

Subject: ACC.16 FIT Jeopardy Competition

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Dear Governors and State Chapter Executives,

- * Are you interested in increasing active engagement of your fellows-in-training (FITs) in your annual state chapter meeting?
- * Do you wish to display your pride in the excellent clinical training which your state chapter FITs receive at their training institutions?
- * Do you believe that Michigan State will win the Big Ten Conference?
- * Are you hoping that Texas (Baylor) will win the Big 12 Conference?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, then we wish to remind you that the American College of Cardiology (ACC) has approved a two-day Inter-State Jeopardy FIT competition to increase fellow-in-training (FIT) engagement and participation in annual state-chapter and national ACC meetings. **The first inter-state Jeopardy competition will take place at ACC.16** During this two-day competition, state chapter FIT teams will compete against each other and the winning state chapter FIT team will be officially rewarded by the College. All FIT participants will be recognized by the College. This inter-state competition will serve to highlight the clinical knowledge strengths of FITs who may not have abstracts/posters from research activities. Each state team will consist of 3 FITs.

For logistics and planning purposes, state chapters are kindly requested to **confirm their intent** to participate in the ACC.16 Inter-state FIT Jeopardy competition via e-mail by **September 30th 2015**. You do not need to have the list of FIT participants when you send your confirmatory e-mail. States which have signed up include Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania (Big-10 conference), Kansas, Texas (Big-12 conference), Kentucky, Arkansas (SEC conference), Virginia, Washington DC, Connecticut.

State chapters are encouraged to work with their state FITs regarding submitting an FIT state chapter team to the annual meeting. Ideally, we recommend hosting an inter-institutional FIT Jeopardy competition at your state chapter's annual meeting to identify your state FIT team. Alternatives to hosting an inter-institutional Jeopardy competition include selecting your state FIT Jeopardy team on an annual rolling basis between state training institutions or soliciting volunteer FITs from your state chapter (random draw or first come, first picked method). If your state chapter decides to host an inter-institutional Jeopardy competition, the ACC is willing to provide a template PowerPoint slide for your Jeopardy competition, as well as guideline instructions to assist your state chapter host a competition in your state.

Similar to poster/abstract presentation at the national meeting, travel funding for FITs participating in the national inter-state Jeopardy competition is the responsibility of the participating FIT. Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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I wanted to add my support to this as well. Many have already heard about the FIT competitions at ACC15 and now at many of our state Chapter meetings. We have been working with the FIT Section Leadership(Nkechi has been leading this effort) to promote this at the Chapter level. Perhaps different teaching institutions can provide teams which can compete at a Chapter meeting to then have the "right" to go to ACC16. Perhaps a combination of FITS from different institutions can represent the state. In your Chapter meeting planning, I ask that you consider engaging the FITs in more than Poster presentations and particularly the Jeopardy competition as this is embraced by the FITs. expectations of the remainder of the physicians

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I think this is a great Idea! Brain Bowl equivalent for Cardiology. Perhaps this notion could be done in another area as well since this appeals a little more to the EP oriented fellows.