

Speaker Biographies

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Larry Allen, MD, MHS, FACC

Dr. Larry Allen, is Professor of Medicine and Division Head for Cardiology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. A nationally recognized expert in advanced heart failure and transplant cardiology, Dr. Allen also serves as Co-Director of the Colorado Program for Patient Centered Decisions and is a founding member of the Colorado Cardiovascular Outcomes Research (CCOR) consortium. His research focuses on improving equitable access to evidence-based heart failure treatments, shared decision-making, and the integration of palliative care into advanced cardiovascular care.

Dr. Allen is an Associate Editor at *Circulation: Heart Failure* and has led several major clinical trials, including the PCORI-funded DECIDE-LVAD and I-I-CAPTAIN studies, and the AHA-funded EPIC-HF trial. Clinically, he continues to care for patients with heart failure, LVADs, and transplants

Suresh Balu, MBA

Suresh Balu serves as Associate Dean for Innovation and Partnership for the School of Medicine and as Program Director, for the Duke Institute for Health Innovation (DIHI).

In his role as Associate Dean, Suresh is responsible for creating, implementing, and sustaining innovation and partnership initiatives for the School of Medicine, specifically, to support the strategic priorities for clinical and translational research. As Program Director for DIHI, Suresh works closely with Duke Health leadership to develop innovation frameworks and approaches across healthcare delivery, education, and research. His responsibilities include, strategic evaluation of opportunities, developing competitive landscape for healthcare and research initiatives, complex strategic, operational, and financial analyses and recommendations for Duke Health leadership and corporate development for global and US-based collaborations as they relate to an innovation platform.

Suresh's experience prior to Duke spans academia, management consulting, venture capital and private equity. He holds MS (Computer Science) and MBA (Corporate Finance) degrees and a master's in informatics, and a bachelor's in engineering.

Ami Bhatt, MD, FACC

Ami B. Bhatt, MD, FACC, is Chief Innovation Officer of the American College of Cardiology, effective January 2022. In her role, Bhatt provides leadership and expertise in health care innovation and continues to grow the College's comprehensive Innovation Program in support of the ACC's Mission to transform cardiovascular care and improve heart health.

Dr. Bhatt has been a member of the ACC for 20 years and is a member of the ACC's Health Care Innovation Section, as well as the College's Lifelong Learning Oversight Committee. As an active clinical cardiologist, investigator and educator, Bhatt brings nearly 10 years of experience in telemedicine and digital health to her new role. She founded her first program in virtual care in 2013 and continues to work on creating culturally relevant personalized virtual cardiovascular care delivery models. Her research has centered on identifying and implementing solutions to overcoming access barriers to cardiovascular and telemedicine care.

A graduate from Harvard College and the Yale School of Medicine, Bhatt completed her medicine and pediatrics residency at Harvard, her adult cardiology fellowship at Brigham and Women's Hospital and her adult congenital heart disease and pulmonary hypertension fellowship at the Boston Children's Hospital. She most recently served as the director of Outpatient and Telecardiology at the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) Corrigan-Minehan Heart Center.

Dr. Bhatt is currently the Chair of the FDA's Digital Health Advisory Committee, a role she assumed in 2024. In this capacity, she leads discussions on the safe and effective integration of digital health technologies—particularly generative AI—into clinical practice. The committee provides expert recommendations to the FDA on emerging digital tools and their regulatory implications, helping shape national policy on digital innovation in healthcare.

Ankeet Bhatt, MD, MBA, ScM, FACC

Ankeet S. Bhatt, MD, MBA, ScM is a research scientist at the Division of Research and an associate physician and practicing cardiologist and intensivist at the Kaiser Permanente San Francisco Medical Center. Dr. Bhatt's research interests include cardio-renal-metabolic disease, with a particular focus on clinical trials, heart failure, shock, and implementation and care delivery science.

Dr. Bhatt earned his undergraduate degree in biological sciences at the University of Connecticut, where he completed both medical and business training in a joint MD/MBA program. He completed his residency at the Duke University Hospital in Durham, NC,

followed by fellowships in cardiovascular diseases and critical care medicine at the Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School in Boston, MA. He completed a 2-year research fellowship under the mentorship of Drs. Scott Solomon, David Morrow, Marc Pfeffer, and Muthiah Vaduganathan at Harvard Medical School and earned a Master of Science in Epidemiology from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

Dr. Bhatt has presented his research at national and international scientific congresses and participates in the leadership of several large implementation science trials in cardiovascular disease. He has authored more than 60 peer-reviewed manuscripts and currently serves as the Section Editor of Implementation & Care Delivery Science for the Journal of Cardiac Failure.

Megan Coylewright, MD, FACC

Dr. Megan Coylewright is a structural interventional cardiologist whose clinical practice includes minimally invasive options to treat congestive heart failure (through valve repair and replacement including TAVR and TEER) and prevent stroke (LAAO and PFO closure). She is a frequent lecturer on technical and procedural topics as well as the intersection of health policy and patient-centered shared decision making and is known for her advocacy to broaden access to cardiovascular therapies in clinical trials for women and patients of color.

Dr. Coylewright's initial work as a middle school Teach for America teacher in the South Bronx continues to inform her perspectives on the intersections of socio-determinants of health. She completed her medical school, residency, and Master of Public Health training at Johns Hopkins and served as health disparities coordinator at the Baltimore City Public Health Department. Five years of cardiovascular training were spent at the Mayo Clinic in her home state of Minnesota.

David Fidler

David Fidler is the Senior Director of Product Innovation at ConnectiveRx, where he has led efforts to streamline patient access to medications through innovative digital solutions. With over seven years at the company, David has played a key role in designing and implementing programs that integrate electronic prior authorizations (ePAs) with co-pay assistance tools—helping reduce delays in treatment and improve medication adherence. His work has been recognized for enhancing both provider efficiency and patient outcomes, particularly in specialty and branded medication access programs.

Edward T. Fry, MD, MACC

Edward Fry, MD, MACC, was born in Dublin, Ireland. He attended medical school at Washington University, in St. Louis. Dr. Fry completed a Cardiology Fellowship at Washington University. He then remained on the faculty as Assistant Professor and Medical Director of the Cardiac Transplant Program. His research focused on pharmacokinetics and -dynamics of genetically modified plasminogen activators. He completed an Interventional Cardiology Fellowship at Ascension/St. Vincent, Indianapolis. He joined Ascension/St. Vincent in 1991 and has remained there since as a busy interventional and general cardiologist and administrator. He currently serves as Chair of the Ascension National CV Service Line. He helped launch and served as Board Chair of Navion Health Care Solutions, LLC. He has a past president of the American College of Cardiology in addition to having served on the ACC Board of Trustees; Board of Managers of MedAxiom; as well as on numerous ACC committees, sections, work groups, and task forces

Olivia Gilbert, MD, MSc, FACC

Olivia Gilbert, MD, is a cardiologist specializing in advanced heart failure and transplant cardiology, practicing at [Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist](#) in Winston-Salem, NC. She is also an Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Medicine at [Wake Forest University School of Medicine](#). Her expertise includes conditions like cardiomyopathy, heart transplant, and mechanical circulatory support.

Ty Gluckman, MD, FACC

Dr. Ty J. Gluckman is Medical Director of the Center for Cardiovascular Analytics, Research, and Data Science (CARDS) at the Providence Heart Institute in Portland, Oregon, and an adjunct faculty member of the Ciccarone Center for the Prevention of Heart Disease at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland.

His principal clinical interests include identifying, coordinating, and implementing cardiovascular care improvement strategies. He has authored or co-authored over 100 scientific articles, reviews, and book chapters. His work has been published in several high-impact journals including the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, *Circulation*, *Circulation Cardiovascular Quality and Outcomes*, *Journal of the American Medical Association*, *JAMA Cardiology*, *Journal of the American Heart Association*, and *New England Journal of Medicine Catalyst*. He served as co-chair of the 2022 American College of Cardiology Expert Consensus Decision Pathway on Cardiovascular Sequelae of COVID-19 in adults.

He previously served as Associate Editor of the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, Associate Editor for Guidelines and Clinical Documents for ACC.org, the primary web site for the American College of Cardiology (ACC), and chair of the ACC's Solution Set Oversight Committee, overseeing policy and clinical documents issued by the ACC. He is immediate past Governor for the Oregon Chapter of the ACC and a board member of the American Society for Preventive Cardiology (ASPC). He previously served as national chair of the ACC Patient Navigator Program-Focus MI and the ACC's Quality Summit. He is a member of the Operations Committee of the American Heart Association (AHA) COVID-19 CVD Registry, a liaison for the AHA's Council on Quality of Care and Outcomes Research (QCOR), and a site member of the AHA's Target: Aortic Stenosis initiative. Finally, he was lead developer for the Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease (ASCVD) Risk Estimator app.

Christopher Kramer, MD, FACC- ACC President

Christopher M. Kramer, MD, FACC, received his medical degree from the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine, and completed his residency and chief residency in internal medicine, and fellowship in cardiology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. His first faculty appointment was at Allegheny General Hospital, then MCP/Hahnemann University School of Medicine, where he directed the cardiology fellowship.

He then moved to the University of Virginia School of Medicine, where in 2019 he was named the George A. Beller/Lantheus Medical Imaging Distinguished Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine, Chief of the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, and Medical Director of the Heart and Vascular Science Line. Dr. Kramer's principal research interest has been the application of cardiovascular magnetic resonance (CMR) to the cardiovascular system in translational and clinical studies.

Prior to serving as ACC President, Dr. Kramer served as President of the Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance (SCMR), ACC Treasurer, Chair of ACC's Imaging Council, and Chair of the Clinical and Integrative Cardiovascular Sciences NIH study section. Dr. Kramer previously was associate editor at *JACC* and Executive Editor of *JACC: Cardiovascular Imaging*. He serves on the editorial boards of *Circulation*, *Circulation: Cardiovascular Imaging and Vascular Medicine*. Dr. Kramer is also a member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation, Association of University Cardiologists and American Association of Physicians. He received the Gold Medal from the Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance in 2015 and was named a Distinguished Mentor by the ACC in 2021.

Thomas Lewandowski, MD, FACC

Thomas Lewandowski, MD, FACC, is a UF Health cardiologist board-certified in echocardiography, cardiovascular medicine, and cardiovascular computed tomography. He received his bachelor's degree in bioengineering from Syracuse University and then earned his medical degree from the University of Rochester. He completed his residency in internal medicine at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and then got his fellowship in general cardiology, echocardiography, and pulmonary hypertension at the University of Michigan. He is certified in advanced cardiac life support and cardiovascular computed tomography and has been invited to speak at conferences across the nation on many subjects in cardiology and Health Care Quality and System Reform. Dr. Lewandowski is a member of numerous professional societies including the American College of Cardiology, the American Society of Echocardiography, and the American Medical Association. He has also been on the board in leadership positions for many of these organizations. Dr. Lewandowski has been the recipient of various awards, including the Presidential Citation from the Florida Chapter of the ACC, the Health Care Innovations Award from the Alliance and the James T. Dove Chapter Recognition Award for Excellence in Quality. Dr. Lewandowski's clinical interests include; general cardiology, pulmonary hypertension, Health Policy, and Systems Reform with a focus on quality and outcomes of care.

Nick Morse, MBA- ACC Division Vice-President, Advocacy

As DVP for Advocacy, Nick is charged with guiding and strengthening the ACC's interaction and influence with policymakers and other stakeholders to advance the College's mission of transforming cardiovascular care and improving heart health for all. In this role, he works with ACC staff and member leaders to spearhead engagement and the development of sound policy to lessen the burden of cardiovascular disease and address the complex issues facing America's health care system. Nick and the Advocacy division, in collaboration with ACC's Health Affairs Committee, are keenly focused on ensuring CV clinicians are supported in their tireless work for their patients.

Nick has been a proud member of the ACC team for 15 years. Prior to his time with the College, he worked in government relations for the National Association of Manufacturers and the American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association. He also spent three years teaching middle school social studies in suburban Maryland. Nick earned his MBA from the Haslam College of Business at the University of Tennessee. He and his wife Sara are graduates of Gettysburg College and live in Virginia with their three children, Charlie (14), Ellie (12), and Kate (9), and their charming rescue dog, Taylor Adele.

Jacqueline Shreibati, MD, FACC

Dr. Shreibati is a general cardiologist and Head of Clinical for the Platforms & Devices division at Google. She leads a team of clinicians who conduct research and build consumer health experiences for Pixel Watch, Fitbit wearables, and the Android developer ecosystem, with focus areas including generative AI and software as a medical device.

She was previously Chief Medical Officer at AliveCor, a medical device and AI company specializing in ECG technology. Dr. Shreibati is an adjunct faculty at Stanford University School of Medicine and oversees cardiology trainees in her practice at a federally qualified health center. She is active with the American College of Cardiology in areas of digital health/AI advocacy, and the Stanford and UCLA Biodesign programs; and is Chair-Elect of the American Heart Association Bay Area Board of Directors. Dr. Shreibati completed her BA at Columbia University, and MD and MS in health services research at Stanford University.

Darren A. Singer

Group Vice President, Strategic Partnerships, Higi, a service of Modivcare.

Darren has had a rewarding 40-year career in healthcare, with deep experience in the pharmaceutical industry, retail pharmacy sector, and in his current role leading strategic alliances for Higi. At Higi, Darren works with partners across a wide range of patient access points, including retail pharmacies, employers, health plans, health systems and NGOs – all of whom leverage Higi health stations, digital health education and home monitoring services. This work includes a multi-year partnership with ACC and CMSS on the Transform Vax program, which has focused on increasing vaccination rates for flu, COVID-19 and shingles, in community pharmacies across the U.S., among higher risk patients above the age of 50 and those managing cardiovascular conditions.

Prior to joining Higi in 2017, Darren served as VP/GM for 26-years at GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals and Consumer Healthcare, followed by positions as SVP of Pharmacy Operations for Safeway, Albertsons and Shopko stores, leading retail operations and clinical services including vaccines.

Darren lives in Appleton Wisconsin, happily married to his wife Bonnie for 35-years, with whom they have raised three amazing children, Skyler, Wyatt and Griffin, and their menagerie of rescued cats and dogs.