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RE: **Secondary Prevention in Coronary Artery Disease Patients with Diabetes Mellitus**

Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of our academic steering committee, I am pleased to share with you this slide set which addresses secondary prevention in our patients with documented cardiovascular disease and concomitant diabetes. Over the last decade, there has been a shift in research with the hypoglycemic agents use to treat diabetes from managing blood glucose and optimizing hemoglobin A1C to large CV outcome trials with cardiovascular endpoints. For our patients and us as clinicians treating these high risk individuals, we now have evidence based therapies that decrease cardiovascular outcomes including major adverse cardiovascular events and death.

This slide kit was developed and designed by us as an academic group to help promote treatment of these patients with appropriate evidence based therapy. Although we had support from industry, the process was driven entirely from a ground roots perceived clinical need. As we developed the kit, data has continued to evolve so please consider this a template for presentation at your local rounds, small group meetings or even just for your own information. Please also feel free to change the slide format for your host institution or use our general background as you see fit.

As mentioned, the data in this arena is changing rapidly and will be important that you scan the literature if presenting at a formal academic setting to ensure you have addressed the new information.

Thank you for using this tool to help promote optimal treatment in our patients to decrease their long term risk.

Sincerely,

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Encl.   *CAD and Diabetes Secondary Prevention Slide Kit*

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