



Report to the Membership - November 2019

LEADERSHIP & MEMBERSHIP

Chapter Governor and President

[David Wohns, MD, FACC](#) was installed as president at ACC19 in New Orleans.

College Leadership from Michigan

Chapter Past President, **Claire Duvernoy, MD, FACC**, began her term on the ACC Board of Trustees (2019-2022).

Chapter President, **Akshay Khandelwal, MD, FACC**, began his term as Chair of the Board of Governors (2019-2020).

During his tenure as chair-elect and chair of the BOG he is also a member of the ACC Board of Trustees.

Chapter Board

The [Chapter Board](#) is the governing body of the Chapter and meets regularly to identify and facilitate a strong agenda to transform cardiovascular care and improve heart health in Michigan. New to the Council in 2019 are:

Christopher Giuliano, PharmD, MPH	CV Team Liaison-elect
Todd Adams, DO, FACC	District 1 Representative
Sunil Rao, DO, FACC	District 4 Representative
Monica Jiddou-Patros, MD, FACC	District 6 Representative
Karthik Ananthasubramaniam, MD, FACC	Imaging Representative
Celeste Williams, MD, FACC	Heart Failure Representative
Nadia Sutton, MD, FACC	Interventional Representative
Michael Vredenburg, DO, FACC	Payer Relations Chair
Deidre Mattina, MD, FACC	Women in Cardiology (WIC) Representative
Tracey Burke, MBA, MSA	Practice/Service Line Administrative Representative

FIT Council

The purpose of the FIT Council is to foster engagement in the College and the Chapter and to provide leadership, mentorship, and networking opportunities.

The FIT Council is the main driver behind the FIT programming at the chapter's annual conference and identifies new priorities each year to address the needs of Michigan's fellows.

New to the FIT Council in 2019 are:

Adnan (Alex) Kassier, MD, Co-chair	Ryan Malek, DO
Moumita Naidu, MD, Co-chair	Amrit Misra, MD
Sagger Mawri, MD, Past Co-chair	Malav Parikh, MD
Marty Tam, MD, Past Co-chair	Mohit Pahuja, MD
Waleed Al-Darzi, MD	Raid Saco, MD
Jelena Arnautovic, DO	Dilpreet Singh, MD
Saba Assar, MD	

Member Development

The Chapter seeks to provide value to the entire CV care team. Membership is composed of:

FACCs	614	Practice Administrators	16
Emeritus	104	Residents	29
Associate Fellows	127	Medical Students	16
Fellows in Training	258	CV Team Students	4
CV Team Members	124		

Travel Awards and Appointments

The Chapter provides travel awards for FACCs, FITs and CV Team members to participate in ACC programs.

2019 recipients are:

- **Teaching Tomorrows Teachers** – Michael Beasley, MD
- **Legislative Conference**

Said Ashraf, MD
Saba Assar, MD
Alex Kassier, MD
Kartik Kumar, MD
Deirdre Mattina, MD, FACC
Alexander Michaels, MD
Moumita Naidu, MD

Sandra Oliver-McNeil, DNP, AACC
Ryhm Redjef, MD
Diane Rexford, NP
Natasha Smith, PA
Marty Tam, MD, FACC

TRANSFORMATION OF CARE

Prior Authorization

The Chapter is one of the first organizations to pledge its support to Health Can't Wait, a coalition of healthcare and patient organizations advocating for legislation to relieve the burden of prior authorization in Michigan. We participated in the drafting of legislation that was recently introduced in the Senate making certain that payers must defer to national specialty society guidelines and quality criteria. The Health Can't Wait coalition has begun a campaign to educate legislators about the burdens to patients and health care providers. Chapter members are encouraged to add their negative experiences with prior authorization at the Health Can't Wait website: healthcantwait.org.

STEMI Systems of Care

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Bureau of EMS, Trauma and Preparedness STEMI Systems of Care Workgroup approved recommendations for a STEMI system of care that utilizes the state's trauma regions to coordinate, EMS, and PCI receiving and referring centers. The Chapter will work with the Department and stakeholders to introduce legislation and promulgate rules in accordance with the recommendations.

Lansing Lobby Day

Chapter members visited with the Governors Health Policy Advisor and the State of Michigan Chief Medical Executive to advocate for STEMI Systems of Care legislation, Tobacco 21, 10 cents a meal and stronger laws to protect children from e-cigarettes.

POPULATION HEALTH

E-cigarettes

The Chapter is part of a health care coalition that strongly supported the Governor's recent declaration of a health care emergency on e-cigarettes, co-signing a letter to the Governor in support of her stance and lending our logo to a statewide full-page newspaper advertisement. Our Advocacy Chair, **Peter Fattal, MD**, testified to the dangers of vaping at a committee hearing on the issue. The emergency declaration is now being challenged in the courts, but the Chapter will continue to work with the health care community to keep e-cigarettes, especially the kid-friendly flavors, away from children.

Power in Numbers

The Chapter and AHA are members of the Steering Committee of Healthy Kids, Healthy Michigan (HKHM), a coalition of organizations that advocates for policy that creates an environment conducive to healthy weight in children such as improved physical and health education and comprehensive school physical activity and nutrition standards. The coalition has been reinvigorated by a vigorous strategic planning initiative and will launch focused priorities in the coming year.

PURPOSEFUL EDUCATION

Chapter Conference

More than 102 physicians, 75 fellows, and 86 CV Team members attended the 31st Annual Chapter Conference in Grand Rapids. Sessions targeting the CV Team, FIT and Practice/Service Line Administrator member sections enhanced the program chaired by **Nagib Chalfoun, MD**. The 2020 conference will be November 6-7 in East Lansing.

WIC Annual Dinner Meeting

The Michigan Women in Cardiology Section, chaired by **Deirdre Mattina, MD** fostered opportunities for mentors to connect with mentees at Women and Wine Wednesday in Royal Oak.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Statement of Financial Position is available upon request.

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