

# Finding Your Professional Home

ACC Opportunities for  
Fellows in Training



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# Outline

- Why should you get involved with the ACC?
- ACC Leadership Structures
- National and Local Involvement Opportunities
  - ACC National
  - ACC State Chapters
- Next Steps



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# Why Get Involved?

*The ACC is your professional home!*

- ACC.org, JACC Journals, other ACC products provide a wealth of material for your cardiology education
- The ACC is invested in your career development & has numerous resources to help launch the type of career you want to have
- Through the ACC, you can learn important leadership, networking, and advocacy skills
- You will meet lifelong colleagues, friends, and mentors



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# ACC Leadership 2020-2021

- **President:** Dr. Athena Poppas
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<https://www.acc.org/about-acc/leadership/officers-and-trustees>



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# FIT Section Leadership Council

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Institution</u>
Chair	Nosheen Reza, MD	University of Pennsylvania
Immediate Past Chair	Sena Kilic, MD	Brown University
Member	J.D. Serfas, MD	Duke University
Member	Erik Frandsen	Seattle Children's Hospital
Member	Ran Lee, MD	Cleveland Clinic
Member	Aaron Vigdor, MD	University of Pennsylvania
Member	Prashanth Thakker, MD	Washington University in St. Louis
Member	Louise Segan, MD	Alfred Hospital, Melbourne, Australia
Member	Anudeep Dodeja, MD	Nationwide Children's Hospital
Member	Gibbs Wilson, MD	Baylor Scott and White Medical Center

*Learn more about ACC FIT Section Leadership at*

<https://www.acc.org/membership/sections-and-councils/fellows-in-training-section/about-us/section-leadership>



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# FIT Section Working Groups

- Communications
- Education
- Member Engagement
- Advocacy
- Medical Student & Medical Resident Members



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# FIT Communications Working Group

- Produces online and print content for the FIT Section
  - Appoints **Editorial Fellows** annually to write columns for the [ACC.org/FIT](https://www.acc.org/FIT) website
  - Leads #SoMe #ACCFIT outreach through **Social Media Team**
  - Collaborates with **FITs On The Go**, a group of FIT reporters who interview prominent cardiologists at national meetings
    - <https://www.youtube.com/user/FITsontheGO>
  - Publishes monthly ACC On-Call for FITs e-Newsletter



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## FIT Newsletter



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# FIT Education Working Group

- Produces educational content for FITs
  - **Webinars** across clinical content/career development topics
    - <https://www.acc.org/membership/sections-and-councils/fellows-in-training-section/fit-early-career-webinar-series>
  - Help produce @JACCJournals Journal Scan tweets



American College of Cardiology  
@ACCinTouch

What is the relationship between left ventricular mass index following #TAVR and long-term clinical outcomes? Find out in this #JACC journal scan:



Regression of LV Mass After TAVR in PARTNER Trials and ...  
Nicole Martin Bhave, MD, FACC  
[acc.org](https://www.acc.org)



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**Finding the Pot of Gold: A Guide to a Successful Cardiac EP Fellowship Application and Match Webinar**

June 29, 2020 | 7 p.m. ET

**Panelists:** Kousik Krishnan, MD, FACC  
Kristen K. Patton, MD, FACC  
Rakesh Gopinathannair, MD, FACC  
Uma N. Srivatsa, MD, FACC

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# FIT Member Engagement Working Group

- Creates initiatives to provide member value and interpersonal connections
  - Moderates ACC Member Hub FIT groups
- Serves as resource for FITs on other ACC Councils and Committees

**WELCOME TO THE ACC MEMBER HUB**

**YOUR NETWORK IS JUST A CLICK AWAY ➤**



Member Hub



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# FIT Advocacy Working Group

- Promotes FIT involvement in advocacy efforts
  - <https://www.acc.org/membership/sections-and-councils/fellows-in-training-section/get-involved/advocacy-work-group>
- Collaborates with HeartPAC to involve FITs in ACC's regional and national legislative agendas & PACers Program
- Leads FIT programming at annual ACC Legislative Conference



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# Medical Student & Medical Resident Working Group

- Liaises between FIT Section and national medical student and medical resident representatives
- Creates programming and opportunities for medical student and resident involvement at national meetings
- Serves as mentors for young trainees
- Encourages diversity & inclusion in cardiology



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# ACC National Opportunities

- Committee/Council Appointments
  - Applications open annually in late summer
- Member Section Working Groups
- *ACC.org* Clinical Topic Section Contributions
- Annual ACC Conferences
  - ACC Annual Scientific Sessions
    - Submit science, present abstracts & cases, attend FIT programming
  - ACC Legislative Conference
  - How to Become a Cardiovascular Investigator
  - Leadership Forum & Cardiovascular (CV) Summit



# ACC Annual Scientific Sessions

- FIT Lounge Sessions
  - Meet and Greet with ACC Leadership
  - Mix & Mingle with ACC Legends
  - Clinical, research, professional development programming
- Stump the Professor
- FIT Jeopardy
- FITs On The Go



# JACC FIT Council Publications

## COUNCIL COMMENTARY

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### COCATS 4

#### Securing the Future of Cardiovascular Medicine



Shashank S. Sinha, MD,\* Howard M. Julien, MD, MPH,† Selim R. Krim, MD,‡ Nkechinyere N. Ijioma, MD,§  
Suzanne J. Baron, MD, MSc,|| Andrea J. Rock, MD,¶ Stephanie L. Siehr, MD,# Michael W. Cullen, MD,§  
on behalf of the American College of Cardiology Fellow-in-Training Section Leadership Council

## CARDIOVASCULAR MEDICINE AND SOCIETY

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Just Accepted

### The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Cardiovascular Fellows-in-Training: A National Survey

Prashant Rao, Jamie Diamond, Serge Korjian, Lila Martin, Marilyn Varghese, John D. Serfas, Ran Lee, Ariane Fraiche, Joseph Kannam, Nosheen Reza and on behalf of the American College of Cardiology Fellows-in-Training Section Leadership Council



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# Career Development

- Check out Career Resources page on *ACC.org*
  - ACC FIT Webinars
  - [Practice Makes Perfect Podcast](#)
  - Research Funding Resources
  - ACC Mentoring Program
- Cardiology Careers Database
- ACC Annual Meeting Career Fair
  - CV/Resume review
  - Professional photos



# ACC State Chapters

- FIT Representatives on State Chapter Councils
- Annual Chapter Meetings
  - Oral/Poster Case & Research Presentations
  - FIT Jeopardy
  - Networking events
- Career Workshops
- Travel Awards to ACC National Meetings
- Chapter Sponsored Social/Educational Events

*Contact your state chapter today!*

<https://www.acc.org/Chapters>



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# How Can You Succeed?

- Understand the ACC's structure, vision, & strategy
  - ✓ How can you align your objectives with the ACC's?
- Define Your Goals
  - ✓ Why do you want to get involved with the ACC?
  - ✓ How do these goals fit into your career plans?
- Fulfill Your Responsibilities When You're Involved
  - ✓ What is the scope of your appointment?
  - ✓ What are your active or future projects?



# Advice from ACC Leadership

- Work hard to find your passion.
- Don't be afraid to seek out multiple mentors.
- Find your professional home as it can serve as a valuable asset during your career.
- Achieving work-life balance demands considerable daily prioritization.
- Every challenge is an opportunity in disguise.
- Embrace the challenges that lie ahead!



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*Adapted from Kim Eagle, MD, MACC*

# Next Steps

- Familiarize yourself with the ACC's structure, vision, strategic goals, and strategies
- Read about Member Sections, Councils, Committees on ACC.org
- Identify a need or area of interest
- Reach out to your state chapter to find opportunities for involvement
- Watch for calls for applications for national ACC positions
- Set realistic goals and expectations
- Focus, finish and follow through!



# Get In Touch with Us!

- Email us at [fellowsintraining@acc.org](mailto:fellowsintraining@acc.org)
- Tweet at us using the hashtag #ACCFIT

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*We look forward to meeting you!*



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