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2023 STATE OF THE STATES REPORT

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State of the States 2023

Highlights

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ACC Chapters: Cultivating Community, Delivering Actionable Knowledge, Transforming Care, Sustaining a Legacy

ACC's State Chapters play a pivotal role in fulfilling the College's Mission to transform cardiovascular (CV) care and improve heart health for all. Their on-the-ground efforts to foster community, develop new leaders, ensure equitable access to cardiovascular care, share the latest science and best practices, and advocate for health policies that protect clinicians and patients, are critical to the ACC's ability to deliver on its Strategic Pillars and major initiatives.

This year's State of the States Report provides a snapshot of these efforts, and underscores the substantial contributions that Chapters continue to make in increasing the relevance of the ACC as the CV professional home; generating and delivering actionable knowledge; advancing quality, equity and value of CV care; and ensuring organizational growth and sustainability.

Cultivating Community

When it comes to cultivating community, ACC Chapters have developed the recipe for success. For many cardiovascular clinicians, their local ACC Chapter is an integral component of what makes the College their professional home, providing a gateway to leadership and networking opportunities, localized learning and so much more.

Examples of this in action occurred throughout 2023. For example, the **Wisconsin Chapter** hosted the 6th Annual Midwest Women in Cardiology (WIC) Program, while the **California** and **Nevada Chapters** hosted their first-ever Virtual Women in Cardiology (WIC) Collaboration that featured important discussions on legal and ethical issues specific to women cardiologists and trainees. WIC was also a focus for the **Virginia Chapter**, which brought together mid-career women, internal medicine residents and medical students from across the Mid-Atlantic for a unique two-day event focused specifically on providing an inside look at what it takes to be a woman in cardiology today. Additionally, the **Illinois**

Chapter hosted its inaugural WIC Dinner that focused on topics like career pathways, mentoring and professional development.

The CV Team, Fellows in Training (FIT) and Early Career communities also continue to be a focus for Chapters. Specialized programming at Chapter meetings is one important way Chapters are connecting with these important member groups. Several Chapters, including **Iowa, Delaware, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico** and **West Virginia** highlight the success of poster competitions, FIT Jeopardy, and research grants or showcases in encouraging FIT and Early Career engagement.

Outside of annual meetings, the **Ohio Chapter** debuted a successful FIT Grand Rounds series developed and led by its FIT Council that focused on addressing enduring disparities in cardiovascular care, while in **New York** the Chapter expanded its successful Shark Tank/Young Investigators event to include a Critical Care Trivia Night. In **Texas** and **Tennessee**, Chapters provided grants for FITs and/or Early Career members to take part in the MedAxiom and Wharton CV Business Essentials course. Additionally, the **Puerto Rico Chapter** elected new CV Team leaders in 2023, while the **Idaho Chapter** appointed its first CV Team Representative – in both cases paving the way for more focused CV Team activities heading into the future.

Community building, like cardiovascular disease, isn't limited by borders and several Chapters established global partnerships in 2023. The **Pennsylvania Chapter** invited the Italian Federation of Cardiology to send five early career cardiologists from Italy for week-long preceptorship that included visits to four different institutions and the MidAtlantic ACC meeting. The **Maryland Chapter** also entered into a collaboration with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Kardiologie (DGK), with the goal of learning more about the clinical and regulatory landscapes within each country, advances in medical education, clinical trials training, and health equity.

Delivering Actionable Knowledge

It goes without saying that every Chapter's annual meeting is an important vehicle for delivering the latest evidence-based actionable knowledge. In 2023, a majority of Chapters resumed regular in-person Annual Meetings, in some cases collaborating with other Chapters to host a larger regional meeting (i.e. Rockies, Northern New England). These meetings provided opportunities to showcase the latest industry innovations, hear from ACC leaders and leading experts on the latest research and trends, and more. Some smaller Chapters, many of which are still emerging from the COVID pandemic, used the last year for planning. In exciting news, look for the **Hawaii Chapter** to host its first-ever Annual Meeting in 2024.

Chapters also debuted several other innovative educational programs in the last year. The **New Jersey Chapter's** "Seminar in the City" half-day workshop brought members together for discussions on hot topics like the top 10 environmental challenges faced by physicians, business aspects of cardiovascular medicine, and the joint society effort to create a new, independent Board of cardiovascular medicine. In **Illinois**, the Chapter kicked off "Chicago Citywide Imaging Consortium," bringing together representatives spanning the broad spectrum of cardiology, including FITs, cardiovascular surgeons and interventional cardiologists, from many of the hospitals/health systems in the Chicago area.

In **Ohio**, the Chapter's "CardiOhio" podcast continues to gain popularity, providing practical and actionable clinical advice to practitioners in a contemporary and accessible format. Each episode addresses a practical topic in clinical cardiology, such as recently released ACC practice guidelines, and

features interviews with specialists from across the state's institutions. Also of note, the **Montana Chapter** partnered with the State Department of Health and Human Services on its Annual Conference, in a unique model that allows for education on important cardiovascular topics in the state and while also holding tremendous promise for growing physician and CV Team involvement with the Chapter.

Transforming Care

Advancing quality, equity and value of CV care is another key Strategic Pillar of the College and an area where Chapters excel, whether partnering to support targeted programs to improve heart health in their communities, or advocating for health policies that protect patient access to care.

On the programmatic side, the **Alabama Chapter** used a 2023 Chapter Grant to launch "ANNO: Engaging Senior and Practicing ACC Members in Partnership to Resolve a Regional Disparity in Cardiovascular Health and Longevity in the State of Alabama." This grant, in collaboration with the ACC's Senior Physician Member Section, focuses on making inroads with ethnically diverse church congregations and providing important health related education for members.

In another program, the **Alaska Chapter** partnered with the Boys and Girls club of Alaska to educate children on the importance of hands only CPR and AED awareness. The young participants were taught how to recognize an emergency, ensure safety, call for help, and starting hands only CPR on their favorite stuffed animal. Older children were able to see a demonstration of an AED in use. In **North Carolina**, the Chapter provided a grant to support a program out of Duke University designed to "Reduce Disparities in the Screening for Peripheral Artery Disease among Black patients (PRAISE-PAD)" throughout North Carolina. Meanwhile, the **Louisiana Chapter** was able to provide financial and volunteer support to Luke's House, which provides long-term health care solutions to the people of greater New Orleans.

On the advocacy front, the **Florida Chapter** launched a state-level advocacy program to educate lawmakers about the importance of physician-led, team-based pharmacy care and the potential negative impacts on patient care if retail pharmacists were allowed to oversee direct patient care, including ordering tests and changing medications. In **Mississippi**, the Chapter made it to the ACC HeartPAC's March Mayhem Final Four, earning an FIT travel award to the College's Annual Legislative Conference – growing the voice of cardiology in the state.

The **South Carolina Chapter** held its first-ever State Legislative Day in February that focused on hot-button issues like Certificate of Need (CON) repeal and administrative burden concerns, particularly those caused by prior authorization. Policies mandating AED Use, CPR training and Action Plans were also a focus of many state Chapter advocacy efforts, often in partnership with the NFL-led Smart Heart Sports Coalition, which the ACC became a part of in 2023.

Ensuring Organizational Sustainability

Growth and organizational sustainability of ACC Chapters contribute to the growth and sustainability of the broader ACC. With the ACC launching its next five-year Strategic Plan in 2024, many Chapters, including **Georgia** and **Kentucky**, used 2023 as a time for their own strategic planning, with the goal of aligning not only with the ACC's new major initiatives, but also determining where they can have the greatest impact on members in their respective states.

For other Chapters, continued expansion of membership, evolutions of Annual Meetings and innovative partnerships with industry and other local stakeholders remain fundamental to their continued growth and long-term sustainability. Based on the results outlined in this year's State of the States Report, these efforts are proving fruitful and continue to position ACC Chapters as important catalysts for innovation, advocacy, community and leadership building, and best practices in care delivery.

As we look to the future, the continued collaboration and partnership between the broader ACC and the state chapters will be key as we strive to achieve our shared Vision of a world where science, knowledge and innovation optimize patient care and outcomes. As we navigate the evolving health care landscape, the ACC and ACC Chapters are not just shaping the future but also solidifying a lasting legacy that will endure for another 75 years and beyond.



ALABAMA
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Christina Smith, MPA, CAE – Chapter Executive

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TOP ACCOMPLISHMENT

Of the accomplishments listed below, what does your Chapter consider its top accomplishment?

In 2023 our Chapter received a chapter grant entitled “ANNO: Engaging Senior and Practicing ACC Members in Partnership to Resolve a Regional Disparity in Cardiovascular Health and Longevity in the State of Alabama.” This grant, in connection with the Senior Physician’s Section, focuses on making inroads with ethnically diverse church congregations and providing important health related education for members.

March 2023: Mt. Hillard Baptist Church (MHBC)/Mt. Canaan Full Gospel Church (MCFGC)
ANNO/HEAL Educational Program

1. “Bless Your Heart” to introduce church members to cardiac anatomy, physiology, coronary artery disease pathophysiology, risk factors, risk reduction, lifestyle modification, symptoms, treatment
2. Church HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Living) minister Twandra Maye, RN (TM)
3. Testimonial by church member with ESRD about salt and hypertension.
4. Zumba participatory session led by instructor with history of morbid obesity/hypoventilation
5. Cooking demo prior to lunch with HEAL (Health Eating/Active Living Alabama)
6. Garden Display by a Master Gardener - including plants and seeds for distribution at Church

April, 2023 Presentation of the ANNO program to the Alliance of MASA (Medical Association of the State of Alabama) to join in coordinating with churches

Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge

- a. Accomplishments –
 - i. The 2023 Winter Conference was held in January 2023 with guest speaker Nicole Lohr MD on the topic of “Getting to the Heart of Cardiovascular Risk in Women.” The full day’s agenda included topics on the focus of the Right including Evaluation and Management of Right Heart Failure, Pulmonary Hypertension, Management of Right Heart Arrhythmias by guest lecturer Dr. Frank Fish of Vanderbilt University, and a multidisciplinary discussion on anatomy and management of Right Heart Valvular Diseases. Additional topics included COVID-19 update and the effect on Cardiovascular disease, Management of Right Heart Arrhythmia by guest lecturer Dr. Frank Fish of Vanderbilt University, a CVT breakout session, a Women in Cardiology Networkin Luncheon and the FIT State Jeopardy Competition.

- ii. During the 2023 Winter Conference CVT State Representative Lisa Findley led an additional half-day agenda geared toward the CVT team member with topics of Premature Ventricular Contractions: Evaluation and Management, LAA Occlusion vs Surgical LAAC and Oral Anticoagulants, followed by GLP1 agonists and obesity.
- iii. 2023 Annual Meeting –
 - 1. The Chapter was honored to have Chris Kramer, MD give the 2023 Richard Russell Lecture *Cardiac Magneti Resonance 2023: State of the Art*.
 - 2. The Chapter was honored to host guest speakers: Alejandro de Feria from Penn Medicine and many of the faculty of UAB. Topics included: Updates in Cardio-Oncology, Prevention, Electrophysiology and Cardiovascular Management, CV imaging, SHD, and Heart Failure. Additional focused topics on Hypertrophic CMY, Microvascular Disease INOCA/MINOCA were discussed.

Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home (in particular, highlight any activity/ies that advance diversity and inclusivity, health equity, and/or member wellness)

- a. Accomplishments –
 - i. At the 2023 Winter Conference Council Meeting, Chapter Governor Dr. Paul Tabereaux completed the year-long leadership development program for the Chapter’s Council with executive coach Kat Niewadomska. It culminated in the recent 2023 Winter Conference Council meeting, with an emphasis on physician wellness.
 - ii. Continuing a now favorite tradition, the Chapter hosted its annual WIC Networking Lunch at the 2023 Winter Conference.
- b. Opportunities – The ANNO project continues to recruit new volunteers and looks forward to the expansion including
 - i. Roll out the Hypertension module at a program at MCFGC/MHBC
 - ii. Roll out the Cholesterol, diet and exercise module at MCFGC/MHBC
 - iii. Trial our team model with AMASA at New Rising Star church
 - iv. Will plan to form a new 501© organization to further coordinate ANNO/HEAL/Master Gardeners/Live Healthy/Smart Alabama

2. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care

- a. Accomplishments
 - i. Chapter Advocacy Chair Warren Foster led a robust contingency at this year’s ACC Legislative Conference’s Alabama congressional appointments.
 - ii. The Chapter continues to be a strong advocate of HeartPAC and emphasizes contributions throughout the year.
- b. Opportunities
 - i. We have reinstated the Advocacy committee to begin work at both the National and State level. We have continued to work with The Medical Association of the State of Alabama (MASA) on a number of issues this year and hope to build a mutual agenda using a Council of Presidents approach for a multi-specialty group providing Health advocacy in the State. Current efforts to reduce the burden of prior authorizations are underway.
 - ii. We look forward to providing travel scholarships Chapter members to attend the 2024 ACC Legislative Conference.

3. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability

a. Accomplishments –

- i. The Chapter held its annual Ami Iskandrian Young Investigator Abstract Competition 2023 Winter Conference engaging Fellows in Training from both cardiovascular programs in the state with over 17 posters presented.
- ii. The 2023 ALACC FIT Jeopardy competition was held during the Winter Conference and as usual, provided a fun and engaging session as attendees cheered on the programs.
- iii. At the Chapter's Annual Meeting, each session is preceded by a Fellow presenting a relevant case presentation, enabling the FITs to not only be integrated into the program's agenda, but also introducing them and forming connections to the conference speakers.
- iv. In 2022, the Chapter kicked off its FIT Dinner program, hosting dinners for both cardiology programs in the state in Mobile, AL (University of South Alabama) and Birmingham, AL (University of Alabama at Birmingham). This continued in 2023 with topics including legal issues, malpractice and contracts being addressed at the Spring and Fall dinners. The program continues to grow and flourish as a highlight for the fellows in training.

- #### **b. Opportunities –**
- The Chapter is eagerly looking into twinning opportunities with international ACC Chapters. We have also begun some exciting conversations with our neighboring Mississippi Chapter-ACC regarding partnering with our 2024 Annual Meeting.



Alaska

CHAPTER

Alaska Chapter of the American College of Cardiology
Linda Ireland, DO, MBA, FACC- Governor
Margaret Barnet, DNP, FACC- CV Team State Liaison
Miriam Surdin, MPA, CAE- Chapter Executive

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Top Accomplishment:

The Alaska Chapter created a partnership with the Boys and Girls club of Alaska to educate children on the importance of hands only CPR and AED awareness. We visited 6 clubs, teaching the kids on how to save a superhero, practicing hands only CPR on their favorite stuffed animal. Following a demonstration, all kids took turns and demonstrated the proper series of steps on recognizing an emergency, ensuring safety, calling for help, and starting the hands only CPR. The older group could see what an AED was and saw a demonstration of its use. After the session, we played Bingo, teaching them the terms of CPR, as well as starting to introduce the importance of avoiding tobacco and vaping. The enthusiasm was palpable, and our efforts were recognized on two different TV news programs. We are planning on expanding our efforts to reach the Boys and Girls Clubs in the more remote villages of Alaska.

1. Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home (in particular, highlight any activity/ies that advance diversity and inclusivity, and/or member wellness)
 - a. Accomplishments:
 - Annual community AHA (American Heart Association) run and AHA walk with community.
 - Clean Air Challenge Bike ride- Sponsor and ride to promote tobacco free lifestyle (American Lung Association)
 - “Heart and Sole”- Created a program to walk at lunch with a provider to promote wellness at work.
 - Local sponsorship of the Dome (an indoor track/multi-use field) that allows prescriptions to our patients to walk for free.
 - b. Opportunities:
 - Create a program at the Dome- “Walk with a Physicians/APP “that provides encouragement for exercise and supports the community.
2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge
Accomplishments:
 - In February 2023, the Alaska ACC (American College of Cardiology) Chapter hosted the 14th Annual Cardiovascular Update.
 - Go Red for Women- sponsor and presenter. Presentation focused on CPR/AED awareness and role play. Followed by Jeopardy style game on “Know your numbers” with the audience.

- Go Red for Women- Radio interviews discussing the importance of recognizing the warning signs of stroke and heart attack.
- Post Baccalaureate / Pre-Med Shadowing- “Out of the Shadows”
 - Started program with first 8 enrollees “shadowing” cardiology office practice.
 - Daily reflections incorporated.
- PNWU- Osteopathic school – Yakima Washington
 - Continue with cardiology rotations - Inpatient and outpatient.
 - Curriculum expanded for ongoing leadership training.

b. Opportunities

“Out of the Shadows” program: Credit towards pre-med certificate by sharing their experience with High School students.

3. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care

a. Accomplishments:

- Developed a CPR/AED awareness program with the local Boys and Girls Clubs
- Developed a Tobacco and Vaping awareness program with the local Boys and Girls Clubs
- Alaska FACC cardiologist & CVT (cardiovascular team) members participated in the annual legislative conference.
- Alaska FACC and CVT members participated in ACC 2023.
- Participated on planning committee for Food as Medicine workgroup.

b. Opportunities:

- Increase awareness of CPR/AED in remote villages of Alaska in partnership with Boys and Girls Clubs. During the travel – educate local communities on women’s cardiovascular health issues.

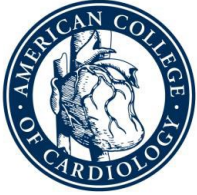
4. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability

a. Accomplishments:

- \$ 5000-dollar grant from the research foundation

b. Opportunities:

- Continue to develop relations with local organizations and advocacy at the capital-establish a local lobby day in Juneau, Alaska.
- Increase ACC and PAC membership and involvement with physicians and CVT members.



Arkansas

CHAPTER

Nasser Adjei, MD, FACC – Governor
Devi Nair, MD, FACC – Governor-Elect
Vacant – CVT Liaison
Mary Ann Mansfield – Chapter Executive

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

TOP ACCOMPLISHMENT

Although the Arkansas Chapter chose to move the November 2023 meeting to February of 2024, the council met throughout the summer, fall, and winter to plan an in-person Chapter meeting. The meeting that has been planned for February is a comprehensive day covering multiple topics and involving local faculty/physicians, trainees, and our national ACC leadership. The successful planning of this meeting has energized the council so that identifying topics and speakers has already begun for the November 2024 meeting.

1. Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home (in particular, highlight any activity/ies that advance diversity and inclusivity, health equity, and/or member wellness)

a. Accomplishments

- The Arkansas Chapter continues to provide leadership and oversight of the Arkansas STEMI Advisory Council. Dr. Nasser Adjei serves as chair of the council and participates in the quarterly meetings.
- The Executive Council has planned its first in-person meeting since COVID. The meeting will feature national speakers from the ACC office as well as local physicians and trainees from Arkansas' teaching hospital at UAMS.
- A second meeting for 2024 is also in the works and one of its features will be Women in Cardiology.

b. Opportunities

- The Arkansas Chapter hopes to make continued progress in cardiovascular outcomes through the STEMI network.
- Member engagement continues to be low. The Chapter meeting coming up in February of 2024 will feature Dr. Nicole Lohr. She will speak to the group about member value.
- The CVT Liaison has remained vacant. We have candidates who are registered for the February meeting. Recruitment efforts for this position will be on the agenda.

2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge

a. Accomplishments

- The Arkansas Chapter provided travel funds for three FITs to attend and participate in ACC.23. The Chapter will be supporting FITs again to ACC24 and will include a Jeopardy Team from Arkansas' teaching hospital, UAMS.

b. Opportunities

- While a fall 2023 Chapter meeting had been planned, the date was moved to February 2024. An additional Chapter meeting is already being discussed for Fall of 2024. We hope to build momentum following a successful meeting this February.
- Continue to support FITs with travel opportunities.

3. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care

a. Accomplishments

- Governor Nasser Adjei, MD, FACC and Mary Ann Mansfield, Chapter Executive, participated in person at the ACC Legislative Conference in October and met with staff from Arkansas' congressional delegation, along with Senator Boozman of Arkansas.
- A travel awards was given to Dr. Murrium Sadaf, a Cardiology Fellow, who also attended the Legislative Conference. Dr. Sadaf was a great participant at the conference and offered valuable energy and insight during our meetings with legislators.

b. Opportunities

- Develop closer relationships with the Arkansas Medical Society to further advocacy issues.
- Continue to support FIT involvement in Legislative Conference and activities.

4. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability

a. Accomplishments

- Ensured FIT participation in ACC conferences.

b. Opportunities

- Providing more robust educational opportunities for its members.
- Deepening the relationship with faculty, FITs, residents, and students from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS).
- Developing regular communication tools with members of the Chapter.

Northern Governor/Imm. Past President, Jamal S. Rana, MD, FACC
Southern Governor/President, Anthony Hilliard, MD, FACC
Southern CVT Chapter Representative Simona Campa, ACNP-BC
Northern CVT Chapter Representative Jonathan David, MSN, RN, CCRP, NE-BC, AACC
Chapter Executive Lianna Collinge, CAE, CNPMA

TOP Accomplishment: WIC multistate meeting in October with more than 200 attendees.

Building upon our “Emergence and Transformation” campaign coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021 and a 2022 campaign centered on “Connecting California” we leveraged our large and diverse membership in a “**Stronger Together**” campaign again focused on fulfilling our state mission statement: “**Be the catalyst to empower our members to provide transformative cardiovascular care leading to improve health for Californians**”. We built our “**Stronger Together**” center around our **4 pillars: Inclusion, Innovation and Wellness, Advocacy and Operations, Partnerships and Future and Sub-Specialties**. Our website: <https://caacc.org/> is structured around the framework as described above.

Advocacy & Operations

Government Relations: This committee continues to work closely with California Assembly on various related bills. We have an excellent dedicated Legislative Analyst to assist with communications and transparency through the year. Many major legislative state bills required the attention of this committee. 2023 was the first year of the two-year session in the California Legislature and it proved to be a busy one. California ACC actively lobbied more than 15 bills.

- The Governor signed SB 348 which establishes nutritional standards for school meals including guidelines for sugar and sodium levels.
- He also signed AB 948 which caps the out-of-pocket costs for patient’s medication to no more \$250 for a 30-day supply.
- Unfortunately, the Governor did veto SB 694 which would have made self-measured blood pressure monitors and services a covered benefit in the Medi-Cal program.
- There were a few bills we have been advocating for introduced in 2023 but did not make it to the Governor.

Those bills are still eligible to move in 2024 and include SB 598 which would create a program where a physician that has had 90% of their prior authorization requests approved not be subject to prior authorization on subsequent requests and AB 365 which would require Medi-Cal to cover continuous glucose monitors. We will continue to advocate for those bills in 2024 and be prepared to review the hundreds of health bills introduced in January and February.

Communications: Given the virtual world we live in, our Twitter handle @CaliforniaACC had exponential increase in engagement with our SoMe Committee members regularly contributing educational tweets. In addition, we are using this platform to keep all members informed all that is happening in California and National ACC.

Cardio PAC: Our Political Action Committee remains robust with contributions from board members and beyond. It works closely with our Government Relations committee in strategic support of candidates who support our CA Chapter mission. The committee led our successful **California Lobby Day** on April 28, 2023.

Carrier Advisory Council: Richard Wright MD FACC continues to be the chair of our regional Medicare Contractor Committee and is truly an asset to California ACC, many other chapters, and the National ACC.

Partnerships & Future

CVT Liaisons/Leadership: Jonathan David RN and Simona Campa DNP led a very successful annual meeting for CVT members. This hybrid event took place at Cedars Sinai August 19, 2023.

International Partnership: Inaugural Asher Kimchi, MD Memorial Fellowship was awarded November 14, 2023, to Dr. Orit Barrett, an Israeli Cardiologist who is currently a research Fellow at Cedars-Sinai, in memory of longtime California ACC leader.

Early Career: Completed the second leadership forum series with 10 graduates. The Early Career section led by Dr. Aditya Bharadwaj and Dr. Celina Yong successfully organized the second CA ACC Leadership Forum. This program was developed to help groom future leaders within the field of cardiology. Early career cardiologists and FITs who were chosen from a pool of applicants, attended monthly discussions with several leaders from our California Chapter. Sessions included topics on building

leadership qualities (Drs. Dipti Itchhaporia, Anthony Hilliard, Jamal Rana, Janet Wei, Teresa Daniele, Risheen Reejhsinghani), business side of medicine and succeeding in academia and private practice (Drs. Connor O'Brien, Jared Herr, Jamal Rana, Rahul Sharma), beating burnout and longevity in leadership (Drs. Martha Gulati, Thomas Dewland, Byron Lee). Thanks to our speakers who took time off their busy schedule to share their wisdom with our future leaders.

Fellows in Training – “Connecting California” ACC FITS: This year the FIT committee has been focused on bringing fellows in California information about the "hidden curriculum" in cardiology fellowship. This includes information about how to negotiate your first contract, financial planning, the benefits of various practice settings and more. They also had a FIT networking event focused on beyond the match navigating you're a way to a successful first job after fellowship.

Inclusion, Innovation & Wellness

Women in Cardiology: Women in Cardiology had a successful symposium entitled: The Fierce Urgency of Now: The Journey Towards Creating a Diverse Cardiology Work Force: Karol Watson MD PhD FACC was the keynote speaker. This career development event focused on diversity in Cardiology's work force. [CA-ACC-WIC-Resources-1.pdf \(caacc.org\)](#) Had a panel featuring a week in the life of a woman in cardiology. They shared perspectives on Breaking Glass Ceilings and the importance of mentorship highlighting our new membership app and then closed in a small group networking session. Also, this committee **collaborated with the Nevada chapter** in the 1st Annual Virtual Women in Cardiology Collaboration with Nevada Chapter. The meeting focused on How do legal or ethical issues affect us, as trainees and as female cardiologists. Keynote speaker was Athena Poppas MD MACC.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion: The California ACC Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) committee exemplified hard work and commitment to develop a new Cardiology Mentorship Program focused on building a cardiovascular pipeline. Achievements were not just the result of words on paper or promises made, but rather a testament to the dedication and relentless effort of members. There was a collective commitment to fostering an environment where every voice was heard, and every perspective was valued. Committee members went beyond rhetoric and actively contributed to the implementation of Cardiology mentorship program. Results were a mentor app and a toolkit and a webinar focused on building the CA mentor/mentee network. Next year we hope to see the fruits of this hard work and the successful implementation of this program. We are in the process of pairing mentors and mentees.

Sub-specialties

Exercise/Sports: This committee has been very active in 2023.

- We held a Webinar moderated by John Wong MD FACC entitled. “Coronary Artery Calcification and Coronary Artery Disease in the Masters Athlete. The presenters for the meeting were Cicely Dye, MD FACC of Balboa Naval Medical Center, Jeffrey Hsu, MD PhD FACC of UCLA, David Maron, MD FACC of Stanford, Jason Tso, MD FACC of Stanford.
- Our online resources are robust and an asset to all primary care physicians in the US, as well as our membership.
- Another webinar led by John Rogers, MD FACC, focused on the Cardiac Risk Assessment in Youth: Making Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Part of Your Practice. They have also continued to buildout their athlete's heart toolkit: [Athlete's Heart Section 1 - California Chapter of the American College of Cardiology \(caacc.org\)](#)

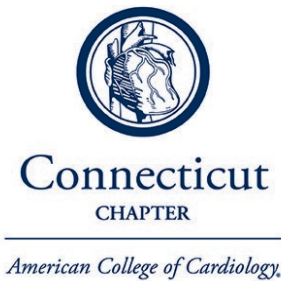
Cardio-oncology: Oncology Web Rounds Conference: Heart on Fire: Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors Related Myocarditis Clinical Case Presentations & Panel Discussion with Experts. Presenters were Drs. Jacqueline Vuong and Celso Diaz, and the panelists were Drs. Eric Yang MD FACC and Deborah Wong. The session was moderated by Brenton Bauer MD FACC

Geriatrics: Had a webinar organized by catalyst Ashok Krishnaswami “Women-In-Cardiology: A Perspective on the Past, Present and Future of Geriatric Cardiology”. This webinar focused on Recruitment of women and older adults in clinical trials, Age and sex-based disparities in CV healthcare, Is the way through a woman's heart through her brain?, Shared Decision Making, Increasing interest in sex and age-based (chronological/physiological) research, What can health systems do for optimizing CV care in older adults?. Our faculty included: Nanette Wenger MD, Dipti Itchhaporia, MD, MACC, Maria Ansari, MD, FACC, C. Noel Bairey Merz, MD, FACC.

Fall Board Meeting & Annual Awards Dinner

In conjunction with our Annual educational meeting “Cardiovascular Interventions” in partnership with Scripps our Annual Award Dinner and Board of Directors Meeting was held December 2023. We recognized outstanding contributors to Cardiology. We feel recognition and celebrating the efforts of our members and leaders is important in connecting our great state of California! Here is list of awardees recognized:

- Fellow of the Year: Alison Kratka MD, UCSF
- Cardiovascular Team Member of the Year: Simona Campa ACNP, Cedars Sinai
- George L. Smith Advocate of the Year: Gerald Bourne, MD, FACC
- Educator of the Year: Liset Stoletniy MD FACC, Loma Linda University
- Future Leader Award: Brenton Bauer MD FACC, UCLA
- Eliot Rapaport Cardiologist of the Year: Matthew Budoff MD FACC, Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute



Brian J. Malm, MD, FACC, FASE, Governor/President
Sandra Biolo, APRN, CVT representative
Simon Flynn, MS, Chapter Executive

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TOP ACCOMPLISHMENT, Of the accomplishments listed below, what does your Chapter consider its top accomplishment? *Being awarded a 2023-2024 WIC member engagement grant, in partnership with the Massachusetts ACC chapter. This will fund a financial planning lecture series.*

1. Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home
 - a) Accomplishments
 - *We had a transition in leadership last spring when Brian Malm, MD assumed the office of chapter governor/president.*
 - *Sara Tabtabaie, MD, a chapter councilor, is the new Co-Chair of our Education Committee*
 - *We successfully resurrected our chapter's social media footprint by launching a new X (formerly twitter) account, @theCT_ACC, which is managed by one of our active committee members, Anna Koulova, MD*
 - *Our Women In Cardiology (WIC) committee continues to thrive, hosting various educational and career planning events as detailed below. This section has its own X/twitter account with over 400 followers.*
 - *We've continued to advance diversity in our chapter by welcoming internal medicine residents, FITs, more mid-level providers, and a CV pharmacist to our chapter's education committee.*
 - *Our cardio-oncology committee has continued its efforts to organize educational activities on this important topic.*
 - b) Opportunities
 - *Our education committee has begun planning for an annual echocardiography symposium and a recurring, possibly quarterly, virtual echo case conference in partnership with the Yale-New Haven hospital echo lab. A primary objective of these activities is to engage cardiac sonographers in the chapter's educational activities.*
2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge
 - a) Accomplishments
 - *We held our annual meeting and scientific sessions on 4/26/2023, 120 attendees, as well as 18 industry sponsors. Dr. Joseph Marine gave the keynote lecture on "Atrial fibrillation: 20 Years of Progress". Our FIT abstract poster competition received 69 abstract submissions. Accepted abstracts presented included 20 cases as posters and 5 oral original research abstract presentations. FIT abstract presenters were all given gift cards as awards for their successful abstracts. Dr. Jonathan Alexander, a founder of the chapter, was given the Larry Cohen Founders Award.*
 - *Our chapters WIC committee, in partnership with the CT chapter of the American College of Physicians, held a "Cardiology for the Internist" CME event on 5/6/2023 which included fellows case presentations/didactics and a keynote address entitled "Women in Cardiology" given by Dr. Colleen Harrington, Governor of the MA ACC chapter. The event awarded 3.5 CME credits.*
 - *The WIC committee also held a CV writing workshop for fellows on 9/20/2023.*

- *The Cardio-oncology section held a 2nd annual virtual education event on 10/25/2023 which featured presentations by faculty from the chapter and a keynote lecture on “Myocardial strain imaging for oncology patients” by Jennifer Liu, MD from Memorial Sloan-Kettering*
- *We partnered with Peerview Medical Institute for a virtual CME event on 2/8/2023 featuring Dr. Anjali Owens from UPenn titled “Going Beneath the Surface of Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy, Understanding the Pathophysiology and Deploying New Strategies for Timely Diagnosis and Targeted Treatment.”*

b) Opportunities

- *WIC committee, in conjunction with the Massachusetts ACC chapter, was awarded an ACC WIC engagement grant to fund a financial planning lecture series which is being held January-March 2024*
- *Our 2024 Annual meeting is scheduled for 4/24/24, Dr. Chris Kramer will deliver the keynote lecture on Cardiac MRI. For the first time in several years, we will offer CME credits for this.*
- *Annual echocardiography symposium and quarterly virtual echo case conference involving cardiac sonographers, trainees, and chapter faculty.*
- *Plan to begin a nurse practitioner led educational series on implantable cardiac device programming/management.*

3. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care

a) Accomplishments

- *Drs. Brian Malm and Gil Lancaster participated in the ACC Legislative conference October 2023 and had productive meetings with CT congressional delegates advocating in support of several pieces of legislation pertinent to CV care.*
- *Dr. Edward Tuohy, past chapter president, has accepted a nomination to serve as our state Carrier Advisory Committee representative.*
- *Our chapter endorsed, and provided advertisement for, the 3rd Annual NYU Langone Health Critical Care Cardiology Symposium held 10/20/2023.*

b) Opportunities

- *Continue to expand our social media outreach to engage a broader and more diverse audience to ongoing chapter activities and share relevant knowledge, such as practice guidelines, etc. to our growing community.*
- *Future educational pursuits in echocardiography to include cardiac sonographers.*
- *APRN-directed educational series on pacemaker/ICD programming and management.*
- *Continue to provide funds to support FIT chapter councilors and other trainees to attend ACC national meetings and legislative conference.*

4. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability

a) Accomplishments

- *Under the direction of Dr. McPherson, Immediate Past President of the chapter, our chapter bylaws have been revised to include the Education and WIC committees as a standing committees of the chapter. These bylaws have been approved by chapter council and will be submitted to the ACC BOG steering committee for ratification.*
- *Our chapter has remained financially healthy, in part related to membership dues, successful educational events, and meaningful industry sponsorship.*

b) Opportunities

- *detailed above re: new educational efforts, social media outreach, expanding CVT member involvement in chapter activities.*
- *New standing committees (WIC and Education Committee)*
- *Fill vacant council positions, maintain committee leadership/membership up to date as per bylaws.*
- *Appoint 2 new FIT councilors beginning July 2024.*



DELAWARE
CHAPTER

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Delaware Chapter of the American College of Cardiology

Vinay Hosmane, MD, MPH, FACC- Governor

Nicole Heap DNP, MBA, AGACNP-BC, FNP-C, AACC- CV Team Representative

Miriam Surdin, MPA, CAE- Chapter Executive

2023 State of the State Report

Top Accomplishment: Increased member engagement in several areas including national ACC conferences, FIT Jeopardy, and Delaware meetings.

1. Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home

Accomplishments

- Representation in 2023 Legislative Conference
- Held In-Person Delaware Chapter Meeting with speakers 10/6-10/7/2023
- Participated in Wilmington Delaware Heart Walk 10/9/2023
- Participated in planning of Mid Atlantic ACC Conference 11/18-19/2023
- Chapter meeting to engage fellows 9/2023
- CVT X (Twitter) usage during ACC conferences and meetings

Opportunities

- Growing WIC – Increase membership
- In-person WIC Meeting Spring 2024 and October 2024
- Continue supporting ACC Legislative Conference 2024 with participation of WIC and CVT
- Continue planning 2024 Delaware Chapter Meeting for 10/2024
- Continue planning and supporting MACCS 11/2023
- Initiate Delaware Legislative Day in Dover

2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge

Accomplishments

- CVT members taught EHAC & Hands Only CPR principles to employees of ChristianaCare including ED Nurse Internship (approximately 8,000 people)
- Chapter members taught EHAC & Hands Only CPR at Chapter Meeting 10/7/2022
- Physician and CVT participation in MACCS 2023 planning and state representation
- CVT presentation to multiple groups of Emergency Department Nurse Interns on Cardiac Emergencies

- CVT presentations to multiple groups of Emergency Department Nurses for Critical Skills Sessions throughout the year

3. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care

Accomplishments

- CVT presentation to multiple groups of Emergency Department Nurse Interns on Cardiac Emergencies
- CVT presentations to multiple groups of Emergency Department Nurses for Critical Skills Sessions throughout the year
- On-going Delaware Chapter Planning Committee Meetings 2/2024-09/2024
- Planning Delaware Chapter Meeting 2022, ACC by the Sea scheduled for 10/2024
- CVT Twitter usage during ACC conferences and meetings
- Assist Delaware and other medical associations in blocking mandatory physician training on Alzheimer's and Pediatric Lead.

Opportunities

- Increase CVT engagement and participation in Legislative Conference for 2024
- Develop a special population committee to understand community health needs and how best to support (AED/CPR training, BP screenings etc.)
- DE ACC X (Twitter) account usage
- Partner with Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) Delaware Chapter to reach broader audience about EHAC and Hands-Only CPR
- CVT State Liaison providing outreach/education to First State School about EHAC and Hands-Only CPR 2023 in conjunction with ChristianaCare, 2024 Scheduled 2/2024
- Planning of Delaware Chapter meeting: DE ACC by the Sea scheduled for 10/2024
- CVT X (Twitter) usage during ACC conferences and meetings

4. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability

Accomplishments

- Updates to DE ACC Website
- Continued use of X (Twitter) during events
- Partnered with several CME companies for additional non-dues revenue

Opportunities

- Engage with social media to connect with other professionals
- Table for ACC HeartPAC during Delaware Chapter Meeting: DE ACC by the Sea scheduled 10/2024



FLORIDA
CHAPTER

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David E. Winchester, MD, MS, FACC, President
Melissa Gilliam, PA-C, CVTeam Representative
Jennifer Ray Beckman, MBA, CAE, Chapter Executive

2023 State of the State Report

TOP ACCOMPLISHMENT

A critical state-level advocacy program was developed to counter regulations that would allow retail pharmacists to oversee direct patient care including ordering tests and changing medications. To ensure that pharmacy care is done as part of a physician-led, team-based effort, chapter leadership engaged a legal team, utilized the FIT committee to research, engaged board members to build case for possible detrimental issues to patients, and ultimately provided and presented evidence-based facts to the board of pharmacy and lawmakers. Lawmakers indicated they were interested in the issue and the chapter created additional strategy to engage both the Senate and House of Delegates.

1. Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home
 - Provided critical feedback on a bill that created an ECG screening program for student athletes that did not provide adequate accounting for the costs and burden of follow-up testing nor considered the potential to overwhelm the pediatric cardiology community
 - Participated in Doctor of the Day program with members volunteering in a free clinic at Capitol building and thus interacting with members of the House and Senate as the only non-lawmakers allowed on the floor of the chambers
 - Participated in ACC Legislative Conference, visiting several offices of Senate and House members
2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge
 - Grew in-person chapter meeting attendance by 8% while continuing to bring in national speakers to an engaged audience
 - Supported two FIT meetings related to career and financial planning along with first in-person FIT Jeopardy
 - Held a Device Boot Camp for FITs giving trainees additional skills and feedback session
 - Produced a 6-hour CEU live meeting, "CVTeam Clinical Essentials" that included networking
 - Hosted FIT Oral Case Presentation Skills Competition that included finalists giving presentations to peers and a feedback panel of FACCs to better hone presentation skills

3. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care

- Established a DEI committee; current primary project relates to establishing state-level mentoring relationships for underrepresented groups in the cardiology community
- Hosted WIC Life & Career Coaching Symposium exploring non-clinical issues such as wellness, work life balance, how to make choices, and how to live with choices
- Launched 'Pearls of Wisdom' Mentorship Program for medical students and residents to connect with women cardiologists about career paths, opportunities, and challenges

4. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability

- Continued a series of interviews with past presidents, documenting chapter history, and lessons for future
- Continued International Outreach partnership with Sociedad Espanol de Cardiologia (SEC) sending a delegation to visit hospitals in Toledo and Madrid. Continued the speakers exchange by attending SEC Congreso
- Organized local dinners around the state to meet with members and nonmembers to hear their concerns
- Contacted cardiologists through social media platforms to get feedback on ACC and Florida ACC activities



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Governor: Arthur Reitman, MD, FACC
CV Team Chapter Representative: Jason Grady
Chapter Executive: Hank Holderfield

2023 State of the State Report

TOP ACCOMPLISHMENT: The Council held its first Strategic Planning Session in June to determine the direction of the Chapter for the next 5 years. Many ideas came from this planning guided by our consultant and a subcommittee has been charged with developing our strategic plan and report to the Council.

1. Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home (in particular, highlight any activity/ies that advance diversity and inclusivity, health equity, and/or member wellness)

The Council held its first Strategic Planning Session in June to determine the direction of the Chapter for the next 5 years. Many ideas came from this planning guided by our consultant and a subcommittee has been charged with developing our strategic plan and report to the Council.

We held awards for Original Science and awarded the Dr. Nanette Kass Wenger Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship to Dr. Daniel Gold from Emory University School of Medicine. We awarded the Dr. Robert M. Nerem Award for Excellence in Biomedical Research to Mr. Sanchita Bhat from the Department of Biomedical Engineering at Georgia Tech. We awarded the Georgia Chapter American College of Cardiology Governor's Award for Excellence in Research (Medical) to Dr. Nouraldeen Manasrah from Augusta University School of Medicine and Dr. Samah Ahmadih from Augusta University and the Georgia Chapter American College of Cardiology Governor's Award for Excellence in Research (Biomedical Engineering) to Mr. Aniket Venkatesh the Department of Biomedical Engineering, Georgia Tech.

Southeast Women in Cardiology

Discussion between Louisiana and Mississippi Chapters- nothing planned as of yet, possible Zoom meeting due to costs. We have hosted this meeting twice via zoom and once live. While very beneficial to FITs and Early Career, very expensive and time consuming for staff. WIC Chapter grants now focused on areas with no WIC presence and novel programming.

ACC24 and GA ACC WIC opportunity

Each year at ACC meeting, the WIC Section has a reception. ACC23 was hosted by ACC WIC and Women As One, organization founded by Dr Roxanna Mehran. Cost was \$20, 000 with ACC WIC paying \$5,000.

GA ACC WIC and Chapter to support Cardio-Oncology issues in Georgia- GaPQC Cardiac Conditions in OB Care AIM Safety Bundle

Amy R. Mock, Perinatal Quality Improvement, Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of Women's Health approached GA ACC to help find providers to see Cardio Ob patients and work on this program. They will have a TABLE at GA. For GA-ACC, the list of "asks" are for attendance at the November 2023 Conference. Additionally, we have attached a letter written by Dr. Toomey, State Health Officer, regarding maternal cardiac initiative engagement. GaPQC to have a table and invitation to attend the annual conference in November. GaPQC logo and information on big screen at break times. GaPQC leadership to have 5-10 minutes at the beginning of the day at the podium to share about GaPQC CCOC initiatives. Educational materials to share. List of target cardiologist to meet/greet at the conference. There are quite a few cardiologists in Atlanta that care for women with cardio obstetric problems.

2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge

We held a live November Annual Meeting with over 150 cardiologists and 45+ CVT members in attendance. We also had 48 sponsors and exhibitors participate. In conjunction with the Annual Meeting we held our CVT conference update. We had over 60 CVT members in attendance for a one-day conf. We held a DE&I and FIT to Fellow breakfast workshop to promote ACC's initiative for FACC designation and inclusion.

3. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care

Continues to utilize social media to support the efforts in promoting the ACC and Cardiovascular health awareness using Twitter with over 1500 followers.

Supports the efforts of the ACC in STEMI and cardiac arrest and care and serves as Manager of Emergency Cardiac Care in various Georgia regions. The 2023 Emergency Cardiovascular Care Conference (EC3) was held with over 750 in attendance. The conference was held in partnership with the GAACC, the Georgia College of Emergency Physicians, the Georgia Emergency Medical Services Association, and the Office of Emergency Cardiac Care in the Georgia Department of Public Health. Top experts from various fields of emergency medicine, cardiovascular medicine, emergency medical services and public health met to discuss advances in management of ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI), cardiogenic shock, and out of hospital cardiac arrest, with the aim of improving cardiac care in Georgia. The CV Team Liaison serves on the STEMI case review, PCI case review and Morbidity & Mortality case review for a five-hospital health system. The CV Team Liaison currently serves on the Clinical Guideline Council, which promotes continued knowledge of best practice cardiac care guidelines. The CV Team Liaison participates in quarterly strategic planning calls with other State Liaisons. Our Chapter provides financial stipends to the CV Team Liaison to attend the National ACC Conference annually. Working with communities to address disparities in out of hospital cardiac arrest survival.

4. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability

The community service committee participated in Doctor for a Day program by engaging our fellows and physician attendings in various parts of the conference. We held a D4AD conference at Tufts Medical School attracting 40 pre med students and 20 medical students. Our Young Physicians Initiative continued to promote medical school career with Doctor for a Day. We expanded to 3 middle schools, 8 high schools and 14 colleges serving over 600 students a semester. Over 200 medical students from all 5 GA Medical/DO schools volunteering with our Program. We started a rural mentorship program held in Macon, GA. And launched out of state chapters in Boston, Alabama, Florida and Nashville. Chapter members volunteered to participate in virtual mentorship sessions as part of the Young Physicians Initiative's Virtual Mentorship Circle, involving students from underserved and underrepresented backgrounds were led by medical students along with physicians. We now have 7 groups providing guidance, opportunity to over 100 students. We started a rural mentorship program held in Macon, GA. Our PreMed Portal with a team of medical students continued hosting panels with deans and directors of admission at medical schools.

5. Other

Our President Elect Dr. Pascha Schafer is Vice Chair of ACCPAC Board and Dr. Jerre Lutz is a member of the Board. We distribute a quarterly newsletter to inform our members, and FITs and medical students, regarding the role of the CV team, educational opportunities and Chapter news.

We continued to raise monies for our 501 c3 Charitable Foundation to fund our community projects and assist with funding of FIT and DE&I initiatives. Our initial gift to the Foundation was \$100,000; The corpus is now at \$185,000. We have donations from industry related supporters.



GREAT PLAINS

CHAPTER

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Great Plains- North and South Dakota

Thomas Haldis, MD, FACC- Governor, North Dakota

Mevan Wijetunga, MD, FACC- Governor Elect, North Dakota

Alexander Schabauer, MD, FACC- Governor, South Dakota

Kristin Dunn, PA-C- CV Team State Representative

Miriam Surdin, MPA, CAE- Chapter Executive

2023 State of the State Report

Top Accomplishment: Offered several CME opportunities to our members through webinars (which is integral for our large geographic region) and in person meetings in partnership with other Midwest Chapters.

Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home Accomplishments

a. Accomplishments

Sent 5 CV team members from both North and South Dakota to attend the Midwest Cardiovascular Symposium.

b. We have reached out to the legislative representative of the American Heart Association (for both ND and SD) to discuss common grounds such as Food as Medicine.

c. Opportunities

Membership engagement in our chapter remains problematic. We sent out several newsletters in 2023 to inform members about key issues. Reasons include that our members are spread out over a large geographic area and low member numbers.

We planned to hold engagement dinners in both North and South Dakota in 2024.

2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge

a. Accomplishments

Great Plains will continue to partner with the Minnesota ACC and Iowa ACC chapters to organize educational activities at the annual Mid-West CV Forum in Minneapolis, MN as another avenue for increased member engagement in state chapter activities. The Great Plains Chapter intends to remain very active in our continued participation in this conference.

b. Opportunities

Planned travel to all cardiology groups in SD had to be cancelled secondary to COVID-19 limitations. This will remain on list of priorities which should be helpful not only for ACC engagement but also to provide information on and benefits of HEARTPAC.

3. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care

a. Accomplishments

We took the opportunity during the Western South Dakota CV Symposium in October to provide an ACC national legislative advocacy update after the legislative conference to the membership.

b. Opportunities

4. Over the next two (2) years, the state chapter intends to increase the number of state chapter contributors to the ACCPAC, and to increase the annual number of Legislator Practice Visits.

Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability

a. Accomplishments

We continue to have a balanced the chapter budget.

b. *Opportunities:*

The state chapter intends to widen the scope of member engagement via the annual state chapter engagement dinner/business meeting, and seek to create state chapter workgroups as a means of encouraging active member participation in the planning and organization of these state chapter events.



HAWAII
CHAPTER

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Hawaii Chapter of the American College of Cardiology
Margo Vassar, MD, FACC- Governor
Omar Ghani, MD, FACC- Incoming Governor
Kristi Ching, RN, MEd- CV Team State Liaison
Miriam Surdin, MPA, CAE- Chapter Executive

2023 State of the State Report

Top Accomplishment: Started planning a large 1st Annual Hawaii Chapter Meeting with several planning committee members and engaging several sponsorship opportunities.

1. Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home
 - a. Accomplishments:
 - i. Have continued periodic Journal Club via Zoom
 - ii. Helped sponsor medical students with poster presentations at ACC.23
 - iii. Kristi Ching have continued CVT recruiting efforts.
 - iv. Helped to financially support CVT Liaison and FIT to attend ACC.23
 - v. Started planning a statewide educational/networking annual meeting for 2024
 - b. Opportunities:
 - i. Increase mentorship to medical students and residents
2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. Cosponsored Heart Failure Conference in July with UC San Diego
 - ii. Cosponsored CATCH (Caring for Adults and Teenagers with Congenital Heart Disease) conference locally
 - iii. Planning on offering a CE based opportunity to all members
 - iv. Worked on many coordinated virtual webinars with other small chapters.
 - b. Opportunities
3. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. Governor Elect, Omar Ghandi, MD, FACC participated in ACC Legislative Conference in October.
 - b. Opportunities: Hawaii hopes to join the NCDR eChapter reports in 2024.
4. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. We have maintained the Hawaii Chapter Council and recruited new members.
 - ii. Continued to increased CV Team member registration

- iii. Hosted an in person mentorship session with medical students, residents, FITs, and community cardiologist during ACC.23
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. Sustain growth with increased membership of both physicians and CV Team Members
- 5. Other
 - a. Opportunities- Increase memberships and create sub-specialty interest groups



IDAHO
CHAPTER

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Idaho Chapter of the American College of Cardiology
Alina Robert, MD, FACC- Governor
Robert Duerr, MD, FACC – Governor Elect
Madelaine Ryan, ACNPC-AG- CV Team State Representative
Miriam Surdin, MPA, CAE- Chapter Executive

2023 State of the State Report

Top Accomplishment: CV Team Representative recruitment. This was years in the making. We are thrilled to have one.

1. Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home

a. Accomplishments

We have sponsored several webinars and collaborated on the Rockies Chapter meeting to provide several educational opportunities to our members.

We were able to recruit a CV Team State Representative after several years without someone in this position.

Dr. Robert Duerr was elected as the new incoming ID Chapter Governor. He previously served on the ACC HPAC Committee.

b. Opportunities

As a state with no cardiology fellowship program, no academic medical center, with small primary care postgraduate training programs, and a new osteopathic medical school, we continue to explore opportunities for increase chapter visibility. As one of the most rural states in the country, we continue to strategize on the best means for remaining in contact with our members in a useful and locally relevant way. We hope to continue to increase networking between members.

We have started efforts towards a chapter Newsletter in the Fall 2023 and will work to continue to deliver local and ACC news via this modality on a regular basis.

Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge

a. Accomplishments

Continued partnership and participation in the Rockies Chapter meeting in September 2023.

b. Opportunities

Working to expand collaboration with NW chapters as part of the new NW CV Symposium in 2024, formally the Annual Oregon ACC Chapter Symposium, to enhance educational opportunities for our members and member participation and networking.

Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care

a. Accomplishments

We continued to participate in the ACC Legislative Conference in 2023 with strong lobbying efforts with ID legislators, most importantly recognizing the challenges of access to care in a rural state like ours.

b. Opportunities

Will continue to lobby and advocate for legislature that enhances access to quality cardiovascular care.

Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability

a. Accomplishments

We have welcomed newly elected members as FACC and AACC

b. Opportunities

We need to develop strategies for increasing cardiovascular team membership base, and ACC visibility in the state. As States above, we have started a newsletter in the fall 2023 and will work to continue to connect chapter members to local and national events via this modality in 2024.



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Illinois Chapter American College of Cardiology

Governor: Annabelle Santos Volgman, MD, FACC, FAHA

Governor-Elect: Benjamin Freed, MD, FACC, FASE

CV Team Representative: Vicki Groo, PharmD, BCCP, CHC, and Amy Brownell, MSN, FNP-C, AACC

Chapter Executive: Beth Quick-Andrews, CAE

2023 State of the State Report

TOP ACCOMPLISHMENT:

The Chapter launched two new Member Sections this year. First, the Chicago Citywide Imaging Consortium brings together representatives from many of the hospitals/health systems in the Chicagoland area. Consortium members meet quarterly for dinner and listen to case presentations from Fellows in Training and their mentors. The events provided a wonderful opportunity for inter-institutional collaboration, camaraderie, and communication among colleagues from across the spectrum of cardiology, including cardiovascular surgeons and interventional cardiologists. The inaugural meeting attracted more than 60 attendees, and the second meeting grew to more than 70. The consortium will continue to meet at least three times annually in the future. Secondly, we held our inaugural Women in Cardiology Dinner. Speakers focused on career development, career pathways, and mentoring. Attendees appreciated the opportunity to engage in this very important discussion and networking opportunity. The WIC section members will continue to meet regularly from now on.

Other accomplishments:

1. Increase relevance as the CV Professional Home (in particular, highlight any activities that advance diversity and inclusivity, health equity, and member wellness)
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. Included FITs and CV Team members in every section of our annual meeting to do case presentations and panel discussions.
 - ii. Held our second Sports Cardiology in-person dinner meeting with 30 people in attendance. Three FITs provided case presentations. The dinner was augmented with webinars throughout the year.
 - iii. Supported the newly formed CV Team Committee that reports to the board through the CV Team Board Representatives. A survey was sent to CV Team members to see what the Chapter can do to engage the CV members in the future. The committee held its first in-person dinner in Chicago. CV Team members from downstate Illinois participated in person or virtually.
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. Continue to work with our Chapter's FIT's/WIC/CV Team/Early Career/Senior/EP sections.
 - ii. Continue to educate our members on diversity and inclusion.

2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. Our annual scientific session in Chicago attracted a record-setting registration of more than 200 members, residents, and medical students.
 - ii. Held four successful virtual Cardiac Cath Webinars presenting case studies and discussions by nationally renowned interventional/structural cardiologists.
 - iii. Continued to market the Cardio-Oncology Webinars and in-person meetings.
 - iv. Held an in-person FIT program educating the FITs and medical residents focused on the treatment and management of atrial fibrillation.
 - v. Held an in-person FIT poster event with a record-setting 62 posters, twice the number of posters presented in 2022.
 - vi. Sent three FITs to the National Jeopardy Competition at ACC.23.
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. Continue to engage our FITs, CV Team members, and our central and Southern Illinois members.
3. Advanced Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. Used our email blasts to educate members on quality, equity, and value.
 - ii. Had 13 members attend the Legislative Conference in Washington.
 - iii. Encouraged our members to contact their Members of Congress to oppose the 2023 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule proposed rule reductions in reimbursement.
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. Continue to work with Illinois State Medical Society and American Heart Association as advocacy issues as they arise.
 - ii. Continue to encourage members to attend the Legislative Conferences.
4. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. Continue to encourage collaboration with council members and the Illinois State Medical Society representing the Chapter to monitor advocacy issues within the state.
 - ii. Improved strategies to encourage membership engagement and inclusion within the Chapter through:
 1. Educational programs
 2. Informational programs
 3. Creation of Chapter subcommittees.
 - iii. Engage FIT board representation from all the training programs in Illinois to ensure input from our FITs.
 - iv. Successfully transitioned to a new Chapter Executive, Beth Quick-Andrews, CAE, upon the retirement of our past Chapter Executive, Nancy Mueller, MBA.
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. Continue collaboration with the AHA and Illinois State Medical Society.

2023 State of the State Report

TOP ACCOMPLISHMENT

Tailored Member Education

The Indiana-ACC prioritized bringing tailored education to membership to ensure that members' diverse needs were met in terms of delivery and content. We hope this varied education helps our members deliver patient-first cardiovascular care while pushing our field forward through continued learning.

- For those interested in advocacy education, we kicked off the year with a webinar focused on [Enriching “Do No Harm” by “Doing More Good.”](#) which set the tone for our Advocacy Day held several days later in Indianapolis. It examined *A Patient’s Personal Journey with HCM and Sudden Cardiac Death: Why Advocacy Matters One Individual at a Time* and *How & Why A Cardiologist Can and Should Be Involved with Advocacy*.
- To target our specialists, we held two virtual meetings: *Elevating the Role of Cardiologists in Diabetes Care: Cardiovascular Risk Reduction Strategies With GLP-1 Receptor Agonists* and *Utilizing Echocardiography in Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy*.
- Our women in cardiology designed a dinner meeting focused on the essentials of financial acumen with a program entitled *Empowering Hearts and Portfolios*.
- IN CardioOncology sub-section co-sponsored the Indiana CardioOncology Network (ICON) case presentation seminar series (two presentations: May 5th and November 17th).
- Held the Inaugural meeting of the IN ACC HF subsection (led by Dr. Maya Guglin and Dr. Sachi Addigopalla) on May 9th, 2023 attended by over 50 participants from all four of the major health systems in Indianapolis with multiple case presentations.
- We rounded out our education delivery with our annual meeting that included critical disease-state topics but also compelling subjects like *The Importance of Cardiology Career Flexibility: Impact on Career Satisfaction*.

INCREASE RELEVANCE AS THE CV PROFESSIONAL HOME

Accomplishments

- Annual Chapter Meeting: panels/speakers were well represented by diverse groups from our membership, including women, minorities, FITs, early career, as well as senior members.
- We are re-establishing a CV team council to brainstorm ideas on how to speak more effectively to CV team members so that they find value within our chapter.
- CV pharmacists are invaluable members of the CV team, and we wanted to highlight their contributions and have them play a larger role within our chapter. Under the leadership of Patrick Nelson, PharmD, a CV pharmacy task force was created with 10 members and has established a focus on authorization of drugs in the state as well as providing a column that will go out with the quarterly newsletter to highlight new drugs in the CV space.
- IN-ACC finished in the top four in our bracket of the March Madness PAC donation challenge.

Opportunities

Continue to support the newly developed CV team council.

GENERATE AND DELIVER ACTIONABLE KNOWLEDGE

Accomplishments

- 27th Annual Meeting of the Indiana-ACC was held in-person at the Marriott Indianapolis North on September 9, 2023, with 97 participants and 25 exhibiting companies. Our poster competition had 9 participants. This year we chose to have our FITs present rapid-fire summaries of top 2023 clinical trials. We presented the 2023 Indiana-ACC Career Achievement Award to Douglas Zipes, MD, MACC. Reviews from the meeting indicated that people appreciated the scientific education and the opportunity to network and socialize. The 2024 meeting is slated to be our first destination meeting at French Lick Resort.

- Held three virtual education seminars (outlined in the top accomplishment section).
- Continued to provide quarterly e-newsletters giving updates to all IN-ACC members.
- Established the **Education IN ACCtion** quarterly cardio bites video series led by Amit Patel, MD, to provide education regarding non-clinical topics in cardiology. The first video was [“How to Thrive in Private Practice”](#) presented by Dr. Ryan Daly and discussed with Dr. Amit Patel and Dr. Minnow Walsh. A second cardio bite is being developed and will discuss the new definitions of myocardial infarction proposed by two IU cardiologists.
- With a goal of utilizing IN-ACC leaders to provide education to our patients across the state, an IN ACC taskforce was created to engage our members to serve as TV speakers/content experts on cardiovascular topics throughout the year within Indiana’s largest cities (Indianapolis, Ft. Wayne, Terre Haute, Evansville).

Opportunities

Continue to develop the IN ACCtion cardio bites and television/media initiatives in 2024

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Accomplishments

- IN-ACC WIC section hosted an in-person meeting on August 21st, 2023 led by Upasana Jarori, MD, FACC and Kathleen Morris, DO, FACC, entitled “Empowering Hearts and Portfolios” attended by 18 WIC members.
- On March 8th, 2023, IN-ACC members participated in the IN State Legislative Conference. Topics addressed were: physician non-compete bill, AED bill, ban on flavored tobacco and e-liquids. [Dr. Vijay Rao spoke at the event](#) sponsored by the American Lung Cancer Association/Tobacco Free Indiana Coalition on the ill effects of tobacco on our state and called for efforts to raise the tobacco tax.
- Participated in the Indiana State Medical Association (ISMA) Specialty Society Leadership Conference to discuss and prioritize upcoming state legislation.
- Dr. Vijay Rao enrolled in the 2023 Indiana State Medical Society Advocacy Boot-Camp and represented IN-ACC at the Statewide Health Care Advocacy Day on January 16th, 2024.
- Established a new IN-ACC community outreach taskforce led by Dr. Ankur Kalra (several projects in the works including IN Black Expo PAD initiative and AED grant through the NFL Smart Hearts program).
- The IN-ACC Cardio-Oncology subsection co-sponsored/developed an ACC multi-state grant “Developing a Cardio-Oncology Passport” in partnership with Washington (Richard Cheng, MD), Texas (Vlad Zaha, MD), and the Innovation Section of ACC. The grant was funded at \$15,000. The goal of the initiative was to develop a mobile application for patients and providers to enter oncologic therapy (chemo regimen, dosage, radiation dosage, and relevant CV information) to allow oncology patients to take ownership of their health data in a portable form. A prototype has been developed with software engineers (website) that will house the data in the Amazon cloud, will be portable across states lines, and integrate with different electronic medical records. Currently, the application is being beta-tested and plan is to launch the “CardioOncology Passport” in 2024. Future goals are to expand to other fields within cardiology such as Adult Congenital Heart Disease. This project has the potential to be transformative for our CV patients at a time when portability of health information is a major focus nationally.

Opportunities

Draft legislation to improve the lives of Hoosiers in relation to CV outcomes (one potential topic around obesity). Plan is to move the legislation through the ISMA and eventually to the state legislature in 2025.

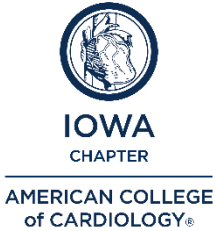
ENSURE ORGANIZATIONAL GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY

Accomplishments

- IN-ACC has stable membership with 1007 members compared to 1058 members as of December 2022.
- Included several industry sponsored talks with significant revenue for chapter, a profitable chapter meeting.
- Continued support of new poster internal medicine resident category at annual meeting.

Opportunities

Engage new members through micro-volunteering as we are doing with the CV Pharmacists workgroup and the CV Team Council.



Spas Kotev, MD, FACC, FSCAI, RPVI – Iowa ACC Governor
Saysha Bolden, ARNP – Iowa ACC CVT Representative
Lezlie Mestdagh – Iowa ACC Chapter Executive

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TOP ACCOMPLISHMENT

Of the accomplishments listed below, what does your Chapter consider its top accomplishment?

Iowa ACC's 2023 Annual Chapter Meeting is considered our top accomplishment for the year. After an extended period without hosting an in-person event the chapter successfully hosted the annual chapter meeting in Iowa City in May 2023. The event saw significant support from our industry partners allowing Iowa ACC members to experience the latest innovations in cardiovascular care. The poster competition was well received by our FIT members and residents.

1. Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home (in particular, highlight any activity/ies that advance diversity and inclusivity, health equity, and/or member wellness)
 - a. Accomplishments –
 - After an extended period without hosting an in-person event the chapter successfully hosted the annual chapter meeting in Iowa City in May 2023. The event saw significant support from our industry partners allowing Iowa ACC members to experience the latest innovations in cardiovascular care. The poster competition was well received by our FIT members and residents.
 - We increased our support of residents and FIT participation at the Midwest Women in Cardiology Conference.
 - We expanded our sponsorship of continuing education opportunities for cardiovascular professionals across the state, including co-sponsored the 2-day Cardiovascular Innovations & Practice Guidelines (CIPG) event which was held jointly with the 64th Annual World Congress of International College of Angiology in Iowa.
 - ACC patient education resources were shared at two cardiovascular conferences. A handout outlining the available CardioSmart resources was shared and patient room posters provided free to attendees of both Cardiovascular Today and CIPG. We also used these two events to promote membership recruitment at our booth.
 - b. Opportunities
 - Increase CV Team member involvement in our statewide initiatives and re-engage with CV Team leaders. We have successfully recruited a CVT

representative to reinvigorate this role and expand our efforts to grow this important membership category.

- We are going to pilot an Iowa ACC Podcast in 2024 diversifying our member outreach and communication strategies.
- Continue to actively engage the Women in Cardiology at multiple levels in our statewide initiatives.
- Strengthen our strategic partnerships – our Advocacy Chair will be attending Iowa Medical Society's Day on the Hill, our Chapter Executive has been meeting with the local American Heart Association on their legislative priorities with plans to co-host a stakeholders meeting on CPR/AED laws in our state.

2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge

a. Accomplishments –

- In partnership with Minnesota ACC we continued our monthly FIT Education series.
- Our Chapter Executive served on the Board of Governors Food As Medicine workgroup.
- Structured our Strategic Council to support member sections in Women in Cardiology, Early Career Cardiology, Fellow in Training, Education and Advocacy. Leaders selected for all the above sections and were recruited specifically to support geographic diversity from our rural state.

b. Opportunities

- Plan to cohost the annual Chapter meeting with Cardiovascular Today (CV Today) for larger engagement of CV team members. CV Today is an annual conference which has been hosted for over 30 years in Iowa the largest CV group in the state, Iowa Heart.
- Our Chapter Executive plans to attend and support the Midwest WIC Conference to gain best practices for WIC engagement.

3. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care

a. Accomplishments –

- Iowa Governor, Dr. Kotev was a guest speaker for an event for Iowa legislators on a non-medical switching.
- Our chapter participated in the ACC Legislative Conference with increased attendance this year and were able to meet with many members of the Iowa Legislative Delegation including Senator Chuck Grassley.

b. Opportunities

- Actively recruiting a new WIC chair after Dr. Ashwath's move out of state left a vacancy in this role.

4. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability

a. Accomplishments –

- Increased participation and membership of the Strategic Council.
- Held a sponsored CME opportunity in November
- Increased chapter assets, identified short-term investment opportunities to increase revenue and ensure chapter sustainability. Increased our investment in FIT membership engagement.

b. Opportunities

- Continue to expand industry sponsored talks that contribute to the Chapter budget and improve its financial position.



American College of Cardiology.

Governor: Rajendran Sabapathy, M.D., F.A.C.C., F.S.C.A.I., R.P.V.I.

CV Team Representative: Katie Christensen, MSN, NP-C. CEPS

Chapter Executive: Beth Quick-Andrews, CAE

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TOP ACCOMPLISHMENT

Of the accomplishments listed below, what does your Chapter consider its top accomplishment?

Our top accomplishment this year was producing our signature event: The Kansas ACC Cardiovascular Symposium in October 2023. We focused on providing an extraordinary educational experience in a safe and healthy environment. Over 175 registrants had the opportunity to learn from skilled clinicians on an array of cardiovascular health and disease topics, including state of the art updates. Attendees were able to interact with ACC Board of Governor's Chair Nicole Lohr, who provided an ACC Update. It was a terrific day of learning and networking. In addition to holding our FIT Research Showcase and FIT Jeopardy, we also brought in puppies from a no-kill shelter, Wayside Waifs, to provide some stress relief during the day. This was an idea we adapted from the ACC.23 meeting in New Orleans.

1. Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home (in particular, highlight any activity/ies that advance diversity and inclusivity, and/or member wellness)
 - Accomplishments
 - Offered FITs complimentary registration to the Chapter's Annual Cardiovascular Symposium resulting in near 100% participation from all Fellows-in-Training in the State of Kansas.
 - Continued with our FIT Research Showcase at our Cardiovascular Symposium.
 - Continued to use a member's listserv within the chapter to hold discussions on issues important to members in Kansas.
 - Produced a quarterly newsletter to educate and support members with information regarding ACC available resources at the national level and the chapter level.
 - Opportunities
 - Continue engaging allied health professional participation by offering educational programs focused specifically on team-based care and relevant to the CV team.
2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge
 - Accomplishments
 - Submitted three Chapter Section Grants for consideration including: FIT Bootcamp for new FITs in July 2024. Preventing CV Disease: Food as Medicine. Innovations in improving CPR training and AED use in High Schools of Kansas City KS Metro area.
 - Continued quarterly educational evening programs (free of charge to our members) featuring national and local faculty. We expanded this year to collaborate with the Missouri and Oklahoma chapters.
 - Opportunities
 - If awarded, launch our three Chapter Section Grant projects.
 - Continue quarterly educational evening programs (free of charge to our members) featuring national and local faculty.
3. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care
 - Accomplishments
 - ACC Legislative Conference –We provided two FIT travel scholarships to attend the ACC Legislative Conference.
 - ACC PAC Support – Continued to promote support of the ACC PAC in 2023.
 - Opportunities
 - Encourage more member participation in the ACC Legislative Conference.
 - Continue to communicate with members regarding healthcare innovations such as NCDR and research initiatives.
 - Working hand-in-hand with ACC, curated and distributed resources to members.

- Engaged FITs to curate content/resources specific to Kansas ACC members.

4. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability

- Accomplishments
 - Successfully produced our Annual Cardiovascular Symposium focused on topics of importance to all members of the CV Care Team. We were pleased to shine a light on the topic clinician well-being at this year's meeting.
- Opportunities
 - In the new virtual world, it is clear there are opportunities to focus on shorter, more content specific educational offerings for members to complement the chapter's Annual Cardiovascular Symposium. Expanding chapter activities for various membership segments will be of great value to our diverse membership.

5. Other

- Accomplishments
 - Our primary focus has been on supporting members in these extraordinary times.
- Opportunities
 - We look forward to getting back to promoting the "One Million Pound & Ten Million Miles" Initiative to provide an overall "Leaner and Fitter Kansas" by bringing awareness, education, and resources to promote healthy lifestyles throughout the State of Kansas
 - In addition to targeting current adult obese demographic, utilize One Million Pound & Ten Million Miles" Initiative to also target at-risk adolescent demographic.



Kentucky Chapter of the American College of Cardiology
Governor: Jacqueline Dawson Dowe, MD, FACC
Chapter Executive: Stephanie Czuhajewski, MPH

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TOP ACCOMPLISHMENT

Of the accomplishments listed below, what does your Chapter consider its top accomplishment?

Of all of the accomplishments listed below, KY-ACC's top accomplishment is completing the strategic planning process (which began in late 2023) that culminated in the chapter-based strategic directives that align with ACC directives, but also provide Kentucky-specific initiatives that will assure we make a positive impact on KY-ACC members and stakeholders and improve cardiovascular health in the Commonwealth.

1. Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home (in particular, highlight any activity/ies that advance diversity and inclusivity, health equity, and/or member wellness)
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. The KY-ACC Annual Meeting and Scientific Session included a focus on diversity, inclusivity, and women's cardiovascular health. Featured sessions included a general session diversity panel, led by Dr. Childs, and general and concurrent sessions on cardio-obstetrics.
 - ii. KY-ACC held a Women in Cardiology (WIC) Reception at the KY-ACC Annual Conference to bring together women in cardiology from across the region for networking.
 - iii. KY-ACC established monthly WIC Virtual Coffees and invited women cardiologists, Fellows in Training (FITs), and allies to participate. Each month, participants have the opportunity to join virtual sessions to exchange information, network, and learn from guest speakers.
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. The KY-ACC WIC Virtual Coffees will be enhanced in 2024 to include more guest speakers, presenting clinical and professional topics.
2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. Ky-ACC hosted the KY-ACC Annual Meeting & Scientific Session on September 9, 2023. The program was designed to attract physicians, pharmacists, nurses, technicians, and other CV team members. Nearly 250 people attended. There were more than 40 posters. Plenary and concurrent sessions ran throughout the course of the day and incorporated interdisciplinary care in all sessions.
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. KY-ACC will explore recording future KY-ACC conferences and offering the content to members throughout the year.
3. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. KY-ACC released the second public service announcement (PSA) entitled "Move Kentucky", which encouraged people to take action and get moving to improve their cardiovascular health. KY-ACC volunteers drafted the content for these videos, which were produced in-house. All of the KY-ACC PSA videos can be



Louisiana CHAPTER

Louisiana Chapter American College of Cardiology

Neeraj Jain, MD – Governor

Chloe D. Villavaso, MN, APRN, ACNS-BC, FPCNA, AACC – CV Team State Liaison

Jill Hancock – Chapter Executive

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TOP ACCOMPLISHMENT - Of the accomplishments listed below, what does your Chapter consider its top accomplishment? In 2023, the Louisiana Chapter was able to provide financial and volunteer support to Luke's House, which provides long-term healthcare solutions to the people of Greater New Orleans. Furthering overall community engagement has been a long-term goal of the Louisiana chapter and we were pleased to begin these efforts with such an invaluable entity.

1. Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home

- Accomplishments
 - FITs: In July 2023, the State Chapter hosted its annual boot camp for FITs. The goal of the annual program is to teach first-year fellows' basic essential skills, educate them about the ACC, and provide a collegial forum. Over 40 individuals participated in the 4th annual event, which was hosted in a hybrid format. Other opportunities for FITs sponsored by the State Chapter included FIT Jeopardy, Poster and Oral Presentations at the Annual Meetings, and sponsorship of FITs to participate in the 2024 ACC Legislative Conference.
 - WIC: In 2023, the State Chapter hosted several different opportunities specifically geared towards Women in Cardiology (WIC). These opportunities included a networking event in the spring and social event at the Annual meeting in October.
 - Young Scholars: Our chapter governor, Neeraj Jain, MD, engaged with interested youth in the New Orleans community to provide information and further the 'I Look Like a Cardiologist' campaign.'
- Opportunities
 - FITs: For 2024, the State Chapter's goal is to continue Boot Camp. The schedule will be expanded to incorporate additional networking between participants, speakers and program directors as well as look for additional opportunities to further engage attendees throughout the year.
 - Fellows of the ACC: The State Chapter continues to reach out to non-member cardiologists in Louisiana. These individuals are contacted regarding membership benefits and invited to attend local meetings and events. The goal is to recruit these individuals to continue building the State Chapter membership base.
 - WIC: Throughout 2024, the goal is to increase the number of WIC offerings to include in-person hands-on opportunities.
 - All Members: Identify opportunities to integrate clinician well-being offerings.

2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge

- Accomplishments
 - In 2023, the State Chapter hosted a successful Annual Meeting in New Orleans in October. The event included special opportunities for FIT and WIC members and also included a schedule full of relevant topics to our general membership.

- On a quarterly basis, the State Chapter hosted virtual educational webinars on a variety of topics provided through Rockpointe. These webinars have increased overall professional development and learning as well as provided financial benefits to the chapter.
- Opportunities
 - Increase educational opportunities to include activities targeted at non-physician members of the CV team.
 - Increase overall opportunities for all members. The state chapter is currently working to add an additional annual event to increase professional development opportunities available to members. The goal of the event is to host in a different area of the state for easier access to those individuals not in the New Orleans area.

3. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care

- Accomplishments
 - Supported the overall goals of Luke's House in New Orleans through a financial contribution, which supported the purchasing of a blood testing machine to use within the clinic. Additionally, various State Chapter members volunteered their time to serve the patients of the clinic, which includes a high concentration of Spanish speaking low-income members of the New Orleans community.
 - The State Chapter participated in the 2023 ACC Legislative Conference, which resulted in conversations with many of Louisiana's Congressional delegation.
- Opportunities
 - Building on relationships with various stakeholders within the Louisiana framework, including the Louisiana State Medical Society, as well as other related groups to increase overall awareness as well as identify opportunities to collaborate on state-related advocacy efforts.
 - The State Chapter submitted a state chapter grant application, which would encourage FIT participation within the advocacy process.
 - Continue volunteering at Luke's House and identify additional opportunities for community engagement.
 - Continue increasing participation in the ACC Legislative Conference as well as financial giving to Heart PAC.

4. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability

- Accomplishments
 - The State Chapter concluded the 2023 fiscal year with enough savings in reserves for nearly 3 years of operating expenses.
 - The State Chapter hosted a networking event at ACC.23 in New Orleans - as the home sponsoring state. Attendance at the event included many members who are typically unable to attend chapter events due to conflicts, etc.
- Opportunities
 - Hosting a professional development event outside of the New Orleans area to help grow the Chapter, including providing added value to current membership, engaging and networking with non-members, and providing educational information.
 - Restructuring of the Council membership to increase diversity and inclusivity as well as geographic representation while also increasing overall participation.
 - Increasing overall membership participation and engagement through communication, networking opportunities, and events.



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Garima Sharma, MBBS, FACC, President
John Lindsley, PharmD, AACC CVTeam Representative
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TOP ACCOMPLISHMENT

MDACC has developed a collaborative relationship with the *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Kardiologie* (DGK). Through carefully planned leadership calls we've laid the groundwork for a longitudinal exchange of Maryland ACC members and detailed plans for virtual and in-person programs for FITs. The Maryland Chapter and its German counterpart will focus on learning more about the clinical and regulatory landscapes within each country, advances in medical education, clinical trials training, and health equity.

1. Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home

Accomplishment: WIC Section hosted three informal networking events. These after work events provided an outlet to talk about family and work challenges.

Accomplishment: CVTeam Section hosted three informal networking events. These after work events provided a forum to showcase membership value.

Accomplishment: MDACC WIC took on the challenge from PaACC WIC and joined in a step contest that was on twitter.

2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge

Accomplishment: The Mid-Atlantic Capital Cardiology Symposium (MACCS) was held in-person with the highest attendance to date. The agenda featured a diverse representation of Mid-Atlantic faculty, including FACC, FIT, and CVT members.

Accomplishment: A two-part financial seminar was held for FITs to walk them through the challenges, risks, and opportunities that present themselves when entering the workforce.

Accomplishment: A one-day event for FITs featured non-clinical talks to prepare FITs for life after fellowship. FITs also competed in Jeopardy and a poster contest was held to feature local FIT research and abstracts.

Accomplishment: The CVTeam Pillars of Cardiology Series created continued with five virtual sessions on hot topics hosted talent Maryland ACC members.

Accomplishment: The CVTeam hosted a virtual session that featured Mid-Atlantic CVTeam speakers and four hours of CEUs. It ended with a fun Quizlet session and prizes.

3. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care

Accomplishment: CardioNerds recently released the Digital Health Series that was supported by the Maryland Chapter via an ACC BOG chapter grant and led by series co-chairs Drs. Karan Desai and Nino Isakadze.

Accomplishment: CVTeam featured a one-hour virtual talk about disparities of care in Baltimore.

Accomplishment: Coordinated with MedChi and other societies in Annapolis to advocate for increasing AED access improving Prior Authorization processes. MDACC Leaders advocated for state bills by testifying at the Maryland State House and through other means. In part due to our efforts, the AED bills passed by large majorities and were signed into law soon after.

Accomplishment: Together with Heart House Staff, MDACC hosted a Cardiology Update Meeting with the Episode Quality Improvement Program (EQIP).

4. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability

Accomplishment: Contacted all three Maryland-based program directors to obtain graduating FIT contact information; then reached out to FITs to create a “Welcome to Your Cardiovascular Home” box that included a letter on how to obtain FACC with discount codes, a QR code for easy access to the application form, and a gift to congratulate FIT on their accomplishments.



MASSACHUSETTS
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Massachusetts Chapter, American College of Cardiology
Colleen Harrington, MD FACC – Governor
Michelle Hadley, DO, FACC – Incoming Governor-Elect
Kim Guibone, DNP – CVT State Representative
Christina Smith, MPA, CAE – Chapter Executive

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TOP ACCOMPLISHMENT: The Chapter’s FIT leadership led a “Careers in Healthcare” program with the Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester where they were joined by a multidisciplinary assembly of healthcare professionals.

Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home (in particular, highlight any activity/ies that advance diversity and inclusivity, health equity, and/or member wellness)

- a. Accomplishments: Chapter Governor and FIT Council led a “Careers in Healthcare” event with the Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester where they were joined by a multidisciplinary assembly of healthcare professionals. Each professional shared a snapshot of their personal journey to their current role in cardiology and answered questions from the crowd. Club members then broke into small groups and rotated between interactive stations where they practiced cardiac auscultation, blood pressure measurement, echocardiography, and basic cardiac anatomy. Discussions about the students’ academic pursuits and the many different paths to a career in healthcare continued over dinner provided by the Club.
 - b. Opportunities: After securing a WIC grant in 2023, the Chapter’s WIC committee launched a virtual Financial Planning series in January 2024, which will continue until ACC.24.
 - i. A WIC dinner program focused on Coaching in Cardiology is scheduled for May 2024 in the Newton, Massachusetts area spearheaded by Dr. Meghan York.
 - ii. The Chapter Council will begin working on a dedicated DEI outreach to a local high school in 2024.
2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge
- a. Accomplishments –
 - i. In January 2023, Kim Guibone, the Chapter’s CVT State Representative hosted the virtual program *Cardiac Cathlab challenges – I wish I knew then what I know now...* The Program was attended by over 75 cardiovascular team members.
 - ii. The Chapter hosted its 2023 Annual Meeting on April 1, 2023. Topics included Cardiovascular Care of the Transgender Patient, The Role of Biomarkers and GDMT in Heart Failure, Climate Change and Cardiovascular Care, The Diagnosis and Management of Aortic Disease with each session preceded by a FIT Case Presentation.

- iii. The Chapter hosted the 2023 Congenital and Cardio-Obstetrics Update with a dual track agenda including Keynote speaker Nicole Smith, MD, MPH on ‘Diversity and Access to Healthcare.’
 - iv. The Chapter secured a Chapter/Section grant to host the 2023 New England Drug-Use Associated Infective Endocarditis Educational Conference. This conference partnered with other specialties throughout the state to bring the agenda to the forefront of the cardiology community.
- 3. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care
 - a. Accomplishments –
 - i. The Chapter worked with the American Heart Association to advocate for several initiatives during 2023, such as the CPR in School Efforts, working with The Healey Administration to update the Health and Physical Education Frameworks to ensure that any school teaching health or PE would include CPR training and working with legislators to streamline 911 dispatchers education and direction on CPR.
 - b. Opportunities – The Chapter looks forward to more community outreach programming as well as a robust delegation at 2024 ACC Legislative Conference.
- 4. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability
 - a. Accomplishments –
 - i. The Chapter continued its statewide FIT Jeopardy competition in January 2023, with all ten cardiology programs competing to represent the Chapter at ACC.23. This has turned into a much-anticipated competition and networking dinner event amongst the Chapter’s FIT members.
 - ii. The Chapter hosted its annual abstract competition open to FITs from all state programs. The top three scorers in each category (case study and clinical research) presented their oral abstract at the Annual Meeting and also received cash awards.
 - b. Opportunities – The Chapter looks forward to engaging another year of the FIT Council as well as the 2024 FIT Jeopardy competition.

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TOP ACCOMPLISHMENT

Of the accomplishments listed below, what does your Chapter consider its top accomplishment?

Our chapter's top accomplishment is the successful launch of our mentorship program in 2023 showcasing numerous success stories that prove its positive impact on professional growth and member wellness.

1. **Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home (in particular, highlight any activity/ies that advance diversity and inclusivity, health equity, and/or member wellness)**
 - a. **Accomplishments:**
 - i. For the second consecutive year, our chapter co-hosted the Annual Motown Women's Heart Symposium with Ascension Michigan. The in-person event, an educational conference for healthcare professionals, aimed to enhance understanding of heart disease in women. The speakers, included Sunilkumar D. Rao, DO; Brittany Fuller, MD; Herman Kado MD; Sarah Deighton-Collins, MD; Amy Mertens, DO; and Yulia Abidov, RN, who presented valuable insights.
 - ii. In 2023, our chapter launched a mentorship program, that received more than 100 mentee applications and successfully created 30 mentor mentee matches. The program has resulted in a multitude of success stories, showcasing its positive impact on professional growth and member wellness.
 - b. **Opportunities:**
 - i. As we prepare for the second round of mentorship matches in July, we are committed to enhancing the CV professional experience. The insights gained from the initial round will bring improvements to the program such as bringing in Fellows in training to mentor the early career residents and med students.
 - ii. Nishtha Sareen, MD, has been awarded a grant to put together a series of events to benefit Women in Cardiology. She is currently spearheading a 3-event series that centers on women in leadership, fertility guidance, and investment and financial planning.
2. **Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge**
 - a. **Accomplishments**
 - i. Our 35th Annual Conference in Traverse City, MI, in September 2023 marked a significant post-pandemic success with nearly 300 registrations. The planning committee curated a program rich in networking opportunities, educational sessions, and a dedicated reception for the mentorship program. With over 30 exhibitors, the conference served as a hub for generating and delivering actionable knowledge. Denise Busman, MSN, RN, our legacy lecturer of the year, contributed valuable insights, further enhancing the conference's impact on actionable knowledge within the CV community.
 - ii. The chapter's FIT Jeopardy Competition saw unprecedented success this year, engaging 18 teams in the preliminaries, making it our most successful year to date. Leveraging virtual platforms for the preliminaries expanded opportunities, allowing teams from across the state to participate. The final live competition, held at the Annual Conference, showcased their knowledge and expertise.
 - iii. The FIT Council played a pivotal role in knowledge distribution through events like 'Acing the Interview' in the spring, offering fellows insights into what experts seek in interviews and strategies for successful job applications. In December, the 'Stump the Chump' event, where a challenging case from Heather Wheat, MD was presented to experts Alexander Michaels, MD, Karthik Ananth, MD, and Joshua Greenburg, MD, showcased the dynamic exchange of knowledge. Though the Fellows couldn't stump the 'chump,' these engaging events continuously generate and deliver actionable knowledge.
 - iv. The collaborative webinar hosted by the Michigan Chapter and The Michigan Collaborative for Type 2 Diabetes (MCT2D) provided a comprehensive exploration of guidelines, indications, and contraindications of GLP-1 RA and SGLT2i. This event served as a platform to generate and deliver actionable knowledge, offering valuable insights into reducing cardiovascular risk in patients with Type 2 Diabetes.
 - b. **Opportunities:**
 - i. We are thrilled to continue work of the Cardiac CT Academy program, spearheaded by Drs. Nagib Chalfoun and Michael Gallagher. This program is set to elevate cardiac CT education throughout the state, providing valuable resources for our FITs and interested members. This program once successfully off the ground, has the opportunity to be adopted to a national program.
3. **Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care**
 - a. **Accomplishments:**



Michigan Chapter of American College of Cardiology

Governor: Karthik Ananth, MD, FACC

CVT Representative: David Klungle, PA-C

Chapter Executive: Catarina Stromberg

- i. In 2023, our focus on advancing cardiovascular care in Michigan led to significant legislative developments. The Advocacy Committee diligently outlined the agenda for the year, closely monitoring changes in policies, including the certificate of need. Collaborating with the Michigan Chapter of the American Heart Association, we worked on initiatives to improve heart health statewide. Notably, the FY 2024 State budget allocated \$2,000,000.00 for a statewide stroke and STEMI system of care. Our Advocacy Team's efforts extended to Washington, DC, where they participated in the ACC Legislative Conference, advocating for key priorities. Back in Michigan, the Department of Health and Human Services finalized rules for a statewide stroke/STEMI system, effective November 9, 2023, reinforcing our state's leadership in cardiac care. We hope to have legislatures join our Advocacy committee in their respective hospitals to learn more about how changes to state policies can positively effect CV care.

b. Opportunities:

- i. We are actively engaged in a collaborative pilot initiative with the Michigan Society of Echocardiography. Under the leadership of David Langholz, MD, David Forst, MD, Luis Afonso, MD, and Karthik Ananth, MD, efforts are underway to assess and enhance the quality of echocardiography labs across the state. This commitment to quality improvement aligns with our mission, and we anticipate the rollout of upcoming events, programs, and opportunities that will further contribute to the advancement of cardiovascular care in Michigan.
- ii. The advocacy group is organizing a program to bring state legislators into hospitals, allowing them to shadow doctors. This experience aims to provide legislators with valuable insights into the challenges and decision-making processes in cardiovascular care. By fostering direct interactions, the initiative seeks to bridge the gap between policymakers and healthcare professionals, promoting informed policymaking for the advancement of quality, equity, and value in healthcare.

4. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability

a. Accomplishments

- i. To ensure organizational growth and sustainability, our Mentorship Program underwent a strategic enhancement. In response to valuable feedback from the first mentorship batch, where younger mentees expressed a preference for mentors closer to their early career stage, we are proactively recruiting FIT members to serve as mentors. This targeted approach not only addresses the specific needs of the mentees but also fosters the development of the mentorship program, contributing to the overall growth and sustainability of our organization.
- ii. David Klungle assumed the role of CVT Representative, while Vaidahi Patel and Joseph Banno took on the responsibilities of FIT Council Co-chairs. Additionally, Nishtha Sareen, MD, embraced the pivotal position as Chair of Women in Cardiology, demonstrating our chapter's commitment to dynamic and capable leadership.

b. Opportunities:

- i. We are strategically working to strengthen our engagement with fellows in training. Recognizing the importance of maintaining their involvement even after transitioning to Attending positions, we are dedicated to creating initiatives that foster ongoing connections, contribute to professional development, and cultivate a sustainable and thriving community.
- ii. We recently elected a new chapter president-elect. Dr. Najib Chalfoun, MD, from Corewell Health, emerged as the successful candidate among two outstanding nominees, that included Dr. Elizabeth Pielsticker, MD, also from Corewell Health. We look forward to seeing the many great ideas that Dr. Nagib Chalfoun is coming to the table with come to fruition.

5. Other

a. Accomplishments

- i. This year, our Poster Competition marked a historic milestone with a record-breaking 111 entries, the highest in the history of Michigan ACC. From this impressive pool, 16 exceptional top scorers in their respective categories were chosen. All submissions were prominently showcased at our 35th Annual Conference, providing a vibrant display for both attendees and exhibitors.



Minnesota

CHAPTER

Minnesota Chapter, American College of Cardiology

Governor: Retu Saxena, M.D., F.A.C.C.

CV Team Representatives: Laura Ross, PA-C and Diane Cassady, NP

Chapter Executive: Shelby Couch, CAE

Top Accomplishment: Hosted the Midwest Cardiovascular Summit in-person in November of 2023, with great success and pre-pandemic numbers.

1. Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home

a. Accomplishments:

- Increased relevance to FIT members by developing FIT virtual programming including career night and lecture series.
- Supported Women in Cardiology with chapter financing of regional event; Chapter Governor Dr. Saxena was on the planning committee and attended the event with the Chapter Executive, participated in the keynote question and answer session. FIT and several MN WIC attended the meeting.
- Included CV team and FIT board members in the design and hosting of the annual MN Chapter meeting.
- Hosted a networking dinner at ACC.23.
- Expanded social media campaign strategy, revitalizing Twitter (X), and reestablishing our Facebook page. Continued to build out website that we created in 2022.
- Legislation passed in Minnesota that prohibits restrictive covenants in employment contracts signed after July 1, 2023. The Minnesota chapter contributed to that movement with our prior chapter wide poll on restrictive covenants, collaboration with Minnesota Medical Association on advocacy issues relative to this topic for both cardiologists and all Minnesota physicians, and Dr. Steve Smalley's work on restrictive covenants with ACC National.
- The chapter sent 6 folks to the national Leg Conference to advocate for our profession and strengthen ties with the offices of House and Senate members from Minnesota.
- Hosted the Midwest Cardiovascular Summit in-person in November 2023 with great success and pre-pandemic numbers.
- Hosted our in-person Poster Contest with 44 Student, Resident, and FIT competitors.

b. Opportunities

- Continue programmatic growth serving the CV professionals offered in virtual format in 2023, Leverage website and social media to project MN ACC activities that positively impact the CV professionals in the State, which also supports our chapter brand awareness goals.
- Support caregivers with mental health and career resources. We plan to curate a list of resources for our website.
- Minnesota will be the 2024 Host chapter for the WIC Midwest meeting.

2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge

a. Accomplishments:

- The Chapter hosted FIT education and networking events, topics included how to approach the job search and interview process and career advice for making the transition from training to practice.

- The chapter coordinated a virtual Echocardiology boot camp in partnership with the Iowa ACC Chapter. The content was split into 4, to hour sessions and covered issues in Echocardiographic examination and Echocardiographic emergencies. This program served over 300 class participants. Recordings were well-visited.
 - The chapter coordinated a monthly FIT virtual lecture series in partnership with the Iowa ACC Chapter, consistently producing content every month beginning in August of 2023. Recordings are well-visited. Topics included: *Left Atrial Appendage Occlusion Devices and Echo, Anomalous Coronary Arteries, Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy: A Summary of the Disease and Current Guidelines, The History and Current Use of IV Antiplatelet Agents, Pericarditis, and Devices and Data: Filling the Gap in the Essential 8.*
- b. Opportunities:
- Expand educational offerings, CE opportunities, chapter lead programming in both virtual and in-person formats.

3. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care

a. Accomplishments:

- The chapter made a concerted effort to ensure diversity of speakers during the Midwest Forum and throughout our programming.
- Included PA-C and ACNP-BC/AACC members on the planning committee for the Annual Conference.
- The chapter promoted an implicit bias training funded and run by the Minnesota Medical Association.
- Formalized a WIC seat on the board of councilors.

b. Opportunities:

- Continue visibly and intentionally incorporating the concepts of quality, equity and diversity in event planning and execution so that these become a cultural norm of Mn ACC Chapter.

4. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability

a. Accomplishments:

- We preserved all levels of memberships.
- The chapter stabilized the finances with the return of in person events and sponsorship.

b. Opportunities:

- Focused efforts to identify groups with potential for FACC member growth/actively pursue groups in an intentional way through grassroots recruitment efforts.



American College of Cardiology, Mississippi Chapter
Governor: Barry Bertolet, MD, FACC
CV Team State Liaison: Tiffany Lester, NP
Chapter Executive: Jenny White

2023 State of the State Report

TOP ACCOMPLISHMENT

The top accomplishment of the American College of Cardiology, Mississippi Chapter was that the chapter made it to the HeartPAC March Mayhem Final Four and won a travel award for a FIT member to attend ACC Legislative Conference. This provided an invaluable opportunity for the FIT member to learn how to be an advocate for the healthcare profession. The Mississippi Chapter also was more visible throughout the state by holding regional meetings to promote involvement in the Chapter and ACC.

1. Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home (in particular, highlight any activity/ies that advance diversity and inclusivity, health equity, and/or member wellness)
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. Continued in 2023 with regional meetings to promote the ACC strategic goals
 - ii. Continue to support FIT members to participate in FIT Jeopardy at ACC Annual Meeting
 - iii. Provide an opportunity for FIT members to meet with ACC Leadership
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. Continue to offer opportunities for all members of the CV Team
 - ii. Partner with the Mississippi Healthcare Alliance to promote Mississippi's advances in System of Care.
2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. Held regional meetings in 2023 to share what the MS-ACC and ACC are doing for CV professionals, including issues that most impact clinical practice, such as precertification for procedures and medications.
 - ii. ACC Immediate Past-President Dr. Edward Fry attended the MS-ACC Chapter meeting in 2023.
 - iii. MS-ACC Leadership and FIT members attended the ACC Legislative Conference and met with Mississippi Legislators to discuss important issues affecting cardiovascular health in Mississippi.
 - iv. Held an exclusive meeting at the University of Mississippi Medical Center with ACC Immediate Past-President and FIT members following the MS-ACC Annual Meeting. This is a widely popular event and provides an opportunity for FIT members to meet personally with ACC leadership.
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. Will join with the AL-ACC for a joint 2024 meeting including offering CME, case studies by FIT members.
 - ii. Will continue to explore opportunities to increase involvement of WIC as well as reinforcing ACC strategic goals to MS-ACC members.
 - iii. Continue to provide relevant information to members through website and e-newsletters and regional meetings.

3. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care

a. Accomplishments

- i. MS-ACC members were able to meet with state legislators during the ACC Legislative Conference to discuss issues impacting cardiovascular health in Mississippi. MS-ACC members and legislators had positive conversations about the issues. Legislators were receptive to learning more about how these concerns affect Mississippi health care.
- ii. Continue to support involvement of FIT members in the ACC Legislative Conference.
- iii. Continue strong relationship with the Mississippi State Medical Association by attending their Annual Meeting and supporting legislation that impacts cardiovascular health in Mississippi.
- iv. Mississippi made it to the Final Four in the HeartPAC March Mayhem. Because of this achievement, the chapter was awarded a travel award for a FIT member to attend ACC Legislative Conference.

b. Opportunities

- i. Increase participation in ACC Legislative Conference and ACC PAC.
- ii. Continue to support the involvement of FIT and expand to CVT members in ACC Legislative Conference.

4. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability

a. Accomplishments

- i. Provided travel awards for FIT members to ACC conferences.

b. Opportunities

- i. Support and grow involvement of FIT members and CV Team Section of MS-ACC
- ii. Continue regional meetings outside of Central Mississippi to help grow participation from other parts of the state.
- iii. Continue to engage physicians in all career stages of practice.



Governor: Gabriel Soto, M.D., F.A.C.C.

CV Team Liaison: Anastasia Armbruster, Pharm.D., F.A.C.C., BCPS, BCCP

Chapter Executive: Beth Quick-Andrews, CAE

2023 State of the States Report

TOP ACCOMPLISHMENT

Continuation in its sixth cycle, four Early Career Cardiology Research Grant awards totaling \$40,000 were awarded to five clinicians representing the entire CV Care Team. The awardees will present their research progress at the October 2024 Chapter meeting.

- Dr. W. Orr, Washington University School of Medicine/Saint Louis Children's Hospital. "Improving Access to Pediatric Cardiac Rehabilitation through Telemedicine and Remote Patient Monitoring Technology".
- Ms. L. Roelle & Mr. N. Miller, Washington University School of Medicine/Saint Louis Children's Hospital. "Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction in Teenagers with Cardiac Implantable Electronic Devices: A Pilot Study".
- Dr. J. Mitchell, Washington University School of Medicine. "Continuous versus intermittent cARdiac electrical moNitorinG (CARING)."
- Dr. E. Rabinowitz, Washington University School of Medicine. "To study the effect of individualized flow mechanics on clinical hemostasis; with anticipation that a greater understanding of blood flow mechanics by use of computational analysis generated from routinely obtained serial imaging (e.g. echocardiogram and axial imaging) may provide a novel approach to individualized hemostatic management at the bedside."
- **Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home (in particular, highlight any activity/ies that advance diversity and inclusivity, health equity, and/or member wellness)**
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. Chapter Support of FITs
 - Chapter meeting - Free registration, accommodation and travel stipends were offered to all FITs to attend the Chapter meeting, 35 FITs participated in the November 2023 Chapter meeting.
 - ii. Chapter Support of Women in Cardiology Section
 - Supported a networking event during the year, held in conjunction with the chapter scientific session.
 - iii. Chapter Support of Early Career Professionals
 - Awarded an ACC Chapter Section Grant focused on connecting our Early Career Cardiology Research Grant Program to a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion outreach initiative in Missouri. Collaborating with the Washington University Young Scientist Program coordinators and our research grant recipients to coordinate their mentoring activities.
 - iv. Chapter Support of CV Team Members
 - Engaged more CV Team Members as speakers and discussants at our chapter scientific session.
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. Continuing to support our Fellows In Training in their participation at the national level.
 - ii. Continued expansion of our support of the Women in Cardiology section.
 - iii. Expanded support for the CV Team.
- **Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge**
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. Our scientific session continues to evolve as a premier source for continuing medical education that transforms the care our members provide. The planning committee raises the bar each year in terms of content and delivery to ensure that we are providing leading edge education that positively impacts the quality of care delivered and, ultimately, patient's lives. The meeting attracted more than 175 attendees to Columbia, Missouri. Sessions included:
 - Keynote Presentation: Eliminating Disparities in Cardiovascular Health with Dr. Sandra Lewis.
 - Special Focus Presentation: Evaluating the Effectiveness of a Healthcare System in Caring for Vulnerable Populations
 - What's New in the Guidelines? Aortic Disease, Atrial Fibrillation, Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy.
 - Debate: TAVR vs. SAVR for Low Risk Aortic Stenosis Patients

- FIT Jeopardy and FIT Poster Session, with a record setting 31 posters presented.
 - Breakout sessions: Updates In Interventional/Structural Cardiology, Cardio-Obstetrics, Cardio-Oncology Challenges and Educational Pearls, and Heart Failure Therapy-Overcoming Inertia and Maximizing Therapy.
 - We closed out the day with our Women in Cardiology Section meeting feature a robust discussion on career development and clinician well-being.
 - ii. In 2016, we formed a taskforce to explore co-providership opportunities in Missouri. The goals for this program include promoting educational opportunities to our members and to expand the brand of the Chapter by meeting members where they are and serve as an important complement, rather than expecting them to attend the Annual Chapter Scientific Session. In 2023, we were pleased to fund two CME programs held at member institutions.
 - Washington University School of Medicine
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. Expanding our Education Support Program.
 - ii. Increasing participation at the Chapter Scientific Session.
- **Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care**
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. Our Missouri ACC Advocacy Committee continued to explore advocacy collaborations with the Missouri State Medical Association, Missouri American Heart Association, Missouri Budget Project and the Missouri Chapter of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology.
 - ii. Communicated with members to solicit feedback regarding the ACC Health Affairs Committee's work regarding the FTC proposed rule to ban non-competes clauses. Provided comment on the FTC website regarding the proposed changes.
 - iii. ACC Legislative Conference – Four Chapter members participated in the October 2023 ACC Legislative Conference.
 - iv. ACC PAC Support – Continued to promote support of the ACC PAC in 2023.
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. Expand our advocacy efforts nationally and statewide.
- **Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability**
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. Began a complete transformation of the Chapter website including moving to a new platform. This project is expected to be completed in Q1 2024.
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. Continuing to grow the Chapter's digital footprint.
- **Other**
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. Gabriel Soto, M.D., Ph.D., F.A.C.C., Governor, serves on the BOG Work Group on Non-Competes/Restrictive Covenants.
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. Reaching out to solicit new funding for our Early Career Investigator Research Grant Program. We consistently have more worthy projects than we are able to fund. Expanding resources will position us to expand these very important ACC mission-driven programs...to transform cardiovascular care and improve heart health.



MONTANA
CHAPTER

AMERICAN COLLEGE
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Michael D. Eisenhauer, MD MBA, FACC – Governor

Alexis Harrison, MD, FACC – Governor-Elect

Vince Colucci, PharmD – CV Team State Liaison

Miriam Surdin, MPA, CAE – Chapter Executive

2023 Montana State of the State Report

TOP ACCOMPLISHMENT:

We are proud to share that Montana celebrated its' inaugural Annual Business Meeting and Conference in May 2023 in Butte, MT. We are partnering with the Montana Dept. of Health and Human Services for this annual meeting and a vibrant program resulted. In 2023, the focus was outside rescue of pediatric cardiac emergencies. The conference targets pre-hospital, and emergency care for referring as well as receiving STEMI and Stroke facilities. Taking advantage of this new partnership and new programming, we will grow physician involvement within our State while also providing for an annual business session for our Chapter. We also anticipate broad growth in ACC membership among CVT and other affiliates by this effort.

1. Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home
 - a. Accomplishments: Frequent newsletters and in-state promotions to support growing attendance at ACC meetings such as CV Summit, ACC-Legislative, and ACC.23. Occasionally we have been able to offer tuition-grants or other scholarship opportunities to interested members. In support of Nurse Practitioner appreciation, we offered free ACC/State membership for all NP/PA's in Montana.
 - b. Opportunities: Our largest challenge is very wide geographic dispersion and small Chapter size. There are no Cardiology Fellowships in Montana.
2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge
 - a. Accomplishments: Frequent news-blasts from the Governor sharing news from the BOG and other ACC activities, including Calls-to-Action for lobbying and RUC surveys.
 - b. Opportunities: Continued active support and partnership of the AHA Mission Lifeline program for STEMI and STROKE care, transport, and effective rapid treatment.
3. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care
 - a. Accomplishments: Our chapter offered a travel scholarship for one attendee for ACC's Legislative Conference (unfortunately, there were no applicants). We did provide a scholarship to ACC.23 for a CVTeam member.
 - b. Opportunities: Better organize and financially support in-state CVT programming; good to promote interfacility opportunities across our State to share lessons learned, etc. We have seen and expect further growth – now we need to keep them involved and demonstrate their value to our Chapter.
4. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability

- a. Accomplishments: We have promoted FREECVT membership in several newsletters and at the 2023 statewide STEMI conference. State membership dues have been frozen for the past several years.
 - b. Opportunities: Two medical/osteopathic schools have opened in Montana this year. Rocky Vista (DO) in Billings, and Touro University (DO) in Great Falls. Contact has been established with both programs to promote and offer faculty and guest speaker support. Student-membership and Mentoring opportunities will be promoted and welcomed.
5. Other
- a. Opportunities: New Internal Medicine residencies in Internal Medicine are anticipated in at least two locations within the next 2 years. We will work to promote retention of physicians in Montana and return of trained specialists after fellowship training elsewhere.



NEBRASKA
CHAPTER

AMERICAN COLLEGE of CARDIOLOGY®

Nebraska Chapter of the America College of Cardiology
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2023 State of the State Report

Top Accomplishment:

- Hosted 6th Annual Chapter meeting with the highest number of attendees to date. Our keynote speaker was incoming ACC incoming president, Ms. Cathie Bigga. Our event also attracted the highest number of exhibiting vendors to date as well. We were also able to host the 5th Annual FIT Abstract Competition.
 - o Attendance- 68 ACC members
 - o Exhibitors- 18 different companies
 - o Abstract Competition- 35 entries, 5 cash prizes.

1. **Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home**

- a. Accomplishments
 - i. 3rd Annual CV Team Meeting: 24 attendees
 - ii. Featured CV articles in Quarterly Newsletter
 - iii. 5th Annual “Nebraska Round Up” at the ACC.23 Scientific Sessions
 - iv. Increased board to include Education committee and Advocacy committee
- b. Opportunities
 - i. Continue to find and designate CV Team Outreach Champions across the state of Nebraska, and across different hospital systems and private practice settings.
 - ii. Grow board to include early career member representatives

2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge

- a. Accomplishments
 - i. Continue to publish Quarterly Nebraska ACC Newsletter with articles by:
 - 1. Chapter Governor providing chapter updates
 - 2. FACCs providing cardiology updates
 - 3. FITs
 - 4. CV Team members
 - ii. Continue to share valuable information on electronic media:
 - 1. Website: nebraskacardiology.org
 - 2. Social Media: Twitter [@nebraskacardio](https://twitter.com/nebraskacardio), facebook.com/nebraskacardio
- b. Opportunities
 - i. Plan regular statewide women in cardiology meeting

3. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care

- a. Accomplishments

- i. Attended state medical association Advocacy Breakfast
 - ii. Applied for funding from Section/Chapter grants to engage in advocacy around the Smart Hearts initiative.
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. Meet individually with senators on the Health and Human Services Committee, the Education Committee, and Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee.
 - ii. Expand the Nebraska delegation to the ACC Legislative Conference
- 4. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. Increased board to include Education Committee, Advocacy Committee, and Chair of Strategy.
 - ii. Participated in the ACC.23 FIT Jeopardy Competition
 - iii. Partnered with the Nebraska Medical Association and other specialty societies on advocacy endeavors.
 - iv. Executed the CV Team Representative elections
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. Continue to grow financially in order to support additional programming throughout the year.



NEVADA

CHAPTER

**AMERICAN COLLEGE
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Letitia Anderson, MD, FACC - Governor
Luzviminda Dizon, NP, AACC - CV Team State Liaison
Janie Gomez, RN AACC - CV Team State Liaison Elect
Miriam Surdin, MPA, CAE - Chapter Executive

TOP ACCOMPLISHMENT

This year, the Nevada Chapter partnered with the California Chapter Dr Janet Wei, California ACC Governor to host our 1st Annual WIC Symposium. The topic was “Legal and Ethical Aspects for WIC Members”. The virtual event attracted had more than 30 attendees and our speakers included 6 FITs and ACC members from both chapters. Athena Poppas, MD, MACC, ACC Past President, attended as the keynote speaker.

Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home (in particular, highlight any activity/ies that advance diversity and inclusivity, and/or member wellness)

Accomplishments:

- As a state and support by our Chapter members, we continued to be involved and support the Nevada Physician Wellness Society. Dr. Anderson has led her hospital system in becoming active members of this important cause. A long-term ACC Member continues to serve on the Board.
- We continued to publish our quarterly newsletters and continue online information sharing.
- Council members continue to mentor IM residents in the ACC IM Residency Mentorship Program.
- Our members were active and present in our County Medical Societies' events, including the Clark & Washoe County Medical Societies. Dr. Anderson served as a delegate at the annual meeting where focus was on several bills promoting equity and access to the underserved.
- Our ACC members continued to be supportive of our 2021 initiative that established a cardiology interest group. We have grown to bridge UNLV, UNR and have been grateful to have many guests highlighted, including CT surgeons, CV anesthesiologists and pediatric cardiologists. Our Reno members hosted a bocce evening with the interest group, and it was well attended with over 15 ACC members and 14 students and residents from the University of Nevada.

Opportunities:

- Continued focus on concerted action to streamline care/education/access/prevention to our rural access sites statewide.
- Align partnerships with trainees statewide through a mentorship program
- Continue to grow Chapter memberships and use our virtual tools along with in person technology to hold meetings.

Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care

Accomplishments:

- Bipartisan Senate Bill SB 263 was awarded to The Oddie Project in northern Nevada, a \$6 million dollar investment to provide affordable care for 100 children and a production kitchen. Dr. Anderson has been integral in this work with her role as the Governor of the Chapter and the Chair of the Food Bank of Northern Nevada. She was present at the signing of the bill with Governor Lombardo.
- ACC Nevada Council continues to support the Prescription Pantry program in northern Nevada, in which patients receive foods that they need to help manage their diagnosis whether it is diabetes or heart disease. The program has been grant funded and follows metrics of outcome (such as repeat hospitalization and HbA1C) to audit efficacy.
- Attended and presented at the ACC Rockies Conference in August. This presentation highlighted the diversity, vulnerability and needs in our state. Dr. Anderson and Dr. Taz Khalid IM3 presented topics about Food as Medicine and our robust Prescription Pantry program.
- The Nevada Chapter was present in October in DC and met with many of our state representatives and their teams. We did this in partnership with the Hawaii Chapter.

Opportunities:

- Discuss vaccination rates in our healthcare systems in Nevada to remind the cardiology community of this important effort.

Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge

Accomplishments

- Awarded WIC Section Grant – plans with UNR and local hospitals to hold a Food as Medicine Symposium Summer 2024
- Applied for a Chapter Grant through the CV Teams section to target lack of access to healthcare in Nevada
- Continued Council member engagement with the Rural Nevada Health Network, a statewide group to increase the footprint of education and community health workers.
- Traveled as ACC NV representatives to partnerships in Bangladesh. 2 FITs were in attendance.
- Dr Danielian MD FACC is a member of our Nevada Chapter Council has been active in serving on the ACC Sports Council. His publication in JACC was shared in our Chapter Newsletter.

Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability

Accomplishments:

- We had our annual council meeting in Las Vegas and made strides towards decisions that are important towards our membership. We have members from both Reno and Las Vegas, which was one of our goals.
- The Fellowship program is fully involved in the Chapter with a FIT council member, as well as in the Women in Cardiology section. We have provided opportunities for FITs to join many of the ACC national meetings.
- Both North and South were engaged on all levels of the FIT Virtual Jeopardy, from question writing to hosting.

Opportunities:

- Provide grants for underserved high school or college students
- Be inclusive of our Nevada partners in Pediatric Cardiology, especially in their training in effort to recruit and retain statewide.



NEW JERSEY
CHAPTER

AMERICAN COLLEGE of CARDIOLOGY®

New Jersey Chapter, American College of Cardiology
Jeffrey Lander, MD, FACC - Chapter President and Governor
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Yekaterina (Kate) Opsha, PharmD, CV Team State Representative
Kim Reda – CV Team State Representative-Elect
Christina Smith, MPA, CAE – Chapter Executive

2023 State of the State Report

TOP ACCOMPLISHMENT

In 2023, the New Jersey Chapter launched a pilot “Seminar in the City” workshop to bring non-clinical competencies to NJACC members in a half-day program featuring topics Top 10 Environmental Challenges Faced by Physicians, The Business Side of Cardiology, and Uniting to Build a New Board of CV Medicine.

1. Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home (in particular, highlight any activity/ies that advance diversity and inclusivity, health equity, and/or member wellness)
 - a. Accomplishments: The Chapter was a partner in the inaugural Mid-Atlantic WIC Workshop in April 2023 in Washington, D.C. The Chapter provided speakers Drs. Renee Bullock-Palmer and Andrea Russo for the program’s agenda.
 - b. Opportunities: The Chapter looks forward to continuing its annual WIC meeting for women Cardiologists, Fellows, Residents and Students in Late Summer 2024.
2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge
 - a. Accomplishments:
 - i. In April 2023, the Chapter held its traditional “Best of ACC” dinner program, featuring speakers from across the state to summarize hot topics and clinical trials from the ACC.23 Scientific Session. Speakers included both Fellows in Training as well as Physicians.
 - ii. In October 2023, the Chapter held its pilot “Seminar in the City” workshop featuring topics such as Top 10 Environmental Challenges Faced by Physicians from Cathie Biga, MSN, FACC; The Business Side of Cardiology from Jerry Blackwell, MD, MBA, FACC; and Uniting to Build a New Board of CV Medicine from Jeff Kuvin, MD, FACC.
3. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care
 - a. Accomplishments – ADVOCACY HERE
Opportunities – The Chapter is excited to launch travel awards to engage members in the 2024 ACC Legislative Conference.
4. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability
 - a. Accomplishments

- i. The Chapter held its first FIT Heart Dissection Workshop in August 2023 with the help of Zoll Medical and the Chapter's Education Chair Dr. Jordan Safirstein. Over twenty Fellows-in-Training participated in the hands-on workshop at Morristown Medical Center.
 - ii. The Chapter provided travel awards for three FITs to represent the New Jersey Chapter at the ACC.23 FIT Jeopardy Competition.
- b. Opportunities
 - i. We look forward to hosting our Greece-Twin Chapter members again in Atlanta at ACC.24 for dinner.
 - ii. The Chapter will continue to support the ACC.24 FIT Jeopardy program by providing travel awards to the NJACC Team's contestants.



NEW MEXICO

CHAPTER

AMERICAN COLLEGE
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New Mexico Chapter of the American College of Cardiology
Daniel Friedman, MD, FACC- Governor Pro Tem
Savannah Tanner, PA-C, MPAS- CV Team State Liaison
Miriam Surdin, MPA, CAE – Chapter Executive

2023 State of the State Report

Top Accomplishment: Engaging our Fellows and Early Career members in chapter programming and national conferences.

- Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home
 - Accomplishments:
 - Dr. Friedman continued the role of Governor Pro Tem. Several very able candidates have been identified to fill the role in the future.
 - There has been a continued cultivation of New Mexico's FIT along with the appointment of our chapter FIT representative Dr. Arianna Pregenzer Wenzler.
 - We continued our tradition of supporting our FIT Jeopardy team in the 2022 and 2023 ACC Annual Scientific Sessions and plan to do so for 2023. The ACC will grant one free registration to a fellow and the Chapter will likely pay the remainder of their expense for ACC '24.
 - We are developing a position in our chapter for a Medical Student Representative.
 - Dr. Daniel Friedman, our acting Governor, was again a speaker at the Rockies Chapter meeting in Park City Utah discussing challenges in large and rural states.
 - The New Mexico ACC Chapter has always encouraged APPs working in Cardiology to become members in the ACC and obtain the numerous benefits. They are a rapidly growing part of our Cardiovascular team, and their participation is vital to our future. We are actively recruiting APPs for the ACC to further our visibility within the College and Cardiology in our communities.
 - Our chapter has developed and open and active collaboration with the New Mexico Medical Society as well as the American Heart Association.
 - Opportunities:

- We will continue to host and recruit member events to increase involvement throughout our Cardiology community; this includes APPs, FITs, and Medical Students.

Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge

- Accomplishments:
 - Our chapter was active in a collaborative effort with the New Mexico Medical Society to incorporate our annual meeting and education forum with their annual conference. This was a tremendous opportunity to introduce the NM ACC Chapter to our colleagues throughout our states' medical community. Dr. Harvey White was instrumental in this effort. We were rather grateful to have our National President, Hadley Wilson, MD, FACC as a speaker at the general session. He did a more focused talk to our ACC team the night before. This was very well attended, and many University fellows were there.
 - Opportunities
 - The chapter is exploring the development of Women in Cardiology section led by Dr. Kathy Allen a UNM faculty member and VA interventionalist.
 - We have continued to be a resource for our FIT and Medical students interested in pursuing a career in Cardiology. Still, we know we can do more.
- Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care
 - Accomplishments:
 - The NM Chapter actively participated in the ACC Legislative Session. We were able to meet with representatives from both of our senators' offices as well as all of our house representatives. Our stellar team was led by Dr. James Blankenship and attended by Dr. Sam Wann, Dr. Harvey White, and Dr. Daniel Friedman. Fellows Ishan Shah, Revati Reddy, and Oksana Petrechko also took time out of their busy schedules to attend.
 - Opportunities:
 - We are developing an advocacy committee to pursue important issues at our state legislative sessions. For this endeavor, we will likely partner with the well-established advocacy efforts of the New Mexico Medical Society and the New Mexico Chapter of the American Heart Association. We hope to have a significant presence at next year's White coat day January 24, 2024. This is a solidary event geared at our State legislative advocating for the wellbeing of patients in our State.
 - Continue to advocate for PAC support to move legislative efforts forward.
- Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability
 - We are striving to bring more new and young members into active roles among the chapter.



The New York Chapter of the American College of Cardiology
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We consider our Shark Tank / Young Investigators event to be our **top accomplishment**, as it remains one of our most exciting events, and because it became so popular, it is now an annual event; and we even tacked on a Critical Care Trivia Night this past year, making it 3-events-in-1!

1. Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home

a. Accomplishments

- i. The first joint seminar of the ACC's New York and Argentina Chapters, "**A Tale of Two Chapters**," was held virtually on Dec. 6, 2023, and included faculty and case presenters from both chapters, including one of the Chapter's FIT Representatives, Afsana Rahman, MD, who presented a case on heart failure, and Florencia Cantora, MD, of ACC's Argentina chapter, who presented on chronic ischemic heart disease. We were excited to see that the event was extremely successful, gathering attendees from across the nation and many joining internationally from Argentina.
- ii. We launched a new community outreach initiative called "**Heart to Heart**." The first event took place on April 15 in Queens, where residents, fellows and more senior cardiologists gave blood pressure checks and talked to the neighborhood's residents about heart health and heart-healthy nutrition. The second event took place on Sept. 16 in Brooklyn. During this event, doctors discussed topics such as cardiovascular fitness, sudden cardiac death in athletes, and strategies for modifying major cardiovascular risk factors. The program's goal was to reach patients where they live, by bringing physicians to underserved neighborhoods and to educate the community about their hearts and easy ways to improve heart health.

b. Opportunities

- i. There is great interest to continue to expand the community events into new boroughs and more community centers. We have found that these events are a great way to get the younger cardiologists involved with the chapter, and we look forward to seeing more and more involvement as the program grows.
- ii. The NYACC Advocacy Committee established and will continue to foster the partnership that was created with MSSNY to work together regarding the non-competes and burnout bills.

2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge

a. Accomplishments

- i. Our **After Shocks** webinar series continued this year and featured an interview with researcher Nir Uriel, MD, MSc, FACC, of Columbia University speaking on the "Five-Year Outcomes in Patients with Fully Magnetically Levitated vs Axial-Flow Left Ventricular Assist Devices in the Momentum 3 Randomized Trial." It was moderated by our Upstate Governor, Hima Vidula, MD, MS, FACC.
- ii. We held the **26th Annual New York Cardiac Center Lecture**, titled "From Intervention to Prevention: The Optimal Management of Acute Coronary Syndromes."

Dr. Deepak L. Bhatt, MD, covered the diagnosis of ACS, underlying causes and the recommended approach for managing patients presenting with acute coronary syndromes.

- iii. The **50th Annual Arvilla Berger Lecture** was held on April 25 and was given by Malissa J. Wood, MD, FACC, Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Trustee for the ACC. The lecture was titled “Sex-and Gender-Based Approaches to CVD: A Global Perspective to Improve Local Care.”

3. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care

- a. Accomplishments
 - i. In our continual effort to educate the entire CV team, the **15th Annual Cardiovascular Team Symposium** was held on June 14, 2023, in Manhattan. The program, one that is dedicated to non-physician members of the CV team, reviewed heart disease and CV-related illnesses.
 - ii. The NYACC Advocacy Committee took on the proposed rule to ban non-compete clauses in employee contracts, recognizing the impact on healthcare professionals and the overall improvement of cardiovascular care. Their efforts helped support the NYS legislature passing the act and sending it forward to NY Governor Hochul’s desk where it currently resides. In addition, the team repeatedly reached out to Governor Hochul, urging a veto of the Act, emphasizing the importance of aligning policies with the team’s mission to enhance the quality, equity, and value in cardiovascular care. These actions reflect the team’s strategic engagement with regulatory bodies and policymakers to drive positive change in the healthcare landscape. A social media campaign buttressed this initiative.

4. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability

- a. Accomplishments
 - i. Another new addition this year was a **Critical Care Trivia Night** for FITs, which was held on Oct. 19. For this sold-out event, we partnered with NYU Langone to create a program tailored to meet the needs of advanced fellows pursuing a career in critical care medicine. The evening consisted of networking and a trivia competition focused on topics related to cardiac critical care.
 - ii. We were thrilled to again hold the Young Investigators Competition alongside of the 4th Annual Shark Tank Challenge on Oct. 20. The evening featured posters from the Top 25-ranked abstract submissions and presentations from Top 3 winners and from the No.1 clinical case winner.
- b. Opportunities
 - i. During the latter part of 2023 the chapter cycled out several committee chairs to maintain enthusiasm and energy for their respective committee and to maintain a growing leadership pipeline.
 - ii. This year the Chapter also added a new opportunity for a FIT, creating an Advocacy FIT position on our Council. The Advocacy FIT attends Advocacy Committee meetings and the ACC Legislative Conference.



NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER

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Chapter CV Team Representative, Dr. Amy Winiger, DNP, ACNP-BC,

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submitted January 16, 2024

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- The 30th Annual Joint Conference was held September 22-24 in Asheville, NC with over 400 attendees and 50 exhibitors participating.
 - Educational sessions were offered on advancements in cardiovascular medicine and surgery, effects of diet and exercise on cardiovascular health, heart failure and heart disease. We were excited to have ACC President B. Hadley Wilson MD, FACC as one of our featured speakers!
 - A WIC Seminar and CVT Seminar were both held on Friday with over 50 attendees in each session. Malissa Wood, MD, was the WIC speaker. CME and pharmacology credits were provided.
 - An FIT Seminar was held on Friday afternoon with topics covering CV Writing, Financial Management and Choosing the Right Practice. FITs from both NC & SC programs were able to apply for scholarships to attend and conference and 34 FITs received scholarships to attend.
 - The always popular FIT Jeopardy concluded the annual conference on Sunday.

Top Accomplishment

- The Chapter annually grants support to a program whose goal is to reduce cardiovascular health disparities in the state of North Carolina. The 2023 recipients were: *Jennifer Rymer, MD, MBA, MHS, Schuyler Jones, MD, and Tony Gutierrez, MD, at Duke University for their program titled, "Program to Reduce Disparities In the Screening for Peripheral Artery Disease among Black patients (PRAISE-PAD)".*
- Ten NC Chapter members visited Capitol Hill to discuss key health policy issues with members of Congress and their staff.

- The NC & SC Chapters held the second Joint Virtual WIC Presentation on “*Leading Wherever You Are*” with speaker Pam Douglas, MD, Duke University. Over 20 joined the presentation virtually.
- The Chapter continued its strong twinning program with Chile.
 - Drs. Víctor Rossel and Dr. Carlos Fernández toured our clinical work in Charlotte and attended our 30th Annual Joint Conference.
 - 6 NC ACC Chapter members presented at the SOCHICAR annual meeting in Coquimbo, Chile.
 - We continued a joint NC/Chile webinar series.
 - Jorge Alegria MD, FACC, and Amy Winiger, DNP, ACNP-BC, FACC, served as panel experts in ACC's President B. Hadley Wilson, MD, FACC Heart to Heart webinar in May 2023 to highlight the *Bridging the Americas* grant along with Exchange Program between NC ACC Chapter and Chile.
 - Recognizing his outstanding leadership of the twinning program, Dr. Jorge Alegria was inducted as an honorary member of SOCHICAR.
- CVT Representative Amy Winiger, DNP, ACNP-BC, FACC presented at the SOCHICAR nursing conference on *cardiogenic shock teams and Bridging the Americas to Improve Patient Education Post Myocardial Infarction*, (March 2023 NC Chapter CVT section grant).
 - Leslie Davis, PhD, ANP-BC, FACC presented virtually on development of a digital health intervention for women post-ACS. Conference was directed by nursing SOCHICAR president and lead nurse champion Paulina Espinosa Reed.
 - Davis and Winiger have delivered 4 virtual webinars, including content from the *2023 ESC Guidelines for the Management of Acute Coronary Syndromes* (published in August 2023) that related to secondary prevention, patient education, and self-care to 5 nurse champions across Chile.
 - The nurse champions will in turn teach the patients the content at their respective centers: there are no advanced practice providers (APPs) in Chile. There will be a series of check ins with the nurse champions to assess for progress of change.



Colin Phillips, MD, FACC – Maine Governor, Chapter President
Sanjeev Francis, MD, FACC – Maine Incoming Governor-Elect
Fahad Gilani, MD, FACC – New Hampshire Governor
Janet Kirwan, MD, FACC – Vermont Governor
Tracy Hagerty, MD, FACC – Vermont Governor-Elect
Catherine Falduto, APRN – CVT State Representative
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TOP ACCOMPLISHMENT – The Chapter hosted its in-person Annual Meeting on November 4th in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Chapter leadership hosted visiting ACC Board of Trustees speaker Dr. Hani Najm as well as showcased talents and expertise from inside the Chapter’s three states, bringing together a geographically and organizationally diverse agenda to reflect the full tri-state Chapter.

1. Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home (in particular, highlight any activity/ies that advance diversity and inclusivity, health equity, and/or member wellness)
 - a. Accomplishments: The Chapter was awarded a WIC grant to bring together a tri-state coordination effort across the three states:
 - i. In the Spring of 2024, the Chapter held a virtual WIC program with host Laura Onderko, MD of Maine Medical Center titled “Could I Be a Cardiologist? Experiences of Women in Cardiology”
 - ii. The Chapter held a WIC dinner the evening prior to the 2023 Annual Meeting, bringing together women cardiologists and advanced practice providers for networking and discussion on the benefits of ACC. Dr. Friederike Keating, NNE-ACC WIC Representative, spoke on “Finding Your Dream Job” to the audience.
2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge
 - a. Accomplishments – In May 2023, the Chapter hosted a dinner program in Portland, Maine on the topic of “Climate Change and Cardiovascular Care” delivered by Maine Governor Dr. Colin Phillips, who has spearheaded the topic within the ACC Board of Governors.
 - b. On November 4th the Chapter hosted its in-person Annual Meeting in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, seeing attendees from all membership categories from each of the Chapter’s states: Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire.
 - c. The Chapter hosted virtual CME/CE programming throughout the year to expand its educational base with members. These virtual programs also generated important non-dues income for the Chapter.
 - d. Opportunities – The Chapter looks forward to another successful Annual Meeting in November 2024 in Freeport, Maine.
3. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care
 - a. Accomplishments – The Chapter continued its annual dinner program in Vermont in September 2023 to bring ACC to upstate Vermont members. Vermont-ACC members gathered for networking, as well as a welcome from Vermont governor Janet Kirwan. Governor-Elect Tracy Hagerty shared a powerful presentation on “Social Determinants of Health in Cardiology - Beyond the Numbers.”
 - b. Opportunities – As a result of the engagement from Dr. Hagerty’s presentation, the NNE-ACC Chapter applied for a Chapter Section Grant to further cardiovascular healthcare delivery to the indigenous communities in Vermont.

- c. The Chapter will also look to maintain momentum from the Maine-ACC membership's attendance at the Annual Meeting by coordinating a dinner program in Maine in Spring 2023.
4. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability
- a. Accomplishments –Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont state cardiology programs participated in the 2023 FIT Jeopardy Competition at the Chapter's Annual Meeting, with Vermont securing the win to represent the Chapter at ACC.24.
 - b. Although a small but mighty Chapter, the NNE-ACC Chapter makes this FIT initiative a budget priority each year.

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TOP ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. [Fellows In Training Grand Rounds Series: Disparities in Cardiology](#). Our chapter's FIT Council, in collaboration with our Board, proposed, designed, and then executed an educational series addressing enduring disparities in cardiovascular care. A series of lunchtime ground round presentations was created, hosted by various fellowship programs around the state, each addressing disparities in the diagnosis, prevalence, and therapy of a specific area of cardiovascular medicine (heart failure, cardio obstetrics, atrial fibrillation, and vascular care). Feedback from FITs and other attendees was overwhelmingly positive. This program supplements our Chapter's other enduring educational efforts to educate and connect with FIT's, including our yearly FIT Bootcamp program.
2. [Continued growth of the "CardiOhio" Ohio-ACC podcast](#). Our chapter launched a podcast in 2022, with the goal of providing practical and actionable clinical advice to practitioners in a contemporary and accessible format. Each episode addresses a practical topic in clinical cardiology, such as recently released ACC practice guidelines, in an interview format with specialists from across our state's institutions. After its original launch in 2022, the podcast saw significant growth and recognition throughout 2023, achieving over 1700 downloads in 2023 alone, and close to 3000 downloads overall (from over 20 countries). The feedback from our members, including fellows and training and CV team members, has been uniformly positive.

INCREASE RELEVANCE AS THE CV PROFESSIONAL HOME ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Active CV Team Council.
- Held another great year of the Ohio-ACC FIT Leadership Series focused on Disparities in Cardiology. (see above)
- Hosted networking events for our CV Team, Women in Cardiology, and Fellows in Training at our Annual Meeting.
- Successful FIT, Resident, [ePoster Showcase](#), which included poster presentation video recordings and poster pdf's. These become part of our enduring education on www.ohioacc.org. Participants also presented in person at the annual meeting.
- Excellent panel of poster judges - engaged our early career members.
- Continued the successful Ohio-ACC Women in Cardiology [Shine the Spotlight Campaign](#), showcasing Ohio-ACC female cardiologists on www.ohioacc.org to offer networking, mentoring, and research and clinical opportunities. This campaign highlights a cardiology career to our talent pipeline.
- Continued FIT/resident/CV Team case of the month initiative to spotlight cases and research presented by fellows, residents, and CV team members to increase member engagement.

OPPORTUNITIES

Continue and or expand our current Women in Cardiology networking events. Address the upcoming supply crisis by promoting general cardiology, advocating for accelerated training pathways, expanded use of CV team, etc.

GENERATE AND DELIVER ACTIONABLE KNOWLEDGE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Continued episode creation of the CardiOhio Podcast as indicated above.
- Provided webinar for members on Cross-Setting Strategies for Improved Management of Familial Hypercholesterolemia in Cardiology Settings.
- Delivered a successful 2023 Spring Summit with 70 participants and 23 exhibiting companies.
- Developed another educational [FIT Bootcamp](#) engaging 60 FITs, residents, and medical students from across the state and the world with early career faculty. The content resides on our website as enduring education.
- Held our 2023 Annual Meeting with 134 attendees and 21 exhibiting companies. Had an outstanding Poster Competition with 32 FIT posters, 6 resident posters, and two FIT oral competition participants.

- Continued to involve our pharmacists through a special work group that provides pharmacy updates for our e-newsletter and updates for members on prior authorization for specific drugs. We now offer pharmacy credits at our Spring Summit and annual meeting with the goal of increased participation from pharmacists.

OPPORTUNITIES

Supplement our current annual educational meetings with additional virtual or in person educational offerings.

ADVANCE QUALITY, EQUITY, AND VALUE OF CV CARE

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Mindful of diversity and inclusion for our board elections and volunteer opportunities.
- Held an impactful Ohio-ACC Legislative Day in Columbus with 22 attendees.
- Successful participation in the ACC Legislative Conference with 11 Ohio-ACC participants and multiple meetings with legislators.
- Our advocacy work group weighed in on a number of state legislative issues.

OPPORTUNITIES

Create a population health/community outreach work group to address local health access, cardiac prevention, lifestyle modification. Partner with local programs that promote medical careers for disadvantaged students/ school districts.

ENSURE ORGANIZATIONAL GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Continued active FIT Council representation from programs across the state.
- Promoted our grand rounds hub for faculty to highlight their area of interest as a grand round speaker around the state.

OPPORTUNITIES

Create mentorship options for college/medical students from underrepresented minorities to promote careers in cardiology.



Oklahoma ACC Leadership:

Governor: Eugen Ivan, M.D., F.A.C.C.

CV Team Liaison: Candace Becker, CNS

Chapter Executive: Beth Quick-Andrews, CAE

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TOP ACCOMPLISHMENT

Our Annual Chapter Scientific Session is our pinnacle event each year, as members from across the state come together for education and peer networking. Over 80 registrants had the opportunity to learn from skilled clinicians on an array of cardiovascular health and disease topics, including state of the art updates. Attendees were able to learn from ACC Vice President Cathie Biga, who provided an ACC Update.

1. **Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home (in particular, highlight any activity/ies that advance diversity and inclusivity, health equity, and/or member wellness)**
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. Recruited a Women in Cardiology Chair. Dr. Gautam will be launching new initiatives in 2024.
 - ii. Increasing CV Team Member participation in the Chapter Scientific Session was a goal for the Chapter Council, and a concerted effort was made to achieve this goal.
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. We continue our efforts this year in encouraging the entire CV Care Team to participate in our Chapter Scientific Session.
2. **Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge**
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. We held another successful Chapter meeting on April 1, 2023 in Oklahoma City. There were a record 80+ attendees. Content: Cathie Biga, M.S.N., F.A.C.C., keynote presenter, discussed "ACC Update." Scientific presentations included:
 1. Practical Implications of the ACC/AHA/HFSA Heart Failure Guidelines with Biykem Bozkurt, M.D., Ph.D., F.A.C.C.
 2. Percutaneous Coronary Intervention in 2023: What is its role and how should it be done? Sunil Rao, M.D., F.A.C.C.
 3. Understanding Gender Differences in Blood Pressure Across the Lifespan and Implications for Treatment in Women Martha Gulati, M.D., M.S., F.A.C.C.
 4. Evolving Characteristics of Patients, Illness, and Systems of Care within the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit: Emerging Technology Needs and Research Priorities Jason Katz, M.D., M.H.S., F.A.C.C.
 5. Spontaneous Coronary Artery Dissection: What Cardiologists Need to Know Esther Kim, M.D., F.A.C.C.
 6. Beyond the Drive-By Snapshot: Integrating Advanced Cardiac Imaging to Improve Cardio-Oncology Care Eric Yang, M.D., F.A.C.C
 - ii. We held our annual, recurring, FIT Poster Presentations. The FITs present their research in a poster session and are graded on presentation ability, topic knowledge and research. Two winners received a prize.
 - iii. Prior to closing the meeting, Dr. Ivan held the chapter Annual Meeting and provided members an update on the Chapter goals, membership numbers, and finances.

b. Opportunities

- i. Expanding our OK Cardio Conversations library and the promotional reach through social media.
- ii. We look forward to re-launching our “Push For Life” CPR/AED/Heimlich Maneuver training sessions. We are seeking opportunities to partner with the Oklahoma City and Tulsa Convention and Visitor’s Bureaus to hold “Push For Life” training sessions at their facilities. This is important training that their staff needs, and they can provide large venues for a public training program. The training consists of a Council member providing an overview of the benefits of participating in this training and the life-saving impact it can have in the community. Handouts that cover the CPR/AED/Heimlich basics, as well as signs and symptoms of a heart attack, are distributed. Participants can take notes and keep as a ready reference. In addition, we established a spot on the website for participants to share their Push for Life story on how they used the training. Reference cards are also distributed to the participants. This will be a good opportunity for the FITs at the OU Health Sciences Center and Oklahoma State University to participate.

3. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care

a. Accomplishments

- i. At our recent Council Meeting, Dr. Eugen Ivan, Chapter President, provided an update from the College on a variety of issues that are of importance to members including ACC’s 2019-2023 Strategic Plan and the new CV Board.
- ii. Dr. Ivan and Ms. Quick-Andrews participated in ACC’s Legislative Conference.

4. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability

a. Accomplishments

- iv. **Council Development** – We expanded our recruitment efforts and have several new Council members to represent the East and West districts in the state. Council members are actively engaging in new quality, population health and advocacy outreach. Our CV Team Liaison is actively engaging members in the chapter including generating a periodic newsletter for CV Team members.
- v. **Digital Strategy**
 - **Newsletter**- We continued our electronic chapter newsletter this year. This newsletter includes information about ACC and Oklahoma ACC activities that are pertinent to members. We have received very good feedback on this communication too.
 - **Chapter Communications**- Visitors to the chapter website are seamlessly directed to resources on ACC.org to ensure continuity in branding and messaging.

b. Opportunities

- i. Further expand our reach through social media channels.

5. Other

a. Accomplishments

- i. Collaborated with the Kansas and Missouri ACC Chapters to co-produce a quarterly webinar series.

b. Opportunities

- i. Expanded member engagement in chapter activities.



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TOP ACCOMPLISHMENT

The Pennsylvania Chapter invited the Italian Federation of Cardiology, our international outreach partner, to send five early career cardiologists from Italy for week-long preceptorship. Coming from five distinct regions in Italy, our visitors were able to experience four different institutions, learn about our health system, attend AHA Scientific Session and our MACCS Conference, and also enjoy many enjoyable networking meals together. The comradery in working with Italian colleagues pre-visit, learning about their practices and sharing our clinics and our lives was immensely fulfilling for the many chapter members who were able to interact with the Italian delegation.

1. Increase Relevance as the CV Professional

Accomplishment: Joining the NFL Partnership on AED access, the PaACC Advocacy Leadership spoke at the press conference that kicked off support of the bill that increased access and AED placement.

Accomplishment: Realizing the newer field of Cardio-Obstetrics could open up opportunities to partner on advocacy, advocacy leaders held a series of discussions with ACOG colleagues in the state to identify core areas of overlapping interest with the idea of partnering to pass bills and influence regulation.

Accomplishment: Our legislation to amend Act 112 has been stalled for two years; not garnering enough votes to move past committee. With an alternate plan to move committees and sponsors members worked with our lobbyists to approach new lawmakers to explain the need for change in legislation.

Accomplishment: Partnered with CardioNerds to bring two more sessions of the wildly successful Narratives in Cardiology series that promotes DEI by interviewing inspiring faculty (along with their fellows) discussing their expertise and their journey.

2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge

Accomplishment: The Mid-Atlantic Capital Cardiology Symposium (MACCS) was held with other Mid-Atlantic state chapters in November. The meeting features robust social/networking opportunities and

education for everyone including a special pre-conference session for FITs on non-clinical competencies and a poster session.

Accomplishment: A PaACC Jeopardy competition was held, more community health programs signed up for the opportunity to compete than ever have in the past.

Accomplishment: CVTeam hosted monthly Journal Club featuring team members from around the state presenting and facilitating in an interactive forum. Tried a new 'lunch & learn' format doubling participation to forty plus registered attendees.

Accomplishment: CVTeam designed and delivered an accredited educational four-hour course featuring expertise from four chapters. Leadership designated hot topics and CVTeam featured speakers. Opportunities to moderate and speak were available.

3. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care

Accomplishment: The WIC Section hosted an East and West evening event called 'Narratives in Medicine' in which a columnist from the Philadelphia Inquirer led each thirty-person group through a free writing exercise that explored wellness and wellbeing.

Accomplishment: The WIC Section was part of the new Mid-Atlantic WIC Meeting which was held in-person at Heart House. This event featured mentoring as the audience that was invited included half residents and medical students that were interested in pursuing cardiology.

Accomplishment: PA Department of Health currently only approves the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory Accreditation provided by ACE. Working with ACC and our lobbyists we have been attempting to include ACC Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory Accreditation in the "Department-approved" agencies.

4. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability

Accomplishment: Reorganized the Advocacy Committee into a small steering committee to make longer range decisions, represent CV medicine at the Pennsylvania Medical Society, and handle all quick turn around issues. A larger group of members was formed who are interested in advocacy, now called PaACC Advocacy Ambassadors, who pledge to respond to action alerts and surveys on priorities.

Accomplishment: Formalized calls and information flowing from lobbyists to Advocacy Steering Committee and staff to identify opportunities and needed action.

Accomplishment: Gathered at ACC Meetings in New Orleans and Washington, DC to build comradery and excitement about the chapter and larger ACC opportunities.



ACC Puerto Rico Chapter

Valentin Del Rio-Santiago, MD FACC – President & Governor
Hector Martinez-Gonzalez, MD FACC – Immediate Past President
Abigail Matos Pagan, DNP, ARNP, AACC, RN – CV Team President
Eurencia G. Olmo – Chapter Executive

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1. Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home

a. Accomplishments

- i. For the past 5 years, we established direct communication with Local Cardiovascular Fellowship Programs and graduated cardiologist offering chapter support for those interested in becoming members.
- ii. Reminders of the value and benefits of being an ACC member as well membership renewal dates.
- iii. Contacting local cardiologists that are not ACC members.
 1. Sharing with these potential members the value and benefits for joining the Chapter.
- iv. Sharing supported best practices and guidelines with members that promote continues education to improve patient outcomes.
- v. Further the direct communication through “PR Cardiologists Chat” encouraging participation to the chapter’s educational and non-educational activities.

b. Opportunities

- i. 2024 Annual Meeting - promote membership and its advantages among those cardiologists interested in becoming members
- ii. Surveys to understand Puerto Rico’s cardiologists’ interest, educational needs and practice priorities.

2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge

a. Accomplishments

- i. EP Symposium held on October 14, 2023 - this 1-day meeting featured a balanced academic agenda with two live EP cases becoming a first in the ACC PR Chapter.

- ii. Host of annual meeting schedule this year from April 19-20, 2024, with the continued support world class faculty and the ACC leadership.
 - 1. Integrate three live cases (Coronary, Structural, Peripheral) - first time in PR Chapter Annual Meetings
 - 2. Continuous support to our FITs with the Transition to Practice and Jeopardy Sessions.
 - 3. CVT Session continues with wide support from Nursing and Tech Staff
- iii. Full support and integration CV Team for our annual conference.
- iv. Upcoming community day clinics that are dedicated educational service to a local community.
- v. Maintain the integration of FITs between the Massachusetts and Puerto Rico Chapters in their respective annual meetings.

b. Opportunities

- i. Enhance FIT Jeopardy Competition
- ii. Maintain the collaboration with the ACC Massachusetts Chapter
- iii. Initiate a collaborative effort with the ACC Florida Chapter

3. **Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care**

a. Accomplishments

- i. Continue chapter support and education to law-makers and Chief of Local Health Department about the disparities in the care that currently exist in Puerto Rico compared with the United States in order to continue advocating for increased funding for Medicare and Medicaid programs.
- ii. Strategic plan in conjunction with other Local CV Societies with the main goal of grow the next generation of cardiovascular clinicians (cardiologist, cardiothoracic surgeons).

b. Opportunities

- i. Develop community programs that will enable us to break down barriers and care challenges.

4. **Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability**

a. Accomplishments

- i. Promote female cardiology practitioners a place in the Chapter Board of Directors.

b. Opportunities

- i. Increase the exposure of a career in cardiology to high school.



RHODE ISLAND
CHAPTER

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Christina Smith, MPA, CAE – Chapter Executive

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TOP ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Increasing CVT Member involvement** through successful educational programming and the induction of 5 new Associates of the ACC (AACC)
 - **Roll out of an RIACC Chapter Grant - (CV-DIET)** (CV Diet Instruction for Every Trainee/Team Member)
1. **Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home** (in particular, highlight any activities that advance diversity and inclusivity, health equity, and/or member wellness)
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. **The RIACC Chapter hosted a Cardiovascular Team Symposium/CME on *Improving Cardiovascular Health in Rhode Island through Public Health and Health System Interventions*** on April 28, 2023, with an audience of over 50 CVT members and physicians. Keynote Speaker Dr. Amy Nunn, ScD, Executive Director of the RI Public Health Institute (RIPHI) highlighted racial and socioeconomic disparities in CVD, and RIPHI programs aimed at improving upstream social determinants of CV health, including access to healthy food via “RI Food on the Move” (a year-round mobile produce market targeting seniors) and a Retail SNAP Program that incentivizes purchase of fruits/vegetables for SNAP beneficiaries, newly funded by the RI Governor.
 - ii. **The RIACC Chapter held its Fall Annual Meeting Dinner Program on September 28, 2023**, with over 70 people in attendance. ACC President Hadley Wilson delivered the keynote presentation on ***Artificial Intelligence in Cardiovascular Medicine***. Presentations were also given by Chapter Governor Dr. Karen Aspry, CVT Representative Patty Leary NP, and FIT Representative Dr. Elizabeth Wong, who summarized the new Guideline for the Management of Chronic Coronary Heart Disease.
 - b. Opportunities - The Chapter is planning its 2024 Cardiovascular Team Symposium/ CME in May 2024 that will present **Updates in Cardiovascular Medicine for CVT Members**. CVT Team members are also planning a series of educational dinner symposiums in 2024 in partnership with industry sponsors that will also meet health system corporate compliance rules. The Chapter is also planning its Annual Dinner Program in the Fall of 2024. The Chapter is exploring participation in the ACC-Mass Chapter CME to be held in the Fall of 2024. Finally, the Chapter’s 2 new WIC Reps will work to plan a Chapter webinar for 2024 focused on issues related to WIC.

2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge

- a. Accomplishments - The Chapter began roll-out of its **2023 ACC Chapter/Section grant award** that is funding an online, self-paced, 4-module CME entitled “Nutrition Essentials in Medicine” developed by the Gaples Institute. A pre- and post-CME clinician survey was programmed in REDCap as a QI Project to allow data collection. To date, 30 people have enrolled in the course and filled out the pre-CME survey. The RI Chapter and member Dr. Estelle Torbey in partnership with the NY ACC and Texas ACC also submitted an application for a **2024 ACC Chapter/Section Grant** entitled – “WELLCORT - Working to Eliminate Lead and Complications of Radiation exposure among cardiovascular clinicians and Team members” that (preliminarily) has been awarded.
- b. Opportunities - The Chapter is working with the Gaples Institute to continue the Nutrition Essentials in Medicine courses into 2024 and is also working on the patient-facing portion of the CVDIET Grant, a culinary medicine video by Johnson and Wales culinary nutrition experts. The Chapter will begin implementation of the WELLCORT grant once formally awarded.

3. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care

- a. Accomplishments
 - i. RI FACCs and its CVT leader and FIT Rep attended the 2023 ACC Legislative Conference and met with all RI lawmakers or their staff to lobby for ACC-supported legislation and initiatives aimed at improving CV care quality, equity and value
 - ii. RIACC Governor presented a new Food Is Medicine health system initiative to the ACC BOG at the 2023 Legislative Conference, highlighting FIM as integral to CV quality, equity and value-based care
 - iii. RIACC leaders esp. CVT lead NP Patty Shea Leary are working with local ER and community physicians and the local AHA board to expand CPR /AED training in RI high schools, which is mandated by the state but not funded, starting in Providence schools with the aim of advancing CV health equity in underserved communities
- b. Opportunities – The Chapter will work in all of these areas in 2024. The Chapter will work to identify a state representative for the Contractor Advisory Committee (CAC) role in our jurisdiction.

4. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability

- a. Accomplishments –
 - i. The Chapter held its 1st Annual FIT Jeopardy Event in January 2023, with a fun evening of networking and competitive Jeopardy gaming amongst Fellows, Attendings and CVT leaders.
 - ii. The Chapter successfully elected a new-Governor Elect in 2023 and identified 2 new WIC Representatives in 2023
- b. Opportunities - The Chapter looks forward to sending three RI FITs to ACC.24 to compete in the National FIT Jeopardy Competition at ACC.24.



South Carolina CHAPTER

South Carolina Chapter
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- The 30th Annual Joint Conference was held September 22-24 in Asheville, NC with over 400 attendees and 50 exhibitors participating.
 - Educational sessions were offered on advancements in cardiovascular medicine and surgery, effects of diet and exercise on cardiovascular health, heart failure and heart disease.
 - A WIC Seminar and CVT Seminar were both held on Friday with over 50 attendees in each session. Malissa Wood, MD, was the WIC speaker. CME and pharmacology credits were provided.
 - An FIT Seminar was held on Friday afternoon with topics covering CV Writing, Financial Management and Choosing the Right Practice. FITs from both NC & SC programs were able to apply for scholarships to attend and conference and 34 FITs received scholarships to attend.
 - The always popular FIT Jeopardy concluded the annual conference on Sunday.
- Nine SC Chapter members visited Capitol Hill during the ACC Legislative Conference to discuss key health policy issues with members of Congress and their staff.
- The NC & SC Chapters held the second Joint Virtual WIC Presentation on “*Leading Wherever You Are*” with speaker Pam Douglas, MD, Duke University. Over 20 joined in the presentation virtually.

TOP ACCOMPLISHMENT

- The Chapter’s first State Legislative Day was held in Columbia, SC on February 8. Chapter President, Michael Foster, MD and board member Rob Malanuk, MD

met with Gene Hogan, South Carolina Senate Medical Affairs Committee, Research Director, Senator Sandy Senn, Representative Beth Bernstein and Representative Kirkman Finlay, III. Issues discussed included the CON repeal coalition and administrative burdens of concerns, in particular exploring possibilities of restricting prior authorization burdens imposed by health insurance companies, similar to those bills proposed at a national level in congress.

- The 2024 Chapter Legislative Day will be held on February 28 in Columbia, SC.



Tennessee

CHAPTER

Tennessee Chapter of the American College of Cardiology

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TOP ACCOMPLISHMENT

Of the accomplishments listed below, what does your Chapter consider its top accomplishment?

TNACC provided a full scholarship for one FIT member to attend the MedAxiom & Wharton Business Essentials for Cardiovascular Fellows

1. Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home (in particular, highlighting activities that advance diversity and inclusivity and/or member wellness.)
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. Supported FIT activities through scholarship to attend the MedAxiom & Wharton Business Essentials for Cardiovascular Fellows, and scholarship to attend the ACC Cardio-Obstetrics CME
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. Continue to increase diverse attendance at the in-person State Annual Meeting.
2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. Continued periodic virtual Town Halls on topics including hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, restrictive covenants, and educating the public about cardiovascular health.
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. Use enhanced technology to deliver content to more cardiologists and CV team members in Tennessee.
3. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. Continue support of FITs in TNACC and ACC programs, such as FIT Jeopardy
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. Restructure annual meeting to embrace current learning environments.
4. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. New Council members were added to two-year terms.
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. Continue to add engagement routes for FITs and CV Team Members.
5. Other
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. Held TNACC's first state Day on the Hill
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. Increase the number of participants at future Day on the Hill events.



Texas
CHAPTER

Texas Chapter of the American College of Cardiology
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TOP ACCOMPLISHMENT

- **Expanded website capabilities with each section creating a page for specific content and deliverables to our members**
 - **Sponsored year long series of leadership training for our section leaders (16 participants)**
 - **Sponsored two fellows for Medaxiom Wharton Business Course for Fellows and one early career member in Wharton Business Training Course**
1. Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home (in particular, highlight any activity/ies that advance diversity and inclusivity, health equity, and/or member wellness)
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. Piloted year-long leadership course for section and chapter leaders
 - ii. Continued increase in female and minority section leadership including electing our second woman as Incoming President
 - iii. Sponsored 2 fellows and 1 early career in Wharton Business Course
 - iv. Continued work with TMA on surprise billing legislation
 - v. Continued growth in section activity by encouraging independence and thinking outside the box; empowerment and delegation philosophy
 - vi. Expanded WIC hosting regional networking events
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. Transition to new Management Service Organization
 - ii. Expand leadership course to entire chapter membership
 - iii. Adding FIT and CV Team member to each section leadership team
 2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. Continued expansion of educational products from several section (Heart Failure, EP, WIC, Cardio-Oncology, Innovations, Geriatrics, Sports, CV Team)
 - ii. Created three new sections with leadership – Cardio OB/Reproductive Health, Critical Care Cardiology and DEI
 - iii. CV Team full day session at our annual meeting
 - iv. FIT workshop at our annual meeting
 - v. New Record attendance and poster submission by trainees to our annual meeting year over year
 - vi. Added individual section pages to our website to share content
 - vii. Cardio-Onc and Innovations section building the cardio-oncology passport app

- b. Opportunities
 - i. Continued grass roots efforts to grow each section activity
- 3. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. Increased female and minority section leadership
 - ii. FIT travel stipends for our annual meeting and national ACC
 - iii. Launched new DEI section
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. Continued work with legislators to improve access and affordability of healthcare for Texans (we have highest percentage uninsured and underinsured in country)
- 4. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. Successful retention of leadership teams for sections with seamless succession plans
 - ii. Provided leadership training for section leaders
 - iii. Largest annual meeting ever, year over year
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. Reestablish new relationship with Brazil after their reorganization
 - ii. Update Bylaws
- 5. Other
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. Reinvigorated quiescent sections (CV Training, HF and Transplant) and created new sections in accordance with new ACC sections
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. Try to find a way to engage CV surgeons



UTAH
CHAPTER

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Utah Chapter of the American College of Cardiology

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Top Accomplishment: Executing a large multi-state chapter meeting with several speakers, many CME hours, and engagement from all membership types.

1. Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home
 - a. Accomplishments
 - We continued the in-person ACC Rockies meeting with teams from Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Wyoming, and Idaho. The in-person event was held in Park City, Utah. We included a unique format in which fellows in training were also able to present on various topics. The meeting was well attended by fellows, faculty, and members of the college.
 - Funded 3 FITs to attend the Annual Scientific Session and compete in FIT Jeopardy.
 - b. Opportunities
 - Continue CME programming for the Utah Chapter and creating programming for those that are less engaged.

2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge
 - a. Accomplishments
 - The Utah ACC Chapter partnered with Idaho/Nevada/New Mexico/Wyoming to plan the program for the 6th Annual Rockies Chapter Meeting in September 2023 and looking forward to continuing to build momentum on this program now that we are back in person.
 - b. Opportunities
 - We remain invested in providing opportunities and mentorship to fellows in training that will form the foundation of the future ACC leadership and to enhance diversity and inclusion. McHale Anderson was nominated to participate in the ACC leadership forum. He has tremendous enthusiasm, leadership potential, and desire to serve in the ACC.

3. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care

a. Accomplishments

- With the assistance of the Utah Medical Association, the Utah ACC Chapter will continue to encourage our state legislators to promote increased cardiovascular disease awareness and the funding of comprehensive prevention programs.
- We had worked with the University of Utah, under the direction of Brian Zenger a medical student at the University of Utah, to provide early mentorship and opportunities to underrepresented minorities to improve their interest and application into medical school. We believe there are opportunities to improve in the very early careers during high school and early in college to improve.

4. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability

a. Accomplishments

- Our CV Team member numbers continue to grow and we are working on significant programming for the CV team community.

b. Opportunities

- As part of Chapter meeting, we will look to include sponsorship opportunities to augment the sustainability of the conference and the financial stability of the Utah Chapter



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TOP ACCOMPLISHMENT

The WIC Section designed an in-person event that brought together mid-career women with internal medical residents and medical students in the greater MidAtlantic for a two-day event at Heart House. The agenda was tailored to showcase career development strategies, financial considerations, and insight into what being a FIT is really like, along with many specific mentoring opportunities. This WIC conference was a chance to give the next generation of WIC tools and vision for what their cardiology career could be.

1. Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home

Accomplishments: Sent a representative to the Medical Society of Virginia advocacy committee; engaged in the process of selecting topics and supporting through legislative session. Reported to chapter on progress.

Accomplishments: Supported bills in Richmond through letters given at committee testimony and an email campaign from members to lawmakers. Bills that passed:

- Expand mental health access to children (passed at target funding level).
- Added mental health questions to physician license process.
- Extended protections from threats against health care providers to include those in clinics, offices, and pharmacies.
- Increased funding for Medicare reimbursement for non-primary care physicians to the 80% Medicare rate (passed at target funding level).

2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge

Accomplishments: Top leaders from VA guided the Mid-Atlantic Capitol Cardiology Symposium (MACCS) to a successful in-person conclusion; agenda included pediatric and surgery speakers integrated into the agenda to showcase many different member types.

Accomplishments: FIT Forum held at Heart House provided FITs with non-clinical knowledge about careers and included networking with ACC and chapter

leaders. FIT Jeopardy and Abstract Contest increased engagement with chapter and awareness of ACC investment via travel awards.

Accomplishments: WIC held an in-person meeting at Heart House inviting mid-career FACCs to join in with FITs, internal medicine residents, and medical school students to reflect and showcase the pathway to cardiology. Using mentorship as a theme, the WIC section was able to use the meeting as a platform to encourage relationships for career advice.

Accomplishments: Joined with other Mid-Atlantic Chapters to host a four-hour virtual CEU event; attendance 25% higher than previous year.

3. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care

Accomplishments: Continued partnership with the British Cardiovascular Society through direct and personal outreach by members and staff:

- Hosted one-day workshop on communication and behavior assessment for BCS Early Leadership Programme; through evaluations ranked #1 as best session
- Leaders exchange of educational opportunities; each annual meeting featured a session from the other society.
- Established an ongoing connection to the BCS Centennial ambassadors.

4. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability

Accomplishments: Supported the VA Heart Attack Coalition (VHAC) and the VA Cardiac Series Quality Initiative Association (VCSQI) as they merged into one entity. As a dues paying organization to VCSQI, our members are part of the engaged leadership leading the way to evaluate and improve systems of care in seven geographical sectors of the Commonwealth.

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Richard Cheng, MD, MSc FACC
Governor, WA ACC Chapter

Top Accomplishment:

Held the WA ACC annual meeting in person in Bellevue in September with 173 attendees. This event had the highest meeting turn out to date for our chapter and underscores the desire for in-person meetings and the opportunities for networking.

1. Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home

Accomplishments:

- Founded a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion section for our state chapter, led by Dr. Christine Chung and Dr. Andrea Diaz. Thus far, they started the WA State ACC High School Mentorship program and are planning a series of webinars to begin in 2023.
- Founded a Multimodality Cardiac Imaging section for our state chapter, led by Dr. Nina Rashedi. The plan is to initiate a series of case-based webinars.
- Maintained >900 members in our chapter, with a focus on building CV team representation.
- Continued growth and expanded interest in CV Team educational activities. We held 4 CV team educational dinner meetings led by Ben Hocutt in Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane.
- Joined a collaboration with multiple ACC Chapters in the region (Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Alaska, British Columbia, Prairie Provinces) to create a regional ACC Northwest Cardiovascular Symposium (for April 2024)
- Continuation of section educational activities:
 - FIT events: Held 3 well-attended in-person events for FITs in the region. The first event was for team building in Seattle (March 2023), the second was a social networking event at ACC.23 (March 2023) and the third was a networking and teambuilding event in Seattle (August 2023). Due to the high interest for these types of events, we are planning for a collaborative event with the California, Arizona, and Colorado ACC Chapters for a FIT event at ACC.24.
 - WIC events: Networking event in Seattle with widespread representation from all the major healthcare systems in the area, with a focus on discussions about early career, health equity and alternative career paths in medicine. (January 2023)
 - Regional webinar on amyloidosis with high turn-out (n = 65, 7/2023).
 - In-person event for collaborative interventional / HF / shock planned for 1/2024, with the idea of building a regional shock network in collaboration with ACC.

Opportunities:

- Continue to increase engagement and expand leadership throughout Washington state to be inclusive of all regions in the state.
- Support and increase subsection activities, including cardiac imaging, early career, EP, and heart failure.
- Start a cardio-oncology section given the strength of cardio-oncology in the state.
- Increase awareness and activity for our DEI section in the region.
- Focus on CV Team membership growth and reinvigorate CV Team council with greater regional representation.
- Build a regional shock network in collaboration with ACC.
- Increase advocacy efforts both in Washington state and nationally for the chapter.

2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge

Accomplishments:

- Hosted our chapter Annual meeting on September 30, 2023 with 173 participants. Dr. Gregg Fonarow from UCLA was our keynote lecturer, with an outstanding overview on implementation of HF therapies. We purposely programmed our sessions to have more audience interaction and the attendees felt the meeting was highly interactive, covering the full spectrum of cardiovascular medicine, with diverse representation of speakers and moderators from around the state. Dr. Tina Ghia, EP and WIC, co-chaired the meeting with Dr. Drew Baldwin, interventionalist.

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- Dr. Kelley Branch from University of Washington presented to a large group of WA ACC chapter members on novel therapeutics for lipid lowering at a dinner gathering on September 29, 2023. The talk was engaging and brought together a diverse cohort of chapter members, including FIT, CVT, and preventative cardiologists.
- We started a regional webinar series on amyloidosis. Thus far we had 1 webinar at the end of 2023 and we anticipate doing 3-4 of these in 2024. The intent for these webinars is to raise awareness of amyloidosis in the community and increase access to care. For these, the vision is to have a short presentation on content, followed by case presentations by community providers, and then Q&A with a panel of content experts. For the first one, Dr. David Zhang from Franciscan CHI (Tacoma) and Dr. Deirdre Mooney from Providence Spokane presented cases.
- We created a DEI section and are actively planning for webinars for early 2024, with the first topic focused on disparities in CV health in rural versus urban residence.
- We created an interventional/HF/shock workgroup with the vision of creating a shock network for close collaboration throughout the region. We are planning to host a series of educational meetings 3-4 times a year, with the first scheduled for January 2024. These efforts are led by Dr. Creighton Don (interventional). For the first meeting, Dr. Sunu Thomas (interventional HF) will be presenting.
- We will be hosting our fourth annual CV Summit in January 2024 in Kirkland. This year we will have 20 cardiology thought leaders from throughout the state and six industry sponsors, both significantly increased from prior and underscoring the importance of this meeting. The discussions will engage our cardiologist members with industry to discuss emerging therapeutics including access to novel therapies and their impact on population level outcomes.
- Partnering with 7 other ACC chapters for the ACC Northwest Cardiovascular Symposium for 2024.

Opportunities:

- Continue to provide high quality educational content for our members by expanding the webinar and in-person offerings.
- Understand the need to integrate in-person content from regional thought leaders while emphasizing national ACC content and how these may be implemented locally.

3. Advance Quality, Equity and Value of CV Care

Accomplishments:

- Educated our local membership about CVboard.org and anticipated changes to board certification.
- Supported our DEI section in their efforts for a WA state high school mentoring program and series of webinars that will include disparities in CV care in rural regions and racioethnic differences in cardiovascular health
- Strong showing from our WIC section including one event in 2023 and planning for 2 events in 2024.
- Multiple members of the WA ACC board are leaders of the Clinical Outcomes Assessment Program (COAP), a hospital registry that reviews clinical outcomes for PCI and cardiac surgery patients using NCDR registry data
- Continued to work closely with the Washington State Medical Association (WSMA) on topics relevant to our membership, including prior authorization and changes in reimbursement.
- Strong showing at the ACC Legislative Meeting in Washington DC to advocate for national cardiovascular health policy.
- Strong engagement from our CV team members including 4 in-person meetings in 2023, with anticipation this will expand high-quality cardiovascular care throughout the region.

Opportunities:

- Increase awareness of the need for inclusion, diversity and equity via our DEI section throughout the state
- Plan for dedicated time at the annual meeting to engage members on issues related to health equity, quality and value-based care.
- Continue to collaborate with like-minded state professional societies (including WMSA and AHA) to enhance advocacy efforts promoting core ACC values.

4. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability

Accomplishments:

- Maintained high participation with ACC from both physicians and the CV team, with >900 paying members.

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- Partnered with the Indiana Chapter and Texas Chapter of ACC for an ACC grant to create a cardio-oncology passport.
- Submitted 2 state grant proposals in 2023, pending review.
- Hosted 3 early career/FIT events and 1 WIC event in 2023 to reinforce the value of ACC membership.
- Widespread use of email communication with balanced reminders for events. Total of 38,476 sends with a high email open rate of 52%
- We hosted 4 CV team events throughout WA state that were well-received and anticipate growing CV team participation with ACC in the region.

Opportunities:

- Continue to expand member participation on state medical boards and committees to influence policies around cardiac care delivery systems.
- Continue to utilize a combination of web-based and in-person synchronous and asynchronous educational opportunities to maximize learning access for members.
- Encourage FITs to stay engaged with ACC after completion of fellowship and transition to FACC.
- Assist members interested with getting involved with the national ACC through educational opportunities, committees or leadership offerings.

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TOP ACCOMPLISHMENT

The chapter hosted a well-attended, income producing annual meeting in a new location within the state. The conference consisted of both in-state and national speakers with a diverse range of topics and included CV Team breakout sessions. A poster competition was held for both physician and non-physical members. All Cardiology Fellowships were represented in the poster competition.

1. Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home (in particular, highlight any activity/ies that advance diversity and inclusivity, health equity, and/or member wellness)
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. Hosted a well-received and profitable annual meeting that provided continuing education.
 - ii. Increased awareness of the Women in Cardiology section within the WV Chapter.
 - iii. Received WIC Chapter Grant and established the first annual WIC conference which was well attended, profitable, provided continuing education and networking opportunity.
 - iv. WV ACC continues to work closely with clinicians from various teaching institutions in the state and looks to further expand those relationships.
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. Bring back the quarterly chapter newsletter to inform members of upcoming events and the ongoing with the chapter. Highlighting member accomplishments.
 - ii. Bring back the virtual monthly conference series.
 - iii. Continue the WIC annual conference
 - iv. Increase participation across cardiovascular professions and chapter engagement.
2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. Annual meeting offered an opportunity for members to present posters and share knowledge among colleagues.
 - ii. Inaugural WIC meeting offered an opportunity for female members to present and share knowledge among colleagues of different membership types.
 - iii. Several physician and non-physician members presented continuing education lectures at the state APRN conference.
 - iv. Several physician and non-physician members presented cardiac knowledge/awareness of disease, disparities and resources to their surrounding communities.
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. Explore opportunities to present knowledge at non ACC meetings in the state.
 - ii. Partner with surrounding cardiovascular focused organizations to promote the health and well-being of patients and clinicians alike.
 - iii. Continue to inform the public and members alike on relevant and new information from various member types and diversified content across the state.



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- iv. Bring back the virtual conference series into a quarterly conference and involve all member types.
 3. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. As part of the annual meeting curriculum, the chapter included a diverse range of topics. Including women's health issues, electrophysiology, structural heart disease, health equity, preoperative evaluation, and upcoming cardiovascular pharmacology.
 - ii. Attended ACC Legislative conference and also instate met with national legislators about important issues some of which are particularly specific to WV residents with broadband access PVD screening and access to care.
 - iii. Beginning stages of creating an Advocacy Committee and discussing state legislation issues.
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. Increase health policy initiatives in WV.
 - ii. Further develop the WV ACC Advocacy Committee. Also, participate in the pilot project of the CVT Advocacy Work Group
 - iii. Collaborate with other chapter(s)/organizations to provide education to the rural health care team.
 - iv. Host a WV ACC event to help promote prevention of CV disease.
 4. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. WV ACC WIC Section growing and held Inaugural WIC meeting.
 - ii. Gained some new council members from both university and private settings.
 - iii. Financial standing has improved after COVID with in person annual meeting and chapter grant from national ACC for WIC meeting.
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. With new management of chapter increase involvement of members, increase financial security through sponsorships and in person meetings.
 - ii. Host informal regional dinner meetings to increase awareness of the chapter and provide relevant information.
 - iii. Focus on ways to get members earlier in their careers or education and diversify the membership types.
 5. Other
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. WV ACC members (physician and CVT) teamed up with AHA during state legislation session to monitor blood pressure and bring awareness of heart disease to the state legislators and visitors of the capitol.
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. Continue to encourage FIT Jeopardy involvement and involvement in Who Wants to be a Millionaire PAD competition at ACC 24.
 - ii. Continue to strengthen relationships with other state professional organizations.
 - iii. Increase participation and diversity among member types during national and state ACC events.



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TOP ACCOMPLISHMENT:

The Wisconsin Chapter hosted the 6th Annual Midwest Women in Cardiology Symposium. It was a highly successful hybrid meeting. We had speakers from all over the United States including fellows-in-training giving case presentations. We included a fellows-in-training abstract poster competition with 65 abstracts submitted. The symposium was a huge financial success with \$209,294 in revenue and net income of \$110,919 that was transferred to the Minnesota Chapter for the 7th Annual Midwest Women in Cardiology Symposium.

Other Accomplishments:

1. Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home (in particular, highlight any activities that advance diversity and inclusivity, health equity, and/or member wellness)
 - a. Accomplishments
 - i. Finalized and presented the data from the Clinician Well-Being Survey.
 - ii. Held a combined IL/WI Chapter reception at ACC.23 with over 100 in attendance.
 - iii. Participated in the ACC.23 parade.
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. Increase engagement in our WIC (Women in Cardiology) and Senior populations.
 - ii. Continue to educate our members on diversity and inclusion.
 - iii. Support the MN Chapter in the next Midwest Women in Cardiology Symposium.
2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge

- a. Accomplishments
 - i. We had a successful annual meeting which included a poster competition for the fellows-in-training and CV Team members.
 - ii. Held two successful virtual combined FIT (Fellow in Training) case conferences with the three training programs in the state.
 - iii. Held several vendor sponsored educational programs for the members. This revenue helped the Chapter to provide stipends for ACC.23, stipends to attend the Legislative Conference and provide gift cards FIT poster events.
 - iv. Held the Chapter's second virtual FIT jeopardy with the winning team (Medical College of Wisconsin) advancing to participate in National ACC FIT Jeopardy at ACC.23.
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. Continue to engage our FIT's and CV Team members.
 - ii. Continue our momentum with hybrid meetings.
2. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care
- a. Accomplishments
 - i. Added a Carrier Advisory Committee representative and Early Career Committee Chair to our board.
 - ii. Added a representative from Marshfield Clinic, the state's new fellowship program.
 - iii. Participate in the 2023 Legislative Conference in Washington.
 - iv. Worked closely with National ACC on WI state advocacy issues.
 - v. Sent out information to our members encouraging them to contact their legislators to stop the Medicare cuts.
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. Continue to monitor state and national issues that pertain to our members and patients.
 - ii. Continue to work with National ACC and Wisconsin Medical Society on advocacy issues in the state.
3. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability
- a. Accomplishments
 - i. The Board was dedicated to revamping the chapter website. This was accomplished with a web design committee and the website went live in September of 2023.
 - ii. Encouraged membership engagement and inclusion with the chapter through education and informational programs.
 - iii. Engaged our FIT's Board representative from all the training programs to ensure input from our FIT's.
 - b. Opportunities
 - i. Continue to engage all members to be involved in chapter.
 - ii. Continue to enhance our website for our members.
 - iii. Include links on the WI chapter website pertained to clinician wellbeing.
 - iv. Include information links on AI (Artificial Intelligence) in healthcare used by WI institutions.



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2023 State of the State Report

TOP ACCOMPLISHMENT

Wyoming continues to have involvement in many small chapter programs including webinars and in person chapter meetings.

2023 has been another impactful year for Wyoming. COVID has had its lasting effects on our state and has deep impacts still felt statewide. We had providers leave the state and increased number of cardiology needs. We have struggled to get back into the swing on regularly scheduled meetings due to the burdens still felt by the providers in the state.

1. Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home

a. Accomplishments

- Wyoming continues to be the smallest chapter and with that comes unique challenges. Over the past year there has been loss and gains in Cardiologists in the state with continued encouragement to join ACC.
- We have had an expansion in diversity this year as a female cardiologist started practicing in the state in 2022. We hope to also keep acquiring more female members to the chapter who work in other roles as well.

2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge

Accomplishments

- We were able to provide several webinars and in person educational opportunities for our members.
- b. Opportunities
- Hoping to provide more webinars and educational opportunities in 2023.

3. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care

b. Opportunities

- Already planning more engagement heading into 2024. We will continue to focus on quality metrics and best patient care and practices. Continued attempts to reengage members will be vital.

b. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability

a. Accomplishments

- Dr. Gary Idelchik was elected to serve as Governor for the years 2024 to 2027 and Governor-Elect for the year 2023 to 2024.

b. Opportunities

- Plan to restart quarterly meetings between Chapter leads to promote growth and sustainability.
- c. Other**
- a. Accomplishments
 - b. Opportunities