

# E-News & Updates

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## SCAA Advocates for Increased Federal Funding of Rural AEDs, NIH and CDC Programs



Together with members of the National Coalition for Heart and Stroke Research, SCAA has called on Congress to increase funding of major federal health initiatives including:

- \$32 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), including \$3.214 billion for the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI); and \$1.698 billion for the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. Currently, only four percent of NIH's budget goes toward heart research.
- \$75 million for CDC's Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention program which promotes the ABCs of prevention such as appropriate aspirin therapy, blood pressure control, cholesterol management, and smoking cessation;
- \$37 million for CDC's Well-Integrated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation (WISEWOMAN) program which helps uninsured and under-insured low-income women ages 40 to 64 avoid heart disease and stroke through preventive heath services, referrals to local health care providers, if necessary, and, lifestyle counseling and interventions. You can join with us and help women across the country obtain access to heart healthcare by reaching out to your member of Congress; and

Additionally, SCAA has urged members of the Senate Labor, HHS and Education Appropriations subcommittee to fund the Rural and Community Access to Emergency Devices Program at \$8.927 million during the FY 2013 appropriations process. Housed under the Health Resources and Services Administration, this program provides grants to need-based rural communities for the purchase and deployment of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and related training to increase survival from SCA. This lifesaving program has the potential to save hundreds of lives, but only if it gets funded. Please help us get AEDs into communities that desperately need them and write to your member of Congress.



## **Yale Researchers Recruiting Participants in Heart Attack Study**

The Yale Heart Study is conducting research focusing on the care-seeking behavior and experiences of patients who have suffered an acute myocardial infarction or acute coronary syndrome episode. It's understood that some patients who have a heart attack may then experience SCA in the field, on the way to the hospital or at the hospital as the result of the myocardial infarction (MI), and researchers want to know how individuals who experienced both a heart attack and SCA obtained medical care. The study was made possible

through a grant from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

#### Medtronic Looking for Runners with Devices to Lace it Up & Set the Pace in October



Medtronic is recruiting runners who benefit from medical technology to participate in the seventh annual Medtronic Global Heroes program. Up to 25 runners will be selected to receive a paid entry for themselves and a guest to the Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon or the Medtronic TC 10 Mile on October 5-7, 2012, and a travel package that includes airfare and accommodations. To qualify, runners must currently be using a medical device therapy to treat heart disease, diabetes, chronic pain, spinal disorders, or neurological, gastroenterology and urological disorders. Deadline for applications into the Global Heroes program is April 27.



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#### Mark Your Calendar and be there with SCAA for these Exciting Events!

American College of Cardiology: March 24-27, 2012 Heart Rhythm Society Annual Conference: May 9-12, 2012 National EMS Week: May 20 - 26, 2012

CPR/AED Week: June 1-7, 2012

Emergency Cardiovascular Care Update: September 11-15, 2012

SCAA 2012 Annual Meeting: September 13-15, 2012