



LAY STAKEHOLDERS IN SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

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The AHA Lay Stakeholder Task Force on Science and Research plays a crucial role in involving lay stakeholders in various facets of the American Heart Association's research enterprise.

MEET THE 2025 LAY STAKEHOLDER IN SCIENCE AND RESEARCH TASK FORCE



Mary Ann Bauman, MD



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Nnenna Ezuma



Rev. Leroy Miles



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2024-2025 TASK FORCE PROJECTS

Communicating the Guidelines and Statements to Patients and Caregivers

We will collaborate with the Patient Integration and Guidelines staff to explore the possibility of expanding the role of lay stakeholders in communicating the American Heart Association guidelines to patients. Interviews focused on the *2024 Atrial Fibrillation Guidelines* will educate lay audiences about these clinical guidelines and the role lay stakeholders play in their development.

Broadening the Diversity of Vetted Science and Research Lay Stakeholders

We are committed to fostering a more inclusive and diverse environment within the science and research community. This project aims to continuously recruit and engage a demographically diverse population by actively seeking and supporting volunteers from various backgrounds.

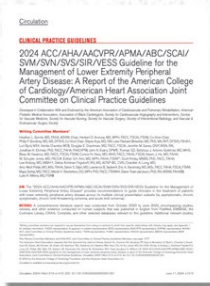
Increasing Participation and Visibility at Scientific Sessions 2025

We are exploring ways to highlight the contributions of our lay stakeholder community during the Scientific Sessions 2025. Our objective is to draw attention to the value of lay stakeholders involvement through ongoing integration and recognition at this annual event. Our last involvement was at Scientific Sessions 2019.

REFLECTING ON FY 2023-2024

The total number of lay volunteers placed (#101) on a science and or research committees or projects in fiscal year 2023- 2024. To date we have increased participation by 5.2% since last year with a clear focus on diversity in committees.

2024 GUIDELINE PUBLICATIONS



2024 ACC/AHA/AACVPR/APMA/ABC/SCAI/SVM/SVN/SVS/SIR/VESS
Guideline for the Management of Lower Extremity Peripheral Artery Disease:
A Report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association
Joint Committee on Clinical Practice Guidelines

Published May 2024

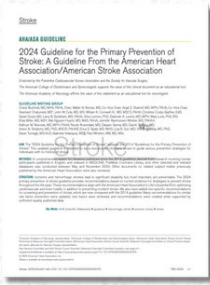
Lori Byrd, MS and Lawrence B. Sadwin
Patient Representatives



2024 AHA/ACC/ACS/ASNC/HRS/SCA/SCCT/SCMR/SVM Guideline for
Perioperative Cardiovascular Management for Noncardiac Surgery :
A Report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association
Joint Committee on Clinical Practice Guidelines

Published September 2024

Robert "Skip" Allen, JD and Gail Mates, MS
Patient Representatives



2024 Guideline for the Primary Prevention of Stroke:
A Guideline From the American Heart Association/American Stroke
Association

Published October 2024

Christine Cosby-Gaither, EdD and Dawn Turnage, MS, AJS
Patient Representatives
along with **Rhonda Johnson, Content Peer Reviewer**

Lay Stakeholders in Action COMMUNITY IMPACT



James Young

From heart failure survivor to
champion for public health

ACKNOWLEDGING SERVICE

A-FIB Guidelines Project

"I am very grateful that you thought to include a voice like mine and I'm glad that we had the opportunity to have this conversation.

The work that you're doing is so important, and everything that I saw on the agenda for today was just so on point. So thank you for making sure that you're being very intentional about how."



Bertha Hidalgo
PhD, MPH,
Chairperson,
AHA Outcoming
Subcommittee

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