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Dear Right Care GO Leadership Forum Participants,

Thank you for participating in the San Diego Right Care Leadership Forum. We commend you for your tireless hours of work and for taking the lead in California by coming together to take action to prevent heart attacks and strokes.

The work of the Right Care Initiative (RCI) and its NIH-supported academic partners, The University of California and RAND, will help us learn how Californians and their health care providers can better manage blood pressure and lipid levels, preventing unnecessary deterioration and life-ending or disabling cerebrovascular and cardiovascular events.

A special thank you goes to the University of California, San Diego for hosting the summit and to our distinguished presenters, who gave outstanding overviews of their promising interventions, shared their accomplishments and were willing to discuss their experiences with one another. We also acknowledge the Right Care-NIH-GO planning and logistics team that put this summit together, headed by Hattie Rees Hanley, Right Care Project Director, and Elizabeth Helms, Chair, California Chronic Care Coalition. We are hopeful that the San Diego Right Care-NIH-GO collaboration with the medical community to reach specific quality improvement goals can serve as a national example of a community that comes together to enhance the health of its population and more importantly, to improve lives.

We look forward to continuing our shared vision and goals to make San Diego one of the heart-and-stroke-healthiest cities in America. San Diego can show the way as a model *smart heart* community for California and the rest of the nation.

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Attachments: Agenda, Notes, Roster, Articles of Interest