

Cardiology Consultants of Philadelphia Receives American College of Cardiology Platinum Practice Center of Excellence Award

PINNACLE Registry award recognizes high standards in care

Philadelphia, PA, 13 April 2016 – Cardiology Consultants of Philadelphia has received the American College of Cardiology's PINNACLE Registry Platinum Practice Center of Excellence Award for first quarter 2015.

Cardiology Consultants of Philadelphia is one of only 36 practices nationwide to receive the honor.

The award recognizes Cardiology Consultants of Philadelphia's commitment to and success in implementing a higher standard of care for patients with atrial fibrillation who are at an increased risk of stroke. Cardiology Consultants of Philadelphia has reached an aggressive goal of treating these patients to higher standard levels of care.

"The American College of Cardiology is committed to heart disease patients receiving the best possible care and is proud to recognize Cardiology Consultants of Philadelphia for raising the bar in providing the highest standards of care for their patients," said ACC President Kim Allan Williams, M.D., FACC.

To receive the PINNACLE Registry's Platinum Practice Center of Excellence award, Cardiology Consultants of Philadelphia demonstrated a platinum benchmark on the nationally recognized atrial fibrillation metric. Full participation in the registry engages practices in a robust quality improvement process using data to drive improvements in adherence.

Atrial fibrillation, the most common arrhythmia, affects more than 2.5 million Americans and is responsible for 15 to 20 percent of all strokes. Failure to adhere to clinical practice guideline recommendations for atrial fibrillation can result in preventable strokes.

This award is a proud achievement for Cardiology Consultants of Philadelphia. It reflects the hard work and dedication of the staff who care for some of our most seriously ill patients and their families. Being recognized as a Platinum Practice Center of Excellence is a critical step in saving the lives and improving outcomes of heart attack patients.

The PINNACLE Registry, part of the ACC's National Cardiovascular Data Registry, is the largest ambulatory registry of its kind with over 16 million patient encounters from over 2,800 cardiology providers, mostly cardiologists, across 845 unique office locations. The registry was designed to capture the data necessary to report on performance measures across chronic disease areas including coronary artery disease, hypertension, heart failure and atrial fibrillation. The PINNACLE Registry places a premium on delivering value-added services to participants, including opportunities to use registry data for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Physician Quality Reporting System program and the ACC Performance Improvement-Continuing Medical Education programs.

The American College of Cardiology is a 49,000-member medical society that is the professional home for the entire cardiovascular care team. The mission of the College is to transform cardiovascular care and to improve heart health. The ACC leads in the formation of health policy, standards and guidelines. The College operates national registries to measure and improve care, provides professional medical education, disseminates cardiovascular research and bestows credentials upon cardiovascular specialists who meet stringent qualifications. For more information, visit *ACC.org*.

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