



Winter 2024

President's Message

Dear friends,

As we head into 2024, I want to share some highlights from 2023 and two key updates heading into this year on behalf of your Chapter.

- 2023 marked the successful launch of our **Chapter mentorship program**, now moving into its second phase in early 2024. The initial launch was marked with thirty-three (33) mentees matched with mentors out of over one hundred (100) applications for mentees. We're currently looking for more mentors to share their experience, expertise and guidance with our mentees. Please consider [signing up here!](#)
- In September we were happy to be back in Traverse City for a successful in-person **35th Annual ACCMI Conference** skillfully curated by Drs. Mir B. Basir and Nishtha Sareen. The conference provided a valuable platform for networking, sharing scientific insights and showcasing the research work of our Fellows-in-Training (FITs). We were happy to see that our audience numbers rivaled our pre-pandemic attendance numbers and hope you can join us at the conference later this year!
- Our **advocacy efforts** continued at the Annual ACC Legislative Conference in Washington, DC, on November 15-17. Key issues relating to preauthorization, Medicare cuts, and cardiac rehab were discussed with state legislators' teams at the US Capitol. We plan to expand our advocacy initiatives in 2024 with locally organized events and encourage you to get involved in grassroots initiatives through our Advocacy workgroup. Contact office@accmi.org to learn more.

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Chapter Updates

ADVOCACY UPDATES

Sunil Rao, DO, FACC

New STEMI administrative rules: [Click here to learn more](#)

It's been a busy fall for our Advocacy Team. Along with Catarina Stromberg, Executive Director and Dan Kline, Senior Health Advisor, our Advocacy Team traveled to Washington, DC, in mid-October to attend the ACC Legislative Conference and participate in visits to Capitol Hill, where each state's delegation visited their respective elected representatives to promote ACC's main priorities this year of stopping Medicare cuts and increasing access to patient care (H.R.2474), expanding patient access to cardiovascular services (H.R. 2583); streamlining prior authorization practices (H.R.4968), increasing access to AEDs (H.R. 2370) and reducing unnecessary amputations (H.R. 4261).

The team visited six members and/or their staff of the Michigan Congressional Delegation. We would like to thank Drs.

Karthik Ananth, Sunil Rao, Raid Saco and Peter Fattal for dedicating their time to attend this important conference and the Capitol Hill meetings. [Click here to read more.](#)

[For more information on what is happening in Michigan state, read an update here.](#)

Cardiac Catheterization SAC Nominations Due 01/19/24

The nomination period for members of the Cardiac Catheterization Standard Advisory Committee (SAC) has opened and all nomination forms should be submitted to MDHHS-CONWebTeam@michigan.gov by Friday, January 19, 2024.

The Standard Advisory Committee (SAC) will be convened to recommend revisions to the CON Review Standards for Cardiac Catheterization (CC) Services and will review a [six \(6\) item charge](#).

[Learn more here](#)

[Click here to download the nomination form](#)

Michigan Chapter Mentorship Program



Are you passionate about cardiology and eager to make a meaningful impact on the next generation of medical professionals? The ACC MI Mentorship Program invites you to become a mentor and play a crucial role in shaping the careers of medical students, residents, and early career cardiovascular team members.

[Click Here to Register to Become a Mentor](#)

Upcoming Events

Feb. 1-3

Cardiovascular Summit 2024

Washington, D.C.

Feb. 9-11

**Advancing the
Cardiovascular Care of the
Oncology Patient**

April 6-8

ACC.24

Atlanta and Virtual

**Sep. 29-
Oct. 1**

**ACC's Legislative
Conference 2024**

Washington, DC

Sep. 21- 22

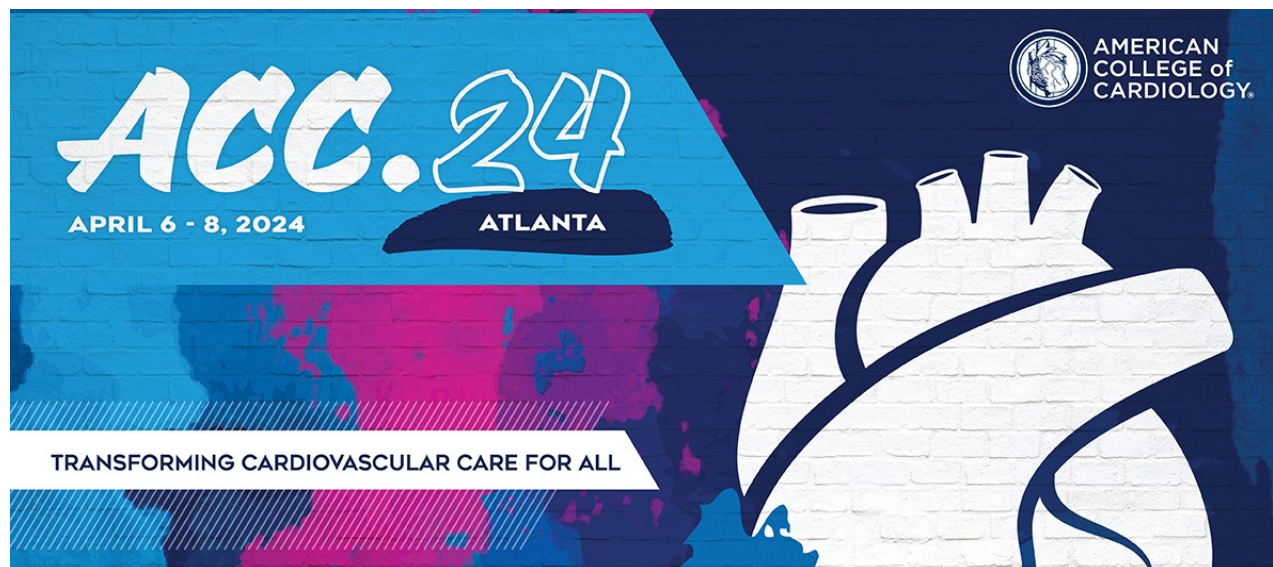
Washington, D.C. and Virtual
**ACC's Legislative
Conference 2024**

Traverse City, MI

Women in Cardiology Event Series

Stay tuned for more information on the WIC Seminar Series, which will be held in the spring and summer of 2024.

[More Event Information](#)



Event Updates



35th Annual Conference

Thank you to everyone who attended the 35th Annual Conference! Your presence made it a tremendous success. We hope you enjoyed the experience and look forward to seeing you again in September 2024 for the 36th Annual Conference!

[View Conference Photos here.](#)



2023 ACC Legislative Conference
ACCMI Staff and ACCMI Members, including Don Kline; Sunil Rao, DO; Kathiramanthi, MD; Raid S. Khan, MD, and Peter Fattal, MD, gathered in Washington, D.C. for the 2023 Legislative Conference. Talking points during the congressional meetings included: increasing patient access to care, protecting clinician well-being and workforce, and improving heart health for all.

[Join us for the 2024 Legislative Conference September 29-October 1 in Washington, DC.](#)



FIT Events

Throughout the year, our FIT team has actively organized various events. The recent success of the FIT “Stump the Chump” virtual event showcased a highly informative and engaging session last week. We wholeheartedly encourage our members to stay tuned for upcoming sessions, actively participate, and extend their support to FIT as they continue to bring interactive virtual education in an engaging format.

In case you missed it, view the [Stump The Chump event here](#).

HOT TOPICS

CLINICAL TRIALS RESEARCH: UPPING YOUR GAME

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Call for Applications: ACC's Clinical Trial Research: Upping Your Game

Application Due Date: January 12, 2024

Overview of program, applicant eligibility and online application: <https://www.acc.org/CTR2024>

The American College of Cardiology is seeking applicants for its expanded *Clinical Trials Research: Upping Your Game* program. Selected learners will participate in a year-long curriculum on clinical trials research, network with nationally recognized clinical trialists, investigators, regulatory stakeholders and industry leaders, and develop a personal career action plan. Through this effort, the ACC strives to ensure diversity of thought, experience and perspective and ensure the evidence base includes data more closely reflecting the demographics of actual cardiovascular patients.

Learn more at <https://www.acc.org/CTR2024>. Please email diversity@acc.org with any questions.

Help Support ACC's Philanthropic Efforts

Honor Your Mentor: Donate to the ACC Annual Fund

This season, give thanks to a mentor who has made an impact on your life: Make a gift to the ACC Annual Fund in their honor. An honorary donation will celebrate their influence on your life and perpetuate the values they demonstrated with you—by lifting up the next generation of cardiovascular professionals. Contributions to the ACC Annual Fund of any size help us invest in the future of cardiology, harness innovation and reduce the burden of cardiovascular disease worldwide. [Learn more.](#)

New on CardioSmart

Download CardioSmart's Latest Tools on Healthy Living and PAD

Communities with historical health equity challenges are at the greatest risk for higher incidences of cardiovascular disease. Understanding the ways communities face challenges and live with heart disease and/or related risk factors is critical to developing sustainable community-based programs like ACC's Caring Hearts Initiative. As part of this program, the CardioSmart team has developed several resources on [Peripheral Artery Disease](#), blood pressure, heart-healthy nutrition, active and mindful living. Find out more and download these resources for free at CardioSmart.org/HealthyLiving.

Key News Items

New ACC/AHA Guideline Focuses on Diagnosis, Management of AFib

The newest clinical guideline released by the ACC and the American Heart Association (AHA) provides new and updated recommendations for preventing and optimally managing atrial fibrillation (AFib). The *2023 ACC/AHA/ACCP/HRS Guideline for the Diagnosis and Management of Atrial Fibrillation* includes new recommendations addressing AFib and thromboembolic risk assessment, anticoagulation, left atrial appendage occlusion, AFib catheter or surgical ablation, as well as risk factor modification and prevention. [Read more.](#) Visit the [ACC AFib Guideline Hub](#) for patient resources and additional guideline tools.

**For more hot topics and the latest news in cardiology, check in with ACC's
["Clinical Updates and Discoveries"](#)**



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