



Annual Report to the Membership – October 2020

LEADERSHIP & MEMBERSHIP

Board

Sunil Rao, DO was installed as Chapter Secretary-Treasurer succeeding Alan Silverman, DO who served as Secretary-Treasurer since 2014.

Christopher Giuliano, PharmD, MPH began a three-year term as CV Team Liaison succeeding Denise Busman, RN, MSN who remains on the Chapter Board as Past CV Team Liaison.

A roster is posted at www.accmi.org

FIT Council

2019-2020 FIT Council Co-chairs, Alex Kassier, MD and Moumita Naidu, MD wrote *The True Test of Leadership is How Well You Function in a Crisis* to recount the FIT Council's work to create a dialog among fellows and fellowship program directors during the COVID crisis. It was published in the May [ACC FIT Section Update](#).

The 2020-2021 FIT Council hosted a webinar for incoming cardiology fellows in July. *Tips and Tools for Cardiology Fellows*, included a welcome from the Chapter President, words of wisdom to ease the path from PGY-4 to a job, opportunities within the College for FITs, and tips to navigate acc.org. A webinar on career strategies and contracts is planned for early 2021.

2020-2021 FIT Council Members:

Saba Assar, MD, Co-chair	Ryan Malek, DO
Raid Saco, MD Co-chair	Amrit Misra, MD
Osama Abdel-Hafez, MD	Moumita Naidu, MD
Waleed Al-Darzi, MD	Malav Parikh, MD
Olufalahan Carrena, MD	Dilpreet Singh, MD
Harjot Grover, DO	Eric Smith, MD
Alex Kassier, MD	Adam Tawney, MD
Kartik Kumar, MD	

CV Team Advisory Board (CVTAB)

The new CVTAB drafted a policy document that has been approved by the Chapter Board. The policy prescribes the CVTAB composition, nomination process, meetings, length of terms, and states these purposes:

- To represent the diverse cardiovascular (CV) team membership.
- To plan the annual CV team meeting.
- To develop a process to engage members throughout the year.

CVTAB Members:

Christopher Giuliano, PharmD, MPH, CV Team Liaison, Chair
Secretary: Todd Knight, MSN, RN
Denise Busman, MSN, RN
Alishia R. Harris-Diouf, NP, AACC
Martie McClain, NP, AACC
Natasha Smith, PA-C
Karen Grace Zimmerman, ACS, RDCS, RVT, FASE

Membership as of October 2020

Membership is composed of:

FACCs	617	Practice Administrators	27
FACC Emeritus	101	Residents	62
Associate Fellows	139	Medical Students	37
Fellows in Training	266	CV Team Students	11
CV Team Members	142		

MEMBER SECTIONS

Cath Lab Directors

Under the leadership of Edouard Daher, MD, a Cath Lab Directors Section has been launched. In March more than fifty cath lab leaders participated in a webinar, *PCI in Ambulatory Surgery Centers: The Implications of CMS Payment Policy and Michigan Certificate of Need Regulations* on which Melissa Reitz, RWC Advocacy, discussed potential changes to Michigan regulations and Marc Toth, Atlas Healthcare Partners, provided insight on trends in the migration of cardiovascular procedures to the outpatient setting.

Later in the year, SB675 was introduced as part of a package of CON reform bills. [SB675](#) would exempt procedures approved for payment by CMS from CON regulation. In [correspondence](#) to the Chair of the Senate Health Policy Committee, the Chapter recommended that all cardiac catheterization procedures remain regulated by CON to ensure safety and quality. SB 675 did not pass out of committee. Subsequently, the CON Commission created a Cardiac Catheterization Standard Advisory Committee (SAC) to consider PCI in Ambulatory Surgical Centers. The SAC is chaired by Ryan Madder, MD. SAC members include: Fadi Saab, MD, Frank Saltiel, MD, Justin Trivax, Douglas Wunderly, MD, Edouard Daher, MD, Carlos Fernandez, DO, Steven Timmis, MD, Khaldoon Alaswad, MD, Srinivas Koneru, MD, William Felten, MD, Omar Ali, MD, and Mansoor Qureshi, MD

Imaging

Under the leadership of David Langholz, MD and in collaboration with Michigan Society of Echocardiography, a survey of major imaging centers was conducted to gauge interest and potential for a statewide cardiovascular Imaging collaborative that could serve as a benchmarking and quality tool. Survey responses were positive so a work group has been formed to further explore mechanisms and funding for the proposed collaborative that will yield standardized information to launch dialogue, expand best practice, and ultimately improve performance.

Independent Practice

Under the leadership of Mark Zainea, MD and in coordination with MedAxiom, the Independent Practice Work Group hosted the webinar, *Practice Survival in the Midst of COVID-19*. Updates on CARES Act and COVID related changes in reimbursement for Telehealth were well received by participants.

Women in Cardiology (WIC)

Michigan WIC celebrated its 10th anniversary at its annual meeting in-person(!) in January. Chair, Deirdre Mattina, MD recognized founding Chair Claire Duvernoy, MD (who now serves on the ACC Board of Trustees) and all the women currently on the [Chapter Board](#). The theme of the event, *Get a Title, Join a Board, Refer a Friend*, was appreciated by more than 35 cardiologists, fellows, and residents. Impressions from two attendees are posted [here](#).

Under the leadership of Dr. Mattina, a Midwest WIC Alliance consisting of leaders from five ACC chapters applied for and received a grant to encourage high school girls to pursue careers in cardiology. A virtual event is planned for early 2021.

ADVOCACY

Prior Authorization

The Michigan State Medical Society formed the [Health Can't Wait Coalition](#) in 2018 to advocate for statutory limits on prior authorization. After a significant campaign to education legislators about the impacts of PA on patients, [SB 612](#) was introduced in October 2019. Sunil Rao, DO and Alice Betz joined more than 100 coalition members at a Senate Health Policy Committee hearing in January 2020 and the Chapter continues to stand with the coalition in support of this legislation that has passed out of committee and may soon be taken up by the Senate.

STEMI Systems of Care

Since 2011, many Chapter members have participated in various work groups convened by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MSHH) to discuss systems of care for time dependent emergencies (stroke and STEMI). The resulting body of work includes a document titled, [A Statewide System of Care for Time Sensitive Emergencies](#) that serves as a guidance document for legislation and the promulgation of administrative rules. Akshay Khandelwal, MD, chaired the latest of the work groups. The Chapter will continue to provide input as bills are introduced and considered by Michigan's legislature.

E-cigarettes

In concert with partners at [AHA Midwest Affiliate](#) and [Keep MI Kids Tobacco Free Alliance](#), the Chapter continues to advocate for strong laws to keep flavored e-cigarettes away from Michigan's youth. At the close of 2019, Advocacy Chair Peter Fattal, MD testified to the House Oversight Committee in support of Governor Whitmer's emergency rules that banned flavored e-cigarettes. In February 2020, Past President Akshay Khandelwal, MD testified to the Senate Regulatory Reform Committee in opposition to [Senate Bills 781-786](#) as written, suggesting that the bills could be strengthened by defining e-cigarettes as a tobacco product and increasing compliance and accountability measures for retailers.

Michigan Medicaid Health Plan Common Formulary

Comments and recommended additions to cardiac drug coverage in the Michigan Medicaid Health Plan Common formulary were submitted to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services by Christopher Giuliano, PharmD, MPH with input from Sandra Oliver-McNeil, DNP and Denise Sutter, PharmD.

Healthy Kids

The Chapter is on 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.

EDUCATION

As the COVID crisis hit, the Chapter moved quickly to provide virtual education.

- Practice Survival in the Midst of COVID-19 - *April*
- Coping with COVID: The CV Team Experience - *May*
- East Meets West: COVID Lessons Learned - *June*
- Winning Hearts and Minds: Evidence-based strategies to help patients manage fear and anxiety. - *September*

Of necessity, the 32nd Annual Conference was translated into a virtual series composed of five webinars and a virtual poster competition for fellows, cv team clinicians, and residents.

- CV Team Symposium – *October 16*
- The College, the Chapter, and You: Issues and Answers - *October 28*
- Current Topics in Cardiology - *November 4*
- Telehealth: What's New? - *November 10*
- Michigan on the Forefront - *December 1*

FINANCIAL REPORT

Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2019 is posted [here](#).