

## ***Councils on Hypertension and Kidney in Cardiovascular Care***

### **HYPERTENSION SCIENCE SUBCOMMITTEE COMMISSION**

- Purpose:** Hypertension is a major risk factor for Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke and the prevalence is expected to rise by 2030. In order to support the AHA's 2020 Impact Goal, hypertension as a disease burden must be addressed. This group will be responsible for defining state of the art science on hypertension – from basic to clinical to population health - and translate the science for dissemination to a wide range of healthcare providers. Such information includes: current research, evidence based treatment and practice options, and current information on current best practices as it relates to prevention of heart disease and stroke. This subcommittee would be considered cross-functional as evidenced by the broad membership within this committee. This committee is also charged with identifying gaps in knowledge that might be addressed through the AHA/ASA's science dissemination channels such as: Sessions, ISC, Specialty conferences, Science News, and Scientific Publishing.
- Membership:** This subcommittee will consist of a Chair and Vice-Chair - alternating positions between the Hypertension Council and the KCVD Council. The Chair//Vice-Chair position will alternate between the Hypertension and KCVD councils every 2 years. Members will be from the following Councils: 4 members from the Hypertension Council (this number includes the Chair/Vice Chair); 4 members from the Kidney Council (this number includes the Chair/Vice-Chair); 2 members each from the Stroke Council, CVSN and CLCD, and one member each from the PVD, CVDY (AHOY), CVRI, ATVB, QCOR and EPI (Committee on Prevention). There will be no more than 20 members in total.
- Method of Selection:** Chair and Vice Chair will be selected by the Hypertension and KCVD Councils. Membership from the other councils will be chosen by the Chair of those councils.
- Terms of Service:** Terms shall be for two-years and shall begin and end with the AHA fiscal year (July-June). Terms shall be staggered in such a way as to assure continuity. Members may be eligible for appointment to one additional term (serving a total of 4 years).
- Member Commitment:** The Committee shall meet quarterly or as needed via teleconference, email correspondence and face-to-face annually in the fall during Scientific Sessions or during the HPBR/KCVD annual meeting. When face to face meetings are deemed necessary each council with a representative on the committee will be responsible for

travel expenses of their member.

**Responsibilities:**

- To represent interests within the AHA and the strategic plan and to suggest mechanisms on how to achieve success for all Americans, including people representative of all populations (race and ethnicities), conditions and environments who are affected by hypertension and are at risk for CVD or stroke.
- To enable investigators to engage in information sharing and dialogue, and to collaborate on science that will address taking an integrated approach in the prevention and treatment hypertension in order to prevent CVD and Stroke.
- To identify knowledge gaps and also serve as a conduit for young investigators/early career persons to get involved.
- To proactively identify opportunities for scientific statements and programming, and drive placement of relevant programming at AHA Scientific Sessions, ISC and Specialty Conferences. This subcommittee will be highly encouraged to present science between conferences (example: Hypertension/KCVD members presenting at the ISC, etc).
- Provide input and support to AHA professional education activities and programming.
- Provide scientific input and expertise on AHA programs related to hypertension, including hypertension education and management.
- To advise the AHA on how to leverage the use of Life's Simple 7, which includes hypertension, in order to affect the AHAs 2020 Impact goal.
- To act as spokespersons as requested and quickly respond directly to media or to other AHA entities to suggest other experts and spokespersons in the area of hypertension (all aspects). As spokespersons, promote the AHA strategic goals to the public, and support educational and outreach programs, public affairs, advocacy communications and media relations and illustrate how hypertension fits into the strategic goal.
- To provide advice regarding topics, content, and experts to serve on internal (AHA) and external writing groups and committees.
- To play a role in translating basic research and clinical recommendations to reduce the burden of disease as it relates to CVD and Stroke.