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American Association for Cycling Team Doctors  
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**Invitation for Membership to AACTD**

The Organizing Committee for the American Association of Cycling Team Doctors (AACTD) would like to announce the launch of this new organization whose mission is to serve as an interdisciplinary collaboration of science and health care professionals inspiring excellence in the care of cyclists.

The invitation for membership is going out to doctors who have already expressed an interest in this undertaking. It describes AACTD's goals and planned activities. Press inquiries should be directed by email to [info@aactd.org](mailto:info@aactd.org).

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Dear Doctor,

The Organizing Committee of the American Association of Cycling Team Doctors (AACTD) would like to invite you to consider applying for membership in this new organization.

Our mission is to create an interdisciplinary collaboration of science and health care professionals that inspires excellence in the care of cyclists. We feel that the time is right (and the need perhaps urgent) for American sports scientists and health care professionals to organize and to be a proactive force for good in our sport. Our plan is to be as multidisciplinary and inclusive as possible; towards that end, we're inviting doctors of all types (MD, DO, DC, PhD, OD, EdD, DPM, PharmD, etc.) to consider membership in AACTD. Please forward this to anyone else you think may be interested in joining us as we work to get this new organization off the ground.

We're considering several activities that you may find interesting and useful in your care of cyclists and the development of your practice:

- Annual Assembly (likely to be held in conjunction with the Tour of California or Tour of Georgia)
- Educational programs, seminars, CME activities
- Mentoring program
- Team placement assistance
- Development of "primer" for cycling team coverage
- Online Journal Club
- Anti-doping efforts
- Support of Cycling Medicine research
- Training camp for members and possibly non-members which might include physiologic, stress, and pulmonary function testing accompanied by related Sports Medicine / Cycling Medicine educational activities
- On-call collaboration for team coverage

Obviously this is an ambitious undertaking but one we feel will be well worth the effort. We will need the energy of all new members to make this happen.

Again, please forward this to anyone who you think may be interested in this exciting undertaking. Note that we intend to include membership categories for students, doctors-in-training, and affiliated professionals.

Best wishes,

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