergency Department
- Point-of-Care Testing in the Intensive Care Setting
- Point-of-Care Testing in the Primary Care Setting
- Point-of-Care Testing in the Pediatric Setting
- Direct to Consumer Testing—the New Face of Point-of-Care?

Accepted abstracts will be published in Point of Care: The Journal of Near-Patient Testing & Technology.

### **Award for Best Abstracts**

The CPOCT Division will award two travel grants of \$500 each for best abstracts. One of the listed authors must attend the meeting and be present to receive the award.