

# Acute Cardiovascular Care Association

## Why you should get certified? Testimonies from certified practitioners

### Vienna, Austria 2015

*"I graduated 12 years ago, the cardiology has changed a lot. This examination led me to read not only the treatment guidelines, but other scientific material. This process is very much appreciated my theoretical knowledge. It helped me to treat the patients more complexly and **to be on the top of my occupation**. I recommend to do this test at least 5 years after completion of residency.*

***Making this exam gives a great motivation to develop ourselves**, not to stand on the one place, but on the contrary to go forward and improve the quality of treatment. The improvement of own skills in all fields of acute cardiac care allows to train the young physicians, to share the experience, the knowledge. This exam also stimulates your colleagues to improve their skills. I wish you success and happiness in your difficult work."*

**Dr Julia Reinmets**

*"It helped me in my subspecialty Heart Failure; improved my CV; promoted me to director of cardiac care unit. **Certification is a must to be** at a standard level and **to be in a better position academically and clinically**. Certification in acute cardiovascular care is of significance to me as a specialist in Heart Failure as I treat patients with multiple comorbidities in the acute setting. So I elected to work on being certified, as this will help me to be up to the required standards in Acute Cardiovascular care and to improve my clinical and career development."*

**Dr Hadi Skouri**

*"For myself I see the certification exam I sat generally as a final last step and think the way towards it serves the main purpose: continuing education concerning theoretical knowledge and practical skill. The long term learning towards the certification surely helped, as did the short term effort immediately before the exam.*

***The certification can underline your focus of interest:** in my own case particularly my interest in intermediate care within our tertiary care center, so it helped, yes, positively so. I will **highly recommend it to improve your knowledge** base and to promote / direct your career by discussing in detail the educational contents, requirements and steps that lead to the certification; Then discussing mainly the obvious final purpose of improved patient care. And last but not least expansion of your career opportunities."*

**Dr Frank Scherff**

## Geneva, Switzerland 2014

*“Certification in the field of cardiovascular care is **important to unify education and training in Europe**. Promoting certification within young cardiologists may help to develop of our specialty and improve quality. Being certified by the ACCA-ESC may help cardiologist work in intensive cardiovascular care units. In between young cardiologists interested in the field we should **highly recommend certification** because increases possibilities of work and move around Europe.*

*Acute cardiac care has changed dramatically over the last years. The patients are more complex and healthcare professionals’ involvement in the field requires specific training and skills. Organize and coordinate training in this field from the ACCA leads to all speak the same language, working and researching together in the same direction.”*

**Pablo**

*“To develop myself, get a better position, test my knowledge and have a unique degree not yet got by others. This certification is appreciated well by many people, but I hope it will be recognized and known by the medical counsels all over the world.*

*I will encourage my friends and colleagues to get a **new certificate from a well respected organizations like ESC and ACCA** specially it is in an important field like acute cardiology, encourage them to held a degree that may help them to get a better position.*

*To have an Internationally appreciated degree from a well recognized organization like ESC and ACCA is a good idea, to develop yourself and be updated with most recent information in cardiology is a good thing, to be certified in the field of acute cardiology which is the main interest of most of the cardiologist is a good thing that may help you to get a good position so it is time to start now.”*

**Dr Tarek Qishta**

*“The reason I certified was twofold: to improve my practical skills and to further develop my professional CV for career progression.*

*It helped in my practice in feeling much more confident in adopting certain manoeuvres that I learned during the certification process.*

*Among medical doctors I believe that we, as cardiologists, are particularly lucky. Indeed cardiovascular disease offers a large spectrum of sub-specialities, ranging from 'general outpatient service' to 'invasive cardiology'. The continuous development of strategies that promote survival in patients with complex and previously untreatable disease needs to be paralleled by cardiologists that sustain the results of the other sub-specialities during the acute phase. In my opinion, these needs have been identified by the ACCA which is promoting the development of such skills through the certification process, this way contributing to **the development of a new sub-speciality: the acute care cardiologist.**”*

**Dr. Alda Huqi**

*“I made the certification for the recognition of the subspecialty of CICU. It is very useful for a systematic learning and it is a **very good experience** for a systematic study and updated the subspecialty”*

**Dr Miguel Quintana**

## Istanbul, Turkey 2012

*"I received my certification in 2012. It was for me an important stimulus professional as well as a matter of prestige. I believe that any cardiologist dealing urgency cannot be separated from it."*

**Dr Alessandro Battagliese**

*"The acute cardiac care management has changed dramatically. The patients are more complex and their treatment requires specific knowledge and skills.*

*In this setting, is very important that the health care professionals (physicians, nurses, technicians, etc), speak the same language, and that language is the systematic approach of the acute cardiac condition.*

*ACCA understood this need and created a certification programme in order to unify the criteria among the professionals who treat this kind of patients.*

*The certification process has given to me more confidence when I have to treat to my patients.*

*Next year my hospital will start the Cardiovascular Intensive Care Fellowship Programme and I will be the assistant professor. I got this position thanks to my ACCA Certification. **In the Intensive Cardiac Care Unit, the ACCA certification is a must.***

*We cannot separate from the world tendencies in this context. Besides, it is a very friendly process and, at the end, we obtain more in terms of knowledge, experience and career development.*

*The certification changes in a very positive way our clinical practice.*

***This is a unique project in the world and I wanted be a part of it."***

**Dr. Marco Antonio Robles Rangel**

*"Obtaining Accreditation in Acute Cardiac Care has enabled me to be **progress in my career** by becoming a better physician, and has also enabled my skills to be formally recognized by my institution."*

**Dr Ali Vazir**

*"Here is the difference it made for me and my colleges to have the IACC certification: After many years of being part of the general intensive care unit (ICU) of my hospital, we decided to strike out on our own acute Cardiac Care Unit (CCU) with a cardiologist at charge.*

*For that purpose, we proved that all the cardiologists working at the CCU were certified by the ACCA.*

*Although the "ACCA certification in Acute Cardiac Care" may not have a legal value, **the manager of our center appreciated it** because we could demonstrate that we were all well prepared to take care and improve the quality of care and outcome of patients with acute cardiovascular diseases."*

**Dr Ana Viana Tejedor**

## Paris, France 2011

*"My idea to start the certification process in ACC began in 2011, after obtaining a master degree in cardiac intensive care, to **further increase my knowledge and my practical skills**. In fact, also the desire to compare myself with my colleagues from other countries has played an important role. The certification process helped me to improve the care of critically ill patients in particular, as regards the management of ventilation, renal replacement therapy and cardiac assistance device. Immediately after passing the written exam for the certification process, I moved from a peripheral (spoke CCU without 24/24 cath lab) to a central hospital (HUB CCU with cath lab 24/24). In the future, I hope that the certification in ACC gives me the chance to manage a Coronary Care Unit (CCU).*

***I would absolutely recommended my friends & colleagues to began the certification process in ACC."***

**Dr. Raffaele Di Pillo**

## Versailles, France 2008

*"I have completed the IACC exam because cardiology is getting more and more complex with a progressive number of (elderly) patients suffering from multi organ dysfunction. This asks for an **integral approach** and **the acute cardiovascular care program covers these aspects**.*

*Our coronary care unit can benefit from this knowledge including the IACC certification and I would recommend it to all colleagues involved in the care for acute cardiology patients."*

**Dr Thomas Cherpanath**