

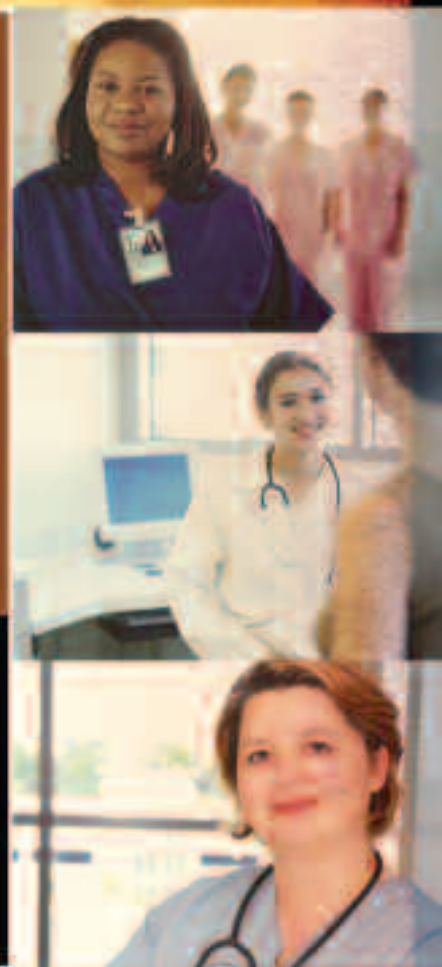
AAHFN is offering an exclusive workshop in conjunction with the Annual Meeting:

**HEART FAILURE PROGRAMS:
EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW
BUT DIDN'T KNOW WHERE TO ASK**



"Raising the Bar in Heart Failure Care"

AAHFN
2008 ANNUAL MEETING
BOSTON



WORKSHOP DATE: JUNE 25, 2008

LOCATION: AAHFN ANNUAL MEETING; WESTIN BOSTON WATERFRONT
1:00 PM — 7:00 PM



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New — Pre-meeting Workshop: HF Programs

“Heart Failure Programs: Everything You Wanted to Know But Didn't Know Where to Ask”

Wednesday, June 25, 2008 • 1:00 PM — 7:00 PM

This program results from the interests and desires of our members as well as from the gap in educational resources currently available for clinicians on this subject.

The purpose of this workshop is to provide attendees with evidence-based information on the essentials of heart failure disease management programs (HFDMP), including formulating a business plan, operational considerations, clinical needs such as practice protocols and educational tools, avoiding pitfalls, advanced therapies, measuring quality and outcomes, space and personnel requirements, financial issues, and marketing ideas.

All attendees will receive tools and information necessary for implementing a heart failure program at a local level or for enhancing an existing heart failure program, including a workbook with examples of business plans, prospectus, policies, procedures, patient education, and evaluation/outcome measurement tools.

Objectives

At the end of the program, the participant will be able to:

- Identify the key space, personnel, and supply requisites for starting a heart failure program.
- Discuss three elements that should be included in a heart failure program proforma.
- Discuss financial and clinical outcome measures for a heart failure program.

Important Housing Notice:

Please note that rooms for Tuesday, June 24, 2008 are extremely limited. It is recommended that workshop attendees arrive Wednesday morning. AAHFN will provide a bag check on Wednesday, June 25, to store luggage prior to hotel check-in.

Preliminary Agenda

1:00 PM - 1:15 PM	Welcome and Introduction <i>Robin J. Trupp, PhD(c), MSN, ACNP, BC, CCRN, CCRC, FAHA and Sara Paul, RN, MSN, FNP</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Historical perspectives for heart failure programs• Models and descriptions of approaches to heart failure programs	3:15 PM - 4:45 PM	Clinical Considerations <i>Marie Galvao, RN, MSN, ANP-C</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evidence-based Heart Failure care• Practice protocols• Patient/family education tools• Patient Management<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Remote monitoring, face-to-face encounters, home-based monitoringo Referrals to other specialists – when?
1:15 PM - 2:15 PM	The Business Plan <i>Kismet Rasmusson, MS, RN, BC, FNP, FAHA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identifying the need<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Current state of heart failure care within the practice or environment• The Proforma – People, Space, Supplies<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Identifying space requirements and capital equipment needso Billing and reimbursement• Marketing to providers, institutions, and the community	4:15 PM - 4:45 PM	How to Avoid the Pitfalls <i>Susan Ammon, RN, MS, APRN, BC, NP-C</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transitions of care• Adherence to prescribed therapies• Managing co-morbidities• Building the relationships
2:15 PM - 3:00 PM	Operational Considerations <i>Rebecca Angerstein, RN, BD, MA, MSN, CCRN, CNS</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hours of operation, scheduling, workflow, addressing after-hour needs of patients• Job descriptions and performance evaluations• Defining and building your team	4:45 PM – 5:00 PM	Break
3:00 PM – 3:15 PM	Break	5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	The Patient with Worsening Heart Failure <i>Robin J. Trupp, PhD(c), MSN, ACNP, BC, CCRN, CCRC, FAHA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• When to admit/when to discharge/when to see post discharge• Advanced therapies (LVAD, transplant, other surgeries)• Advanced medical directives• Palliative and hospice care
		5:30 PM - 6:15 PM	Measuring Quality and Outcomes <i>Nancy Albert, PhD, CCNS, CCRN, CAN-BC, FAHA, FCCM</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clinical indicators of success• Financial indicators of success• Patient satisfaction tools• Quality guidelines
		6:15 PM - 6:30 PM	Future Directions <i>Sara Paul, RN, MSN, FNP</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Certification of heart failure programs• ACC performance measures for out-pt programs
		6:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Panel Discussion