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Dear Colleagues:

We would like to invite you and two primary care clinician guests to attend the ACC Pennsylvania Chapter's *Mind the Gap Forum*, which will be held on **Thursday, February 2** at LeMont Restaurant located at 1114 Grandview Ave in Pittsburgh. This special event will include a complimentary dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

As you may be aware the American College of Cardiology Foundation (ACCF), in cooperation with various ACC Chapters, has launched the *Mind the Gap Forums* to address the need that optimal care for atrial fibrillation (AF) is increasingly managed across a diverse range of providers. The *Mind the Gap Forums* will allow cardiologists and primary care physicians an opportunity to develop next-generation collaborative strategies regarding AF and optimal anticoagulation. While information and knowledge is the first step in addressing this important issue, meaningful dialogue between referring primary care physicians and cardiologists is essential for practically managing anticoagulation in local communities. Convening such dialogue under the respected auspices of the ACC — while working in deep partnership with our primary care colleagues — is especially appropriate given the role of cardiologists, and the esteemed members of the ACC.

This 90-minute, non-accredited program will be presented by Sandeep Jain, MD, FACC from the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and John U. Doherty, MD, FACC, from Thomas Jefferson University, Jefferson Medical College. During this presentation, the audience will be encouraged to actively participate in discussing the local issues surrounding AF and anticoagulation.

**Seating for this exciting event is limited! Contact Jackie Massey at [jmassey@acc.org](mailto:jmassey@acc.org) with both your and your two primary care clinician guests' names and email addresses to reserve your seats today!** Additional information can be found by visiting [www.CardioSource.org/mindthegapPA](http://www.CardioSource.org/mindthegapPA).

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, February 2!

Best Regards,

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ACC Pennsylvania Chapter Governor

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