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CELEBRATING OUR
LEGACY, BRIDGING
TO THE FUTURE



Dear Members and Colleagues,

As we celebrated the American College of Cardiology’s 75th Anniversary this past year, we were reminded that our journey is not just about the passage of time, but about the transformative impact we have had on cardiovascular care. From our humble beginnings in 1949 to today’s global community of over 60,000 cardiovascular professionals, the ACC has been defined by a steadfast commitment to transforming cardiovascular care and improving heart health for all.

The story of the ACC is a testament to vision, resilience, collaboration and an unwavering commitment to excellence. Our members have been at the forefront of groundbreaking research, clinical advancements, transforming team-based care and advocacy efforts that have shaped modern cardiology.

Over the last year we were able to honor this legacy, while also charting an ambitious course for the future. Among the highlights, we launched our next Strategic Plan that involves continued focus on our Strategic Pillars, as well as several new major initiatives that will ensure we are able to continue to serve as the professional home for cardiovascular clinicians for another 75 years and beyond.

As part of this effort, we doubled down on our commitment to being both an early adopter of emerging technologies - from artificial intelligence to big data and digital health solutions - and a convener of stakeholders and partners like MedAxiom to identify innovative care transformation solutions that are not only cutting-edge but also practical and accessible. In addition, we continued to optimize our NCDR registries and ACC Accreditation Services, ensuring that hospitals, health systems and clinicians have the tools needed to harness the power of their data to drive meaningful change.

Innovation without equity is progress without purpose, and the ACC also remained steadfast in its commitment to dismantling barriers and solving for health equity. Our goal is to ensure that innovation serves as a bridge to care transformation and better health outcomes, rather than a barrier dictated by geography or socioeconomic status.

We also continued to invest in developing the next generation of cardiovascular professionals through programs such as the Sandra J. Lewis Mid-Career Women's Leadership Institute, the Wael Al Mahmeed Dedication to Young Leaders, the ACC Leadership Academy, the Emerging Faculty Program, and our Young Scholars and Internal Medicine programs. We are also fostering global mentorship and expanding initiatives like the Hani Najm Global Scholar Award and the William A. Zoghbi International Research Award to support research and education in low- and middle-income countries.

Cardiovascular disease knows no borders, and neither should our solutions. As such, accelerating our global impact was another important part of our work this last year. Collaborations with our Global Chapters (now numbering 43 with the addition of the Ireland Chapter), international societies and cross-disciplinary educational initiatives ensured we were sharing the latest science and innovations and localizing education around the world.

Additionally, the ACC continued with its critical role of advocating for policies that protect patient access, support workforce sustainability and reduce the global burden of cardiovascular disease. In 2024, we continued our advocacy work at the state, federal and global levels, ensuring that the voices of our members and patients were heard.

The need to address clinician well-being, the workforce crisis, and the health and growth of our Member Sections also remained key. We championed policies promoting workforce sustainability, along with safe and supportive work environments. We also reinforced the benefits of dyad leadership and multi-disciplinary care and stressed the need to

leverage the strengths of the entire cardiovascular care team in order to shape a profession that is both resilient and inclusive.

Education and actionable knowledge remained central to our work. We pushed forward with our efforts to create a new, independent American Board of Cardiovascular Medicine, in collaboration with the broader house of cardiology. Our live meetings like the Annual Scientific Session, the MedAxiom CV Transforum and our Valentin Fuster Cardiovascular Symposium continued to set the bar for scientific meetings. Our Certified Cardiovascular Knowledge Examination for NPs/PAs and clinicians outside the U.S., as well as our SAP products and Collaborative Maintenance Pathway also provided cardiovascular clinicians with the means to showcase both their cardiovascular knowledge and their commitment to staying on top of the latest advances and treatments.


On the quality front, collaboration with the American Heart Association to optimize clinical guideline development remained a cornerstone of our efforts to provide actionable knowledge that improves care worldwide. We also expanded our own library of clinical guidance to address new and emerging areas of cardiovascular medicine.

Looking ahead, sustaining our mission for the next 75 years will require a strong, adaptable organization. As we embark on the path forward, we do so with a clear vision: to create a world where science, knowledge and innovation optimize patient care and outcomes. Our collective efforts will shape the future of cardiovascular medicine and ensure a legacy that lasts for generations to come.

We thank you—our members, partners and supporters – for your unwavering dedication to the ACC's Mission. Together, we will continue to push boundaries, drive innovation and build a future where every heart is healthier and every life is longer.

With gratitude and determination,


Cathleen C. Gates
ACC CEO


Cathleen Biga, MSN, FACC
ACC President

TOGETHER, WE ARE CREATING A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR CARDIOLOGY

Our 75th anniversary year celebrated the growth of our organization and its impact on clinicians, researchers and cardiovascular patient care.

**CHAMPIONING
IMPACTFUL
SCIENCE**



**EMPOWERING
LIFELONG
LEARNING**



**ADVANCING
PATIENT CARE
& ACCESS**



**IMPACTING
HEALTH
POLICY**



**STRENGTHENING
OUR COMMUNITY**

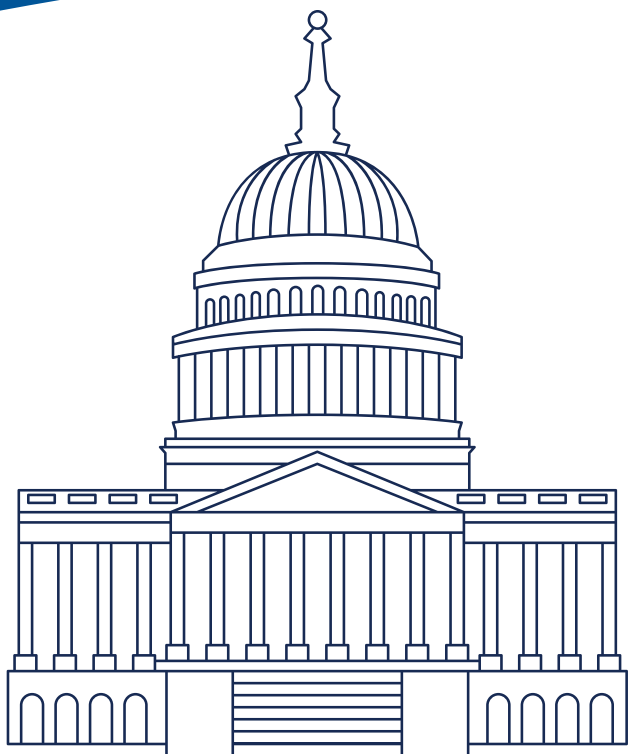


**TRANSFORMING
GLOBAL HEART
HEALTH**

**INSPIRING
TOMORROW'S
LEADERS**



IMPACTING HEALTH POLICY



In 2024, ACC's advocacy efforts centered on establishing sustainable Medicare payment practices, care transformation, strengthening the clinician workforce and expanding access to care for all. Through strategic action on these priorities, ACC achieved key policy wins that benefit both cardiovascular clinicians and patients. The following (in no particular order) are the 10 biggest advocacy accomplishments of the year.



1

PROGRESS ON LONG-TERM MEDICARE REFORM

The ACC continues to push for legislative solutions to foster long-term, sustainable Medicare payment reform, and strongly supported the *Strengthening Medicare for Patients and Providers Act* (H.R. 2474). The ACC also submitted formal comments to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) voicing opposition to the continued cuts, and provided comments on telehealth policy, new atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease codes, global payment policy accuracy and the transition in the Merit-based Incentive Payment System.

2

GROWING BIPARTISAN SUPPORT FOR PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REFORM

The Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act (S. 4532/H.R. 8702) secured majority bipartisan support with 59 Senate and 229 House co-sponsors. ACC State Chapters also secured key wins in prior authorization reform. The Maryland Chapter helped pass a new bill preventing insurance companies from abusing existing prior authorization laws, and the New Jersey Chapter also helped pass a law mandating insurers publicly disclose prior authorization criteria and approval/denial statistics.

3

TELEHEALTH FLEXIBILITIES FOR CARDIAC REHAB

The ACC continues to prioritize making telehealth flexibilities permanent. The College successfully advocated for the extension of direct supervision of cardiac rehabilitation via telehealth and permission for practitioners to use their office address rather than their home address when providing telehealth services from their home through 2025.

4

BOLSTERING THE CLINICIAN WORKFORCE

A paper led by Senate Finance Committee Chair Ron Wyden (D-OR) outlined potential Graduate Medical Education (GME) policy expansion, calling for an overall increase in the number of Medicare-supported slots and strategies to increase slots for specialties and geographic areas with the greatest need. The ACC supports the *Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act* (H.R. 2389/S. 1302), which would add 14,000 Medicare-supported GME slots, and gained nearly 200 bipartisan co-sponsors in Congress.

5

CHAMPIONING ACCESS TO CARE FOR ALL

In 2024, ACC Advocacy championed expanded AED access in schools, continuing to work with the National Football League's Smart Heart Sports Coalition. ACC State Chapters also played a pivotal role in passing comprehensive AED access legislation in seven states this year, including Georgia and Tennessee. Other legislative victories included passage of the *Cardiomyopathy Health, Education, Awareness, Research and AED Training in the Schools (HEARTS) Act of 2024* (H.R. 6829) in the House, and the *Congenital Heart Futures Reauthorization Act* (H.R. 7189) that was signed into law in November.



ACC LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE 2024

More than 470 cardiovascular clinicians took part in the 2024 Legislative Conference, participating in more than 250 meetings with lawmakers and their staff. Following the conference, ACC Advocacy saw a 30% increase in signatories for the Medicare payment relief letter circulating in the House.



HEARTPAC: FORGING CONNECTIONS WITH LAWMAKERS

HeartPAC continued to support congressional champions of cardiovascular care, ensuring that issues like bolstering the clinician workforce, advancing prior authorization reform and maintaining critical telehealth flexibilities are prioritized. In the 2024 election, over 93% of HeartPAC-supported congressional candidates won their races, and 96% of HeartPAC funds supported winning campaigns.



BANNING NONCOMPETE CLAUSES

Noncompete and restrictive covenant legislation was prominent in several state legislatures in 2024, with multiple states attempting to ban these agreements for health care professionals. The ACC Maryland Chapter won a long, hard-fought battle by passing H.B. 1388, severely restricting most noncompete agreements. Additionally, ACC Chapters in Florida, New York, Oregon and Pennsylvania focused their advocacy efforts on eliminating these agreements. Pennsylvania was the only other state to successfully pass noncompete restrictions this legislative session.



9

THE TRANSITION TO VALUE-BASED CARE

The ACC remains dedicated to promoting the transition to value-based care for cardiovascular patients, holding its sixth annual *Value-Based Care in Cardiology Forum*. The Forum gathered clinicians, health systems, payers and other stakeholders to facilitate the implementation of models that prioritize high-quality care, inspiring meaningful discussions, innovative ideas and practical examples of collaboration between primary care and cardiology through incentive-based arrangements.

10

EXPANDING PAYER COVERAGE

The ACC joined the Heart Rhythm Society in leading a joint letter encouraging energy-agnostic coverage for ablation, emphasizing the importance of clinician discretion in patient selection. Major national payers including Aetna, Cigna and Elevance Health increased their coverage in response. The ACC also joined a multisociety letter advocating for appropriate coverage for IVUS and atherectomy used to treat peripheral artery disease in lower extremities. Policy changes followed from Aetna, Humana and prior authorization vendor EviCore.



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Advocacy's vision to transform
cardiovascular care delivery.

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STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY

STRONGER TOGETHER

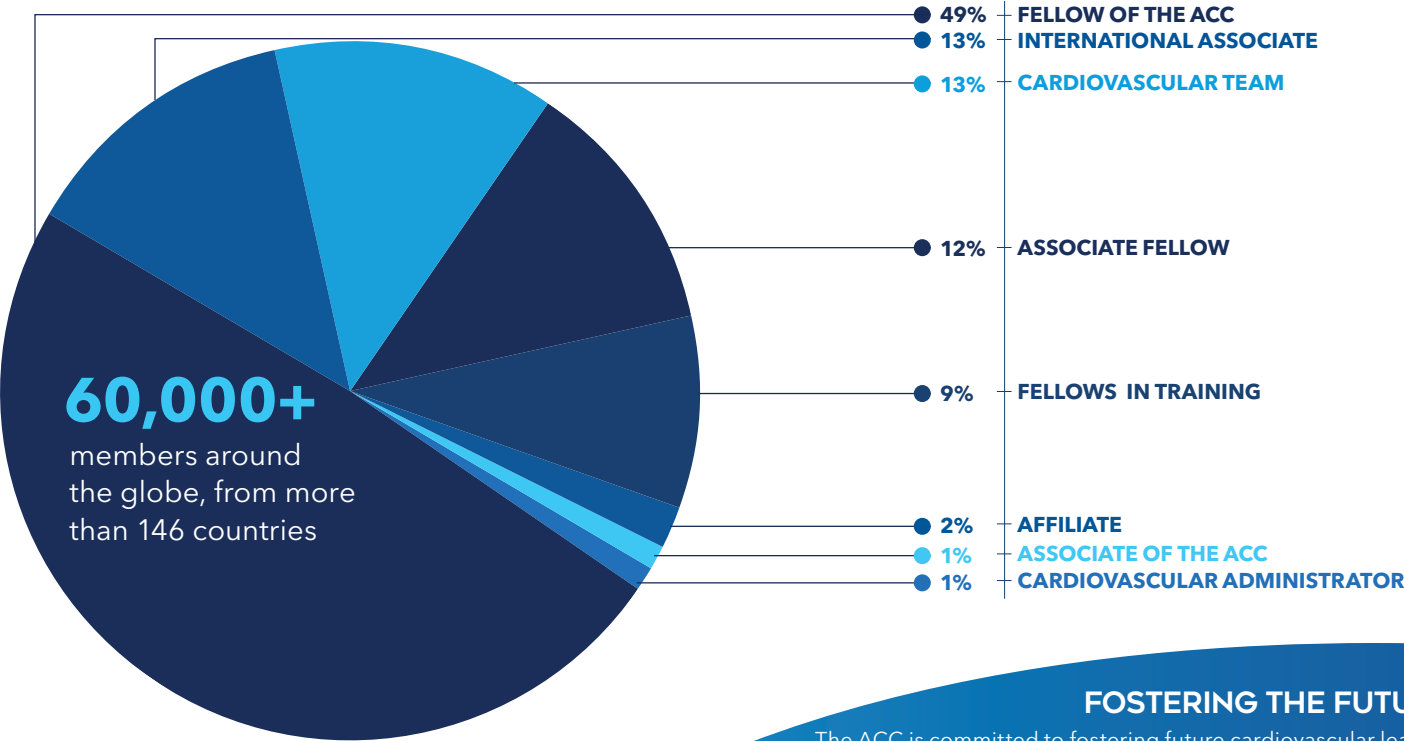
The ACC's strength lies in its vibrant, growing community, united by a shared commitment to transforming cardiovascular care. In 2024, our member community continued to grow, enhancing our collective ability to tackle the rising burden of heart disease and advance equitable, high-quality care worldwide.



955

The number of new ACC Fellows (922) and Associates (33) that joined the ACC Family in 2024!

Membership Percentage Breakdown



FOSTERING THE FUTURE

The ACC is committed to fostering future cardiovascular leaders and offers complimentary membership to students and residents. **More than 6,500 Medical Students and Residents** are proud to call ACC their professional home!

PROVIDING MENTORSHIP

The ACC's Cardiology Applicant Mentorship (CAM) Program continued to grow this year, pairing ~300 residents with ~150 FIT mentors to conduct mock interviews and providing resume assistance and leadership training. Founded in 2021, CAM has expanded to become a holistic resource for internal medicine residents who are applying to general cardiology fellowship.

To date, the program has provided assistance to 1,000+ residents and engaged more than 400 FIT leaders.

EXPANDING OUR GLOBAL CHAPTER NETWORK

ACC welcomed Ireland as our 43rd International Chapter, thanks to the efforts of the Irish Cardiac Society, which also celebrated its 75th anniversary year in 2024. The new Chapter will strengthen the exchange of science and knowledge between Irish cardiologists and the ACC as we work to transform care worldwide.



HIGHLIGHTING PATHWAYS TO ENGAGEMENT

Member engagement fuels the ACC, and this year we made it easier than ever to discover engagement opportunities by unveiling an updated member engagement webpage! The new interface showcases easy ways to get involved based on interest area, career stage and level of time required.



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to learn how to get involved
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PARTNERING TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO AEDS

In addition to ACC's efforts to improve access to AEDs in the advocacy space, the College this year expanded its suite of membership benefits to include a partnership with Zoll, offering exclusive pricing on their AED 3 defibrillator with an active membership. The partnership builds upon our existing affinity partner benefits that include discounted medical professional liability insurance, employment contract review services and more.



PROVIDING COMMUNITY EDUCATION THROUGH CHAPTER SECTION GRANTS

Chapter Section Grants continue to provide important funding for innovative collaborations between ACC Chapters and Member Sections. For example, a collaboration between the ACC Alabama Chapter and the Advanced Career Professionals Member Sections connects cardiologists to conduct outreach with ethnically diverse church congregations for community building and learning related to building heart-healthy habits. The ANNO: Engaging Senior and ACC Members in Partnership to Resolve Disparities in Cardiovascular Health and Longevity in the State of Alabama, is a great example of Chapter and Member Section efforts to educate rural communities around nutrition, exercised and heart health.

REDUCING FINANCIAL BARRIERS TO MEMBERSHIP

ACC believes that making member benefits more accessible strengthens our ability improve outcomes for our patients by encouraging knowledge sharing, collaboration and quality care delivery.

Starting in 2024, registered nurses and allied health professionals, like occupational therapists, genetic counselors, dieticians and cardiovascular techs, can access ACC’s clinical and networking tools at a discounted rate. Members will also receive complimentary membership in the Cardiovascular Team Member Section, where they’ll find a new Allied Health Professionals Work Group designed to elevate their perspective.

ACC also expanded its tiered early career dues program to include an additional year of discounted membership to cardiovascular physicians just beginning their career. Under the new program, early career physicians receive four years of discounted national chapter dues—and don’t have to pay full dues until five years removed from training.



ACC MEMBER SECTIONS: SHAPING THE FUTURE

23+

The number of ACC Member Sections spanning career stage, interest area and cardiovascular subspecialty.

26

The number of webinars powered by ACC Member Sections, providing valuable insights on the latest developments in cardiology.



50

The number of experts in sports cardiology that convened for the ACC/AHA Cardiovascular Care of the Tactical Athlete Meeting in April. The meeting, sponsored by the Sports & Exercise Section, convened discussions and breakouts that informed the writing of the ACC/AHA CV Care of the Tactical Athlete Scientific Statement, which is currently under development.

3

The number of educational courses fueled by the work of member sections, including *Cardio-Obstetrics Essentials*, *Care of the Athletic Heart* and *Advancing the Care of the Oncology Patient*.



106

The number of articles published in clinical topic collections through the help of Member Sections over the last year—an 80% increase from 2023!

25

The number of leaders from the Adult Congenital & Pediatric Cardiology Section that convened for the *Adult Congenital Heart Disease (ACHD) Summit* at Heart House to discuss workforce challenges and training and development in the subspecialty.

37

The number of podcasts released featuring Section members, providing expert analysis on hot topics in the field.

24,000+

The number of members involved in ACC Member Sections.

26

The number of networking events held by Member Sections this past year, providing opportunities for connection.

INSPIRING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

As the ACC celebrated its 75th anniversary year, we remained focused on creating a bright future for cardiovascular medicine and building programs designed to empower future leaders, improve global heart health and make health care accessible for all.



GROWING ACC'S INTERNAL MEDICINE PROGRAMS

The ACC's Internal Medicine Programs continued to grow in 2024, with **272 participants joining the cohort-based program** designed to connect individuals traditionally underrepresented in medicine with mentors, peer support and resources to understand career opportunities in cardiology.

Beyond mentorship, the cohort has offered **a supportive community that understands and relates to my experiences.** Whether it's professional advice on handling LGBTQ+ patients with unique needs or personal support, the responsiveness and mutual respect within our community are a testament to its strength. This solidarity **inspires me to support incoming trainees** and ensure that this culture of support and respect continues.

BROTOTO DEB, MD

Internal Medicine Program Participant

STRENGTHENING THE WORKFORCE OF THE FUTURE

More than 100 high school and college students participated in ACC's Young Scholars program in 2024, an initiative designed to introduce the next generation to the field of cardiology. Sixty-eight students also attended Camp Cardiac in December, for an immersive deep dive into the specialty. Attendees connected with mentors and learned practical, hands-on skills like CPR/AED and point-of-care ultrasound training.



The ACC [Young Scholars Program] offered me so many valuable insights into cardiology and the medical field in general. It was a transformative experience, and I don't know what I would have done without ACC. Now I know I want to go to medical school and become a physician, and **right now I really want to become an interventional cardiologist.**

SANJANA PAWAR

Young Scholars Program Participant

ADVANCING GLOBAL HEART HEALTH

Sergio Henrique Rodolpho Ramalho, MSc, PhD, FACC, became the first recipient of the **William A. Zoghbi International Research Award**—and **received \$25,000 in funding to support his work** focused on *Artificial Intelligence in Electrocardiographic-Based Triage Protocols: Impact on the Time to Diagnosis, Time to Treatment Initiation and on Clinical Outcomes*. **Three Hani Najm Global Scholar Awards** were also distributed, providing the awardees with an opportunity to elevate their training by participating in an observership program at the Cleveland Clinic.



My experience at the Cleveland Clinic will undoubtedly make a difference in my future career. I had the opportunity to witness firsthand what I had only read about in books. I learned how seemingly impossible cases can be successfully treated, turning the impossible into the possible.



FARHAN MEMON, MBBS
Hani Najm Global Scholar



BUILDING A BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE AT ACC.24

Our first-ever Giving Day took place at ACC.24, **raising more than \$25,000 to support the continuation of research awards and leadership development programs** like Young Scholars, Internal Medicine, Clinical Trials Research and much more. We also heard from donors during a special Heart2Heart Stage panel, where they discussed the impact giving back has had on their lives.



The continuation of programs like these depends on donations to the ACC Foundation. Want to help to sustain and grow these programs? Scan the QR code to make a tax-deductible contribution.
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EMPOWERING FUTURE LEADERS IN CARDIOLOGY

The future of cardiology is bright, with the growth of programs dedicated to cultivating tomorrow’s leaders, educators and researchers. From ACC’s *Clinical Trials Research* program kicking off its fourth cohort, to the *Wael Al Mahmeed Dedication to Young Leaders* convening future leaders from more than 60 countries, ACC’s leadership development programs are equipping professionals with the skills, insights and global networks necessary to drive transformative advancements in cardiovascular care.



The second cohort of the **Sandra J. Lewis Mid-Career Women’s Leadership Institute** convened 22 women at Heart House for mentorship and career development. To-date, the program has **impacted the lives of 44 mid-career women.**

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To be able to create a program where we can inspire has been a dream for me.

SANDRA J. LEWIS, MD, FACC
Founder, Sandra J. Lewis Mid-Career Women’s Leadership Institute

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The **Global Leadership Institute** assembled future leaders from **30+ international chapters** to learn vital skills from ACC mentors as part of the Wael Al Mahmeed Dedication to Young Leaders programs.

The **Clinical Trials Research program** convened **51 learners as part of its fourth cohort this year** for meetings in June and November. This year, in collaboration with the Association of Black Cardiologists, **28 of the learners participated as part of Project REACH** (Research, Equity and Access for Cardiac Health), an initiative designed to address existing disparities in structural heart clinical trials work.



The **Emerging Faculty Program** welcomed 24 clinicians to build their skills as future educators this year. The program has inspired and **ignited the careers of 300+ learners** since its founding, thanks to the generosity of ACC Past President, **Michael J. Wolk, MD, MACC**, and the Michael Wolk Heart Foundation.



Donors can also help foster innovative and skilled leaders and educators by making a targeted donation at ACC.org/Support. Scan the QR Code to donate.
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ADVANCING PATIENT CARE & ACCESS

EMPOWERING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES: ATLANTA HEART HEALTH FAIR

In collaboration with Morehouse School of Medicine and with the generous support of Johnson and Johnson, the ACC's Atlanta Heart Health Fair leading up to ACC.24 was a huge success.

The health fair provided an opportunity for the community to learn more about heart disease risk factors like peripheral artery disease (PAD), peripheral vascular disease (PVD), hypertension, and high cholesterol - which often disproportionately impact Black and Hispanic/Latinx communities. Local health care providers, ACC leaders and other experts provided education on these risks and best practices for making healthier lifestyle choices. **During the fair, 87 members of the Atlanta community were screened for PAD.**

IMPROVING CV CARE IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

The ACC, in partnership with the JF Maddox Foundation, kicked off the Rural Cardiovascular Health Initiative (RCHI) in early 2024. The 12-month pilot project taking place in Hobbs, NM, is designed to create and test an action module that can be used more broadly to improve cardiovascular health in rural communities nationwide.

The three key goals of RCHI include:

- Improving HOSPITAL cardiovascular care through the integration of advanced cardiovascular training at Covenant Health Hobbs Hospital.
- Engaging COMMUNITY members by deploying Community Health Workers trained to provide cardiac-specific patient education.
- Increasing community-wide awareness of cardiovascular risk factors through PATIENT-centered materials.



We know that people living in rural communities have many challenges in accessing many things that affect heart health, including reliable health care and other resources to support healthy lifestyles. Our family's foundation, the JF Maddox Foundation, is focused on improving life in southeastern New Mexico, so there was a natural connection between their mission and the RCHI.



THOMAS MADDUX, MD, FACC





PROVIDING FAMILIES ACCESS TO FRESH PRODUCE

The ACC Foundation and the ACC’s Caring Hearts Initiative joined forces to raise funds to provide families experiencing food insecurity with access to fresh produce during Hunger Action Month this September. The fundraising program provided fresh produce to families living in four communities: San Jose, CA; Philidelphia, PA; Buffalo, NY; and Camden, NJ. **To date, the Caring Hearts program has distributed more than \$33,000 in food incentives in these communities.**



Learn more about
ACC’s Caring
Hearts Initiative
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PRODUCING A FRAMEWORK FOR ACHIEVING HEALTH EQUITY

In September 2024, the ACC Board of Trustees Task Force unveiled a comprehensive framework to advance health equity in cardiovascular care. The framework emphasizes a multifaceted approach, including targeted interventions, robust data analytics, enhanced stakeholder collaboration and strategic policy advocacy.

The plan, published as part of a focused Health Equity issue of *JACC: Advances*, is centered around the following six "Health Equity Domains": 1) health care data, science and tools; 2) workforce diversity; 3) education and training; 4) membership partnerships and collaborations; 5) community advocacy and policy; and 6) clinical trial diversity. It also outlines a blueprint for implementing health equity and highlights future work necessary to achieve key goals.

COLLABORATING WITH STAKEHOLDERS

Improving patient access to care can’t be done alone. ACC is committed to advancing solutions with stakeholders across cardiology, health systems, government and industry.

23+ Current participants in the Industry Advisory Forum, an opportunity for bi-directional dialogue and exploration of areas where collaboration and partnership with industry stakeholders and others could bring about real change in the prevention and treatment of cardiovascular disease.

12,257 Health screenings in communities at elevated risk for CV disease, made possible through our partnership with Higi Health Kiosks.



Read the full *JACC: Advances* article
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NEW CLINICAL GUIDANCE IN 2024

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EXPERT CONSENSUS DOCUMENTS

- Arrhythmia Monitoring After Stroke
- Diagnosis and Management of Myocarditis
- Heart Failure (Focused Update)
- Heart Failure with Reduced Ejection Fraction

3

CLINICAL GUIDELINES

- Perioperative CV Management for Noncardiac Surgery
- Lower Extremity PAD
- Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

2

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Heart Failure
- Valvular and Structural Heart Disease

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APPROPRIATE USE CRITERIA

- Multimodality Imaging CV Evaluations in Nonemergent, Noncardiac Surgery



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ENGAGING PATIENTS IN THEIR CARE

Throughout 2024, CardioSmart continued to deliver high-quality tools and resources to help clinicians engage patients in their care and empower shared decision making.



Adult vaccination and flu-related tools and resources were among the newest CardioSmart patient education tools.



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has to offer here
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ADVOCATING FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH ON CAPITOL HILL

Roxana Mehran, MD, FACC, Sharonne Hayes, MD, FACC and other ACC leaders spearheaded an event on Capitol Hill and connected with members of Congress to promote awareness of women's heart health and reducing gender disparities in care.

TRANSFORMING GLOBAL HEART HEALTH

Under the strategic leadership of the Assembly of International Governors, the ACC continued to advance global collaboration and initiatives forward to transform the future of global heart health.

IMPACTING CARE WITH NCD ACADEMY

The NCD Academy launched three new courses in 2024, addressing Foundational Concepts in Care Integration, HIV and Lifelong Care, and Vaccine Preventable Diseases. The redesigned website now offers more resources, including Quick Access Content – a collection of introductory videos that cover a range of key health topics, including health equity and social determinants of health in NCDs, flu, metabolic diseases, digital health solutions, and more. **Over 30,000 users across 157 countries accessed the courses in 2024.**



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SHAPING THE FUTURE OF OBESITY MANAGEMENT

The Global Obesity Masterclass continued to improve care for patients in critical regions across four countries in the Latin America, Middle East, and Asia Pacific regions. **In 2024, its new Global Obesity Symposium attracted 100+ delegates** from across the Middle East for a deep dive into UAE cardiometabolic guidelines, new obesity treatments, and more.

ADVANCING STEMI CARE GLOBALLY

The impact of ACC's Global Heart Attack Treatment Initiative (GHATI) was highlighted this year in a *JACC: Advances* publication outlining the transformative potential of quality improvement metrics in low- and middle-income countries. Using data from the initial phase of GHATI, the study analyzed 3,914 STEMI patient records and observed a 2% improvement in both combined endpoints (shock; arrest before or after intervention; final ejection fraction <40%; survival at discharge) and survivorship. With 74.8% of patients receiving device intervention within 90 minutes, 94.2% undergoing reperfusion therapy, and 91.8% adhering to guideline-directed care, these results underscore the initiative's impact and pave the way for ongoing advancements in acute cardiac care through collaborative, data-driven strategies. **To date, has collected records from 54 participating sites in 24 countries.**



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BUILDING GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

FOSTERING LOCALIZED EDUCATION

ACC ASIA

518 Registrants from
18 Countries

95 Faculty

185 Accepted Abstracts

ACC LATIN AMERICA

518 Registrants from
23 Countries

135 Faculty

205 Accepted Abstracts

ACC MIDDLE EAST - VIRTUAL

1,464 Registrants from
50 Countries

79 Faculty

125 Accepted Abstracts

President **Catheleen Biga, MSN, FACC**, recognized as an honorary Fellow of the Irish Cardiac Society.



B. Hadley Wilson, MD, MACC, presents an International Centers of Excellence Award for chest pain care to Christus Muguerza Alta Especialidad in Monterrey, Mexico.



The ACC, the ACC Dominican Republic Chapter and the Dominican Society for Cardiology host **ACC Latin America**.



ACC and the Egyptian Society of Cardiology take **ACC Middle East 2024** to the virtual stage.



The ACC and the Cardiological Society of India host **ACC Asia** in Delhi, India in August.

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EMPOWERING LIFELONG LEARNING

In 2024, the ACC advanced its commitment to excellence in cardiovascular education by growing its programs designed to help clinicians translate the latest scientific discoveries into practical, clinical applications. From joining the House of Cardiology and formally applying to create a new Board for cardiovascular medicine to providing new professional credentials and growing our library of digital content, we helped learners advance their knowledge to optimize care and outcomes.

CREATING AN INDEPENDENT BOARD OF CV MEDICINE

As the field of cardiology has evolved into its own distinct specialty, separate from internal medicine, the House of Cardiology felt strongly that having a separate and distinct certifying Board was necessary for sustaining professional excellence and effectively caring for cardiovascular patients. In 2024, the American College of Cardiology, the American Heart Association, the Heart Failure Society of America, the Heart Rhythm Society and The Society for Cardiovascular Angiography & Interventions submitted a formal application to create the American Board of Cardiovascular Medicine (ABCM) under the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS).



For more information on the official
ABMS decision regarding the
proposed Board, visit
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RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE THROUGH THE CCK CREDENTIAL

The ACC's Certified Clinical Knowledge Examination (CCKE) has been a means for cardiovascular clinicians to validate their clinical knowledge and uphold standards of excellence associated with cardiovascular patient care since 2022. This year introduced the new CCK credential for those who successfully pass the exam. **In 2024, more than 300 clinicians took and passed the CCKE or CCKE for NPs/PAs.**

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF DEDICATION: KIM A. EAGLE, MD, MACC

The College extends heartfelt thanks to Kim A. Eagle, MD, MACC, who ended a ten-year term as ACC.org Editor in Chief in 2024. Dr. Eagle's knowledge and expertise helped ensure ACC members' access to timely and trusted information about late-breaking science and practice-changing trends.





272

The number of clinicians and researchers who took part in the *Advancing the Cardiovascular Care of the Oncology Patient*.



554

The number of enrollees who took advantage of the Collaborative Maintenance Pathway in 2024 to meet maintenance of certification (MOC) options.

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The ACC CMP was relevant to my practice. I knew what I needed to know. I mastered what I needed to know. I have already used much of the information that I LEARNED with the CMP in my practice.

GREGG T. SCHUYLER, MD, PHD, FACC

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278

The number of professionals who attended the ACC's *Cardiovascular Summit* to discuss emerging trends and best practices for creating more efficient, effective and equitable health care systems.

250

The number of in-person and virtual learners that advanced their knowledge around sports cardiology at *Care of the Athletic Heart*. This year's course centered around electrocardiogram interpretation and arrhythmias, masters athletes, prevention of sudden cardiac arrest, return to play and more.



262

The number of learners convened for *Cardio-Obstetrics Essentials*, a course focused on the evolving field of cardio-obstetrics. With cardiovascular disease serving as the leading cause of maternal mortality in the United States, course materials focused on strategies and knowledge to ensure better diagnosis and treatment of patients of child-bearing age.



ACC.24: MAKING AN IMPACT



350+

The number of original news stories published about science from ACC.24.



280+

The number of exhibitors that made up the engaging Expo.



5,000+

The total number of videos and slides now available in ACC Anywhere. ACC.24 attendees received a one-year subscription with their registration to the course.

75 Years

The milestone anniversary that we kicked off at ACC.24—with special sessions, an interactive bridge to the future and much more!



14

The number of Heart2Heart Stage presentations at ACC.24.

198+M

The number of impressions of #ACC24 posts on ACC's social media channels over the course of the meeting.



17,500+

The number of ACC.24 total attendees—including 1,300+ virtual attendees.

CHAMPIONING IMPACTFUL SCIENCE

Through its NCDR registries and ACC Accreditation Services, the ACC is at the forefront of equipping hospitals, health systems, ambulatory centers and health care providers with the insights, analyses and solutions needed to optimize cardiovascular care delivery and patient outcomes.

692

The number of hospitals participating in ACC Accreditation Service programs. Each of the six accreditation or certification programs offered combines evidence-based science, quality initiatives, clinical guidelines and best practices to help reduce variations of care. Learn more about accreditation and its benefits at CVQuality.ACC.org/Accreditation.

2,000+

The number of facilities participating in one or more of the College's registries or accreditation programs. View them all in the special issue of *US News & World Report*.



815

The number of participants in the 2024 ACC

Quality Summit, the premier annual event providing a comprehensive opportunity to explore the intersection of data, accreditation and quality improvement. Save the date for the 2025 Summit in Denver, CO, from Oct. 14-16.

78

The number of hospitals in 2024 that achieved the HeartCARE Center National Distinction of Excellence.

The distinction recognizes hospitals' commitments to sustainable quality improvement and optimal patient outcomes through participation in ACC Accreditation Services and NCDR.

Scan the QR code to learn more about the specific requirements.



2 The number of “Registry Suites” offered through the NCDR, with the CV ASC Registry Suite being the newest addition, offering first-of-its-kind insights on cardiac procedures performed in the ambulatory setting. The EP Registry Suite, combining both the AFib Ablation Registry and the EP Device Implant Registry, is the second, providing participating facilities with a complete picture of EP treatments. For a complete list of registries visit CVQuality.ACC.org/NCDR.

2,515 The number of clinicians who took

advantage of the QII Learning Center’s free, online resources in 2024. The comprehensive library of training modules, case scenarios, presentations and other tools is designed to help participants in NCDR and ACC Accreditation Services maximize their involvement. **Scan the QR code** and start exploring.



1,850



The number of participating facilities across four registries opting to publicly report their data in 2024 on ACC’s Find Your Heart a Home site. Through Find Your Heart a Home patients can make informed choices about hospitals based on the quality of care provided in their area. Learn more at CardioSmart.org/FindYourHeartaHome.





INNOVATING TO IMPROVE QUALITY CARE

This past year, NCDR built upon its optimization plan and launched enhanced dashboards for all registries, providing robust visualizations and a faster, more dynamic data customer experience to support facilities, health systems and clinical care teams in their goal of optimizing cardiovascular patient care and outcomes.

New features include streamlined navigation, bookmarking custom views and the ability to export to PowerPoint. The release of these dashboards provides the NCDR community with a modern dashboard product that is intuitive, flexible and actionable.



New additions to the NCDR family of registries have also come about over the past year, spurred by up-and-coming trends in the cardiovascular care landscape. In February, the ACC unveiled the CV ASC Registry Suite - NCDR's newest registry. The CV ASC Registry Suite offers data-driven insights on cardiac procedures performed in the ambulatory surgery setting through a first-of-its-kind dashboard.

Registry participants have access to benchmark data from ACC's CathPCI Registry and EP Device Implant Registry for elective patients, in addition to benchmarks and comparisons, including procedures data, hospitalization rates, emergent transfer rates, medications, efficiency rates, adverse events and bleeding events performed only in ASCs.

SHAPING PATIENT OUTCOMES

ENTERING A NEW ERA OF LEADERSHIP FOR JACC

Harlan M. Krumholz, MD, SM, FACC, officially stepped into the role of editor-in-chief of JACC in July ushering in a new era of leadership for the College's flagship journal.

Krumholz's vision for JACC's future involves attracting top-tier research, enhancing the author experience, delivering high-impact information to readers and fostering collaborations that maximize the Journal's influence. The end goal: to position JACC as a beacon in advancing cardiovascular care and outcomes worldwide.

The opportunities ahead for JACC to be a force of good for our patients, our profession, and society are enormous," says Krumholz. "JACC has the potential to shape the future of cardiology. I am eager to engage with our community worldwide to build on JACC's past successes and find new ways to contribute to achieving ever better patient outcomes and more equitable, effective, efficient, and evidence-based clinical care."

HARLAN M. KRUMHOLZ, MD, SM, FACC



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EXCITING TIMES FOR JACC: CASE REPORTS

Renowned cardiovascular surgeon Gilbert H.L. Tang, MD, MSc, MBA, FACC, assumed the role of editor-in-chief of JACC: Case Reports in August, bringing with him a rich background in innovation, international collaboration and scientific research.

It is going to be an exciting time ... to build on a team of multidisciplinary cardiovascular practitioners with diverse backgrounds and experiences, and at different stages of their professional careers, to enhance the journal's academic and educational impact globally," said Tang. "Together ... we will strive to make JACC: Case Reports the go-to digital resource to improve cardiovascular care and training worldwide."

GILBERT H.L. TANG, MD, MSC, MBA, FACC



JACC: Case Reports is one of the 10 journals in the ACC's JACC platform of journals, publishing high-quality, educationally valuable case reports, case series, images and quality improvement projects covering all aspects of cardiology. It serves as a publication vehicle for early career cardiologists and members of the cardiovascular care team, providing a forum for mentorship on the review and publication process.

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ALIGNING TO ADVANCE CV HEALTH

Collaboration with other organizations and government agencies is a cornerstone of JACC’s strategy to promote cutting-edge science and drive progress towards a healthier future.

For example, JACC and *The Lancet* announced an innovative partnership leveraging the strengths of both journals and bringing together resources and expertise to disseminate high-quality research, foster interdisciplinary collaborations and advance cardiovascular health worldwide. In another partnership with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, JACC is helping to give clinicians a voice in shaping priorities for postmarket evidence generation in cardiovascular disease.

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United in our vision, we are set to amplify our joint impact, pushing the boundaries of what academic journals can achieve for patients and society

HARLAN M. KRUMHOLZ, MD, SM, FACC

HITTING THE ROAD WITH JACC JOURNALS

JACC Journals were a beacon for late-breaking science, secondary analyses of pivotal trials, and evidence-based research surrounding new devices and therapies during major cardiovascular meetings throughout the year. All told, approximately 125 simultaneous publications were published during the ESC Congress 2024, AHA 2024 and TCT 2024, alone.



Visit the JACC events page to access all of the simultaneous publications, as well as related content including videos, podcasts, infographics and more

CONGRATULATIONS TO JACC: CARDIOONCOLOGY

JACC: CardioOncology achieved an **updated Impact Factor** of 13.6, with a notable increase in its Eigenfactor index to 0.00536. Since 2023, over 452,235 full-text articles have been downloaded from JACC.org and ScienceDirect, underscoring the journal's growing influence and pivotal role in advancing groundbreaking science to improve cardio-oncology care. Congratulations to the entire JACC: CardioOncology Editorial Team, led by Editor-in-Chief **Bonnie Ky, MD, MSCE, FACC**, along with the many reviewers and authors who continue to make the journal a success.



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THE OBESITY REVOLUTION AND JACC

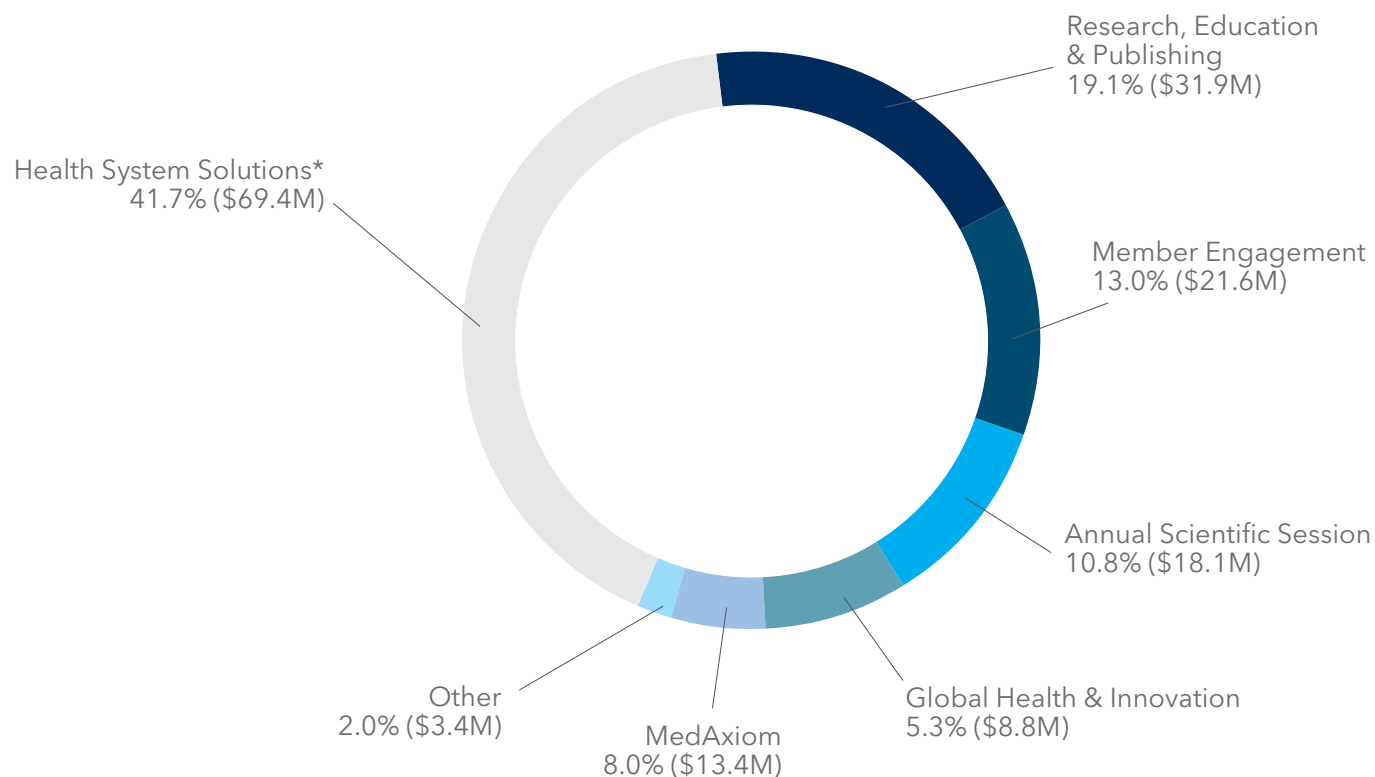
Advances in obesity medicine are reshaping the science and practice of cardiology. JACC highlights this so-called “Obesity Revolution” in a new comprehensive hub containing the latest research, commentary and multimedia. Don’t miss a special collection of obesity clinical trials, including SUMMIT, SELECT, STEP-HFpEF and FLOW.



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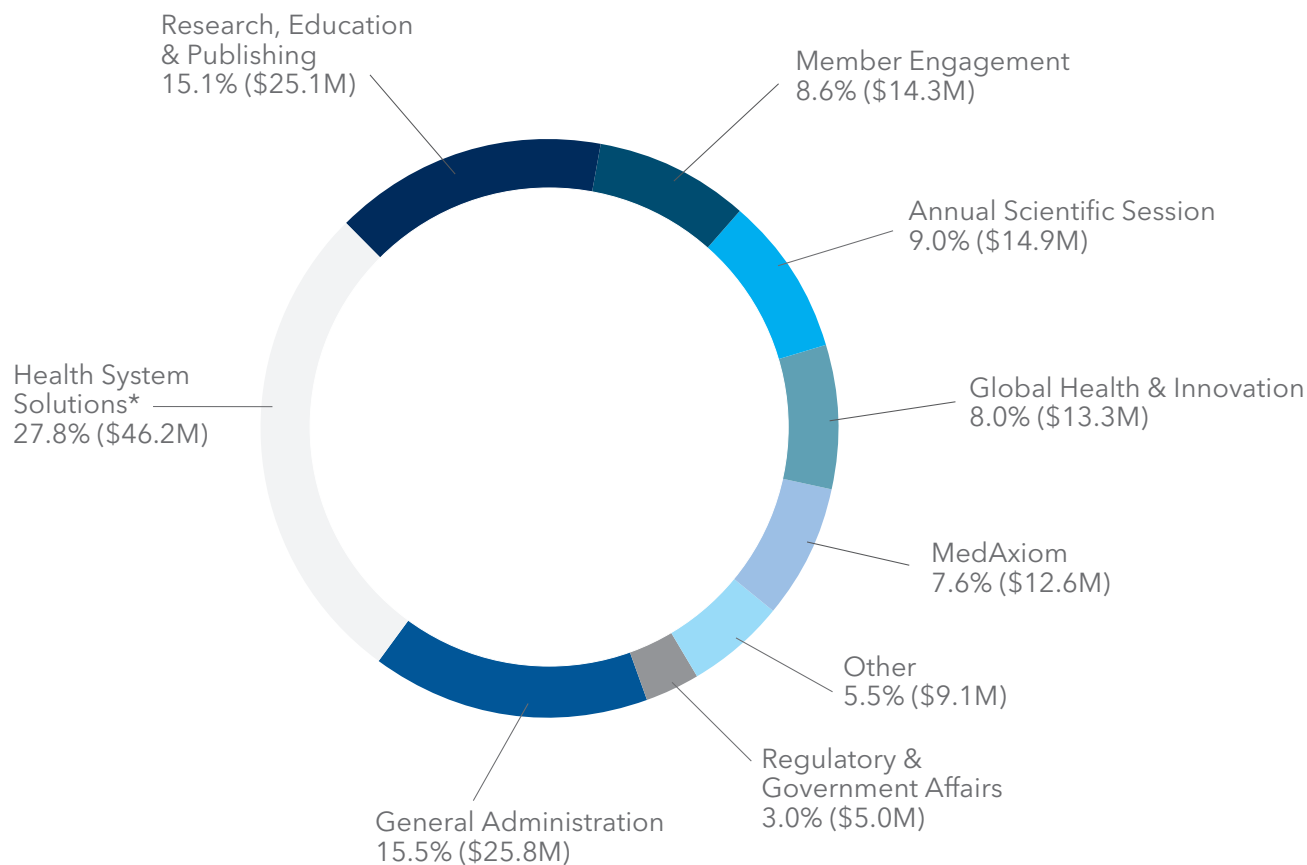


TOTAL CONSOLIDATED REVENUES - \$166.6M

*Includes NCDR, Accreditation Services, and Science & Quality

Note: Numbers reflect preliminary, unaudited numbers as of March 2025.

EXPENSES



TOTAL CONSOLIDATED EXPENSES - \$166.2M

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