

AACVPR Certification Annual Report

The Annual Report is intended to check on programs between their certification years to help assure that the program is maintaining certification requirements year-to-year, not just in the year cert/recert submission is due.

The report is a short online survey for you to answer certification-related questions including that: you are aware of certification requirements, and you are completing those requirements each year

If you have not received your notification or if you have questions regarding the survey, please call AACVPR at: 312-321-5146.

For those of you due to submit certification/recertification applications in January 2021, start preparing the required materials as soon as you are back in your office. For further information, go to: www.aacvpr.org & click on Program-Certification.



AACVPR COVID-19 Resources

TSSCVPR members,

I hope that you are all staying safe and healthy. The last few months has left us all with a lot of questions and concerns about the future of our industry and what our “new normal” is going to be like. With that being said, I wanted to make you all aware that AACVPR has created a page on their website regarding COVID-19. The information on the page includes:

1. AACVPR’s official statement on COVID-19.
2. Up-to-date information by AACVPR’s COVID-19 Task Force.
3. Information on the ongoing advocacy for telehealth for both CR/ PR.
4. A discussion forum, and
5. A “Returning with Care” section with general considerations for your program’s reopening.

This can all be found on

<http://www.aacvpr.org/covid19>

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AACVPR 35th Annual Meeting

AACVPR is currently monitoring developments and recommendations from global, federal and local public health authorities regarding COVID-19 as it pertains to the annual meeting taking place on September 30th- October 3rd, 2020 in West Palm Beach, Florida. The assessment, at this time, is as follows:

- The 35th Annual Meeting is proceeding as planned and continues to be on track to be another successful event.
- We continue to work with all event partners, including the Palm Beach County Convention Center and the airport authority to ensure the safety of the AACVPR community is the highest priority at the Annual Meeting.
- Hand sanitizer will be readily available throughout the meeting space.
- Tips for staying healthy while onsite will be shared online, via email before the Annual Meeting and through signage onsite.
- We are actively monitoring and relying upon the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO) and local public health authorities for official guidance and will provide any necessary updates via email and on the 35th Annual Meeting web page.

By David DeCarlucci, MS,
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Our website has a new look, new content and new functionality! In addition to the new look, new logo, and mission statement when visiting our website www.tsscvpr.org, you will find some new features. As a member, when clicking login, you will be directed to the AACVPR website where you will login using your AACVPR username and password. You will then be taken to the member sections of our tsscvpr website. As a joint affiliate member, you will no longer need a separate password for the www.tsscvpr.org website. Members have access to a TSSCVPR community discussion forum where you can post questions and join discussions with fellow TSSCVPR members. You are also able to access member news, Tri-Facts, upcoming chapter meetings, events and more. We expect to be able to accept online registration for our annual symposium in August. Please visit the website for more information. If you would like to add information about chapter meetings, chapter news, and events, please email david.decarlucci@gmail.com. Also feel free to email me if you have a special interest in helping to shape our website by joining our committee

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The Heart of Tristate

By Joan Helfman, RN, BS, FAACVPR, and Lisa Buckley, MS, MSN, FNP-BC, RN-BC

A year of preparation went into planning the 35th Anniversary Celebration of TSSCVPR, and our long and vibrant history was thoroughly researched; Past presidents, long-serving Board members and award winners were all contacted for their input. During this process one person who has been involved with Tri-State since its inception stood out, and it was clear that she deserved to be honored separately from the others.

Pat Comoss has been a Board member and Committee Chair of both Tri-State and AACVPR. As our long-standing Health Policy and Reimbursement Chair, she always keeps us well informed of any changes that would affect our practices. She was President of AACVPR in 1992. In 1995, she was given the Outstanding Achievement Award from TSSCVPR and has also received numerous awards from AACVPR. Pat has been a pioneer and a driving force behind cardiac rehabilitation. She implemented the first Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehab Program in

Central Pennsylvania in 1970, working with a group of physicians and businessmen. This program was so successful, the company decided to market it by training nurses who would go on to start programs in their own institutions. Named Director of Education, Pat planned and implemented a 3-week program to train nurses in stress testing and cardiac rehabilitation. She then started her own business, Nursing Enrichment Consultants, to educate nurses in Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehab where she continues her work today.

Pat has also published extensively; 1979 saw “Cardiac Rehabilitation: A Comprehensive Nursing Approach”. She has also authored “Scope of Cardiac Rehabilitation Nursing Practice” and authored and co-authored several other essential works in our field. Known widely as a lecturer, Pat has spoken all over the country.

We are blessed to have her here in Tri-State, as her teachings have been essential to run our programs and take the utmost care of our patients. The glue binding our organization together and the wind beneath our wings through every Tri-State crisis, year after year, Pat has inspired us all to reach our potential. For all that she does, our beloved, Pat Comoss, is truly deserving of the first and only Heart of TSSCVPR Award which was presented to her on April 6, 2019.

[Get involved with Tristate](#)

Are you interested in becoming more active in your profession?

Are you interested in making a difference?

Then you should be interested in becoming more involved with TSSCVPR!

If you have interest please get in contact

with your chapter manager, send one of the board members an email, or even easier contact us on Facebook.



Updated Symposium Information

- Room registration is now open with a deadline of July 28th
- Symposium registration early bird discount is available until August 7th
- August 21st will be the last day for online registration
- Speakers are the same.

Ways TSSCVPR is keeping you safe at Symposium

- We will have enough space at tables in order to provide social space
- Hand sanitizer will be available
- We will follow AACVPR's lead and provide tips for staying healthy and will be following CDC and WHO guidelines
- Updating members regarding any changes to symposium via email and Facebook.



Upcoming Events

36th annual TSSCVPR

Wyndham Garden/State College
310 Elks Club Rd
Boalsburg, PA 16827
August 28-29th, 2020

WIN, WIN, WIN

By Denise Sheffield, RN, CCRP
During the 36th TSSCVPR Symposium you will have the chance to Win some great door prizes. Here is “The WINNING GAME PLAN”:
You will be given chance tickets throughout the weekend to place in the Door Prize Game Box by:

1. Wearing White Friday night
2. Being a “team” winner during our Friday Game Day Sessions
3. Bringing a board or poster
4. Being a Winner of the board and posters (this is in addition to monetary win)
5. Showing your “team” spirit throughout Saturday (our officials will be watching)

Every time you obtain a ticket put your name on the back and place it in the DOOR PRIZE GAME BOX.

We will pull out several tickets at the end of symposium and announce our WINNERS.

Make a weekend of it

If symposium is going to be your first time in State College and you are looking for something to do before or after symposium check out <https://www.visitpennstate.org/> and make a weekend of it.



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