



Preventing and Treating Hypertension and Its Consequences

Dear Colleague:

I want to again thank you for your patience as we work through the details of our transition to incorporate our Society's leadership and membership within the American Heart Association (AHA) Council on Hypertension. We remain convinced this initiative represents our best opportunity to continue to fulfill our Society's mission to "to improve hypertension related outcomes through translation of research, education, and promotion of new and effective patient-centered population health strategies".

The details of this proposed consolidation are being finalized (the culmination of nearly one year of negotiations), and we should have a final proposal available for your review and consent in short order.

Regardless of the details of the final agreement, I remain certain that our 'voice' within the new organization will be absolutely proportional to the interest and energy that our membership brings to the organization in the next 12 months.

Therefore, I am once again asking you to help by:

1) **Keeping your dues current.** Assuming the proposal is accepted by both organizations, we are absolutely confident that your dues will transfer to membership in the AHA Council. Our influence in that organization will be proportional to our membership. **Please take a moment to make sure that your ASH membership is active.** To renew your membership [click here](#).

2) **Planning to attend the inaugural ASH/AHA meeting.** Please plan on attending the joint ASH-AHA Council on Hypertension meeting September 14-17 at the San Francisco Hyatt Hotel. ASH leadership has been charged with developing the clinical tracks of this meeting, which has been extended by a day to accommodate our needs. Should you attend, you will recognize a majority of presenters and session chairs from previous ASH meetings. A formal meeting announcement, including a complete agenda, will be available shortly.

Please see the following website for currently available details

https://professional.heart.org/professional/EducationMeetings/MeetingsLiveCME/Hypertension/UCM_316905_Hypertension-Scientific-Sessions.jsp

Change is difficult, but can be transformative. Thanks again for your support, and I look forward to seeing each of you this fall in San Francisco.

Best Regards,

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