



Report to the Membership - October 2018

LEADERSHIP & MEMBERSHIP

Chapter Governor and President

[David Wohns, MD, FACC](#) was elected by Chapter members and approved by the ACC Board of Trustees to be the next Michigan Chapter Governor and President. He will begin a three-year term at ACC19 in New Orleans.

Michigan Representation on the ACC Board of Trustees

Chapter Past President, **Claire Duvernoy, MD, FACC**, has been selected to serve on the ACC Board of Trustees (2019-2022). In this, his last year as Chapter President, **Akshay Khandelwal, MD, FACC**, was named Chair-elect of the ACC Board of Governors. During his tenure as chair-elect and chair of the BOG (2018-2020) he will also be 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 2018 in the Practice/Service Line Administrative seat is **Ruth Fisher**, Vice President, Heart & Vascular Services, Henry Ford Health System.

Advisory Councils

Advisory Councils expand opportunities for members to provide input and participate in furthering the Chapter's mission.

CV Team Advisory Board

Denise Busman, MSN, RN, Chair
Chris Giuliano, PharmD
Sandra Oliver-McNeil, DNP, AACC
Diane Rexford, NP
Susan Steinbacher, NP
James Torey, PA
Karen Zimmerman, ACS

FIT Council

Sagger Mawri, MD, Co-chair	Tarun Jain, MD
Marty Tam, MD, Co-chair	Alex Kassier, MD
Brian Renard, MD, Past Co-chair	Ran Lee, MD
Murad Abdelsalam, MD	Ryan Melvin, DO
Jyothsna Akam, MD	Moumita Naidu, MD
Jelena Arnautovic, DO	Mohit Pahuja, MD
Aishah Aslam, DO	Mandeep Randhawa, MD
Michael Beasley, MD	Raid Saco, MD

Member Development

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

FACCs	627	CV Team Members	141
Emeritus	104	Practice Administrators	14
Associate Fellows	128	Residents	15
Fellows in Training	254	CV Team Students	5

Travel Awards and Appointments

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

2018 recipients are:

- **CV Summit** – Denise Busman, RN, MSN
- **Leadership Forum** – Brian Renard, MD
- **Legislative Conference**

Fatima Ali-Ahmed, MD

Marie Bernardo, MD

Ann Boeskool, PA

Mike Beasley, MD

Tom Cascino, MD

Sagger Mawri, MD

Art Riba, MD, FACC

Jackie Sennott, DO

Alan Silverman, DO, FACC

Gordon Siu, MSN, RN

Jackie Green, MD, MPH, a graduate of University of Michigan cardiology fellowship program, was accepted to the ACC Leadership Academy. A past FIT Representative to the Chapter Board, Dr. Green now practices at Piedmont Heart Institute and so was co-nominated by the Michigan and Georgia Chapters.

Dee Dee Wang, MD, an Early Career Cardiologist at Henry Ford Hospital was awarded a position in the ACC Emerging Faculty program.

TRANSFORMATION OF CARE

Prior Authorization

In 2018, the Chapter's lobbyist has met on a regular basis with a group of lobbyists representing various healthcare organizations to draft and hone legislation that would relieve the burden of prior authorization in Michigan. Per a resolution introduced by the Michigan Chapter and passed by their House of Delegates, the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) will take the lead in advocating for a legislative solution by garnering support from specialty societies and educating legislators about the issue. To carry out that mission, MSMS has formed the "Health Can't Wait" coalition. The Chapter is among the first specialty societies to pledge its support.

Data (i.e. proof) surrounding prior authorization delays and rejections would ease the path to passing legislation. To that end, all members are urged to enter information about their prior authorization denials in the Prior Authorization Reporting Tool ([PARTool](#)). Data from the PARTool will help identify trends in prior authorization time burdens, test substitutions, and peer-to-peer review issues that will illustrate to lawmakers to need for a legislative solution.

Gold Card

The Michigan Chapter is in ongoing conversations with BCBSM to explore a program whereby cardiology practices that meet certain criteria would be eligible for an annual Gold Card that would replace prior authorization. BCBSM has already established a Gold Card program for radiation-oncology and cardiology is using it as a model.

STEMI Systems of Care

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Bureau of EMS, Trauma and Preparedness STEMI Systems of Care Workgroup is moving slowly but surely toward a STEMI system of care that utilizes the state's trauma regions to coordinate, EMS, and PCI receiving and referring centers. A new Systems of Care Coordinator, Aaron Brown, AAS, EMT-P, will support a Data Work Group and an Accreditation/Designation Work Group. Akshay Khandelwal, MD, FACC, Denise Busman, RN, MSN and our partners at AHA continue to play a leading role in this effort.

Michigan Medicaid Health Plan Common Formulary

When MDHHS solicited comments on the cardiac drug class in the Michigan Medicaid Health Plan Common Formulary, the Chapter convened a work group to review the formulary and draft comments. **Bianca Korkis, PharmD, Sandra Oliver-McNeil, DNP, and Sin-Ling Jennings, PharmD** worked in concert with Elizabeth Wehl at the Chapter's lobby firm to draft recommendations that were subsequently approved by the board and submitted to MDHHS.

ICD Registry Quality Improvement Collaborative

The Chapter's ICD QI Initiative took a blow when CMS removed the registry participation requirement. Not to be deterred however, the ICD QI Work Group regrouped and announced a revised ICD Collaborative Quality Improvement Project for those sites that continue to participate in the ICD Registry.

The goal is the same: Identify and share best practices, reduce variation and achieve benchmark performance, promote collaborative quality improvement and engage a community of learning and sharing.

The method is refreshed: Based on the NCDR ICD Registry eReports Chapter Dashboard, the Chapter will provide a quarterly report that compares a key device-based guideline, process and outcome metric compared with our regional colleagues and the nation. Armed with this information hospitals can set goals, drive quality improvement, and track progress toward goals.

POPULATION HEALTH

Power in Numbers

Continuing a longstanding tradition of cooperation between the Chapter and AHA, Advocacy Chair Peter Fattal, MD and Executive Director Alice Betz are members of AHA's Michigan Advocacy Committee. The committee works to maintain or increase state funding for CV disease prevention and treatment, to protect and strengthen smoke-free air laws, for appropriate tax and regulation of e-cigarettes, and to support strong EMS Systems and EMS Triage and Transport Protocols.

Access to healthy food has been a key issue for several years and in the final weeks of 2017, legislation was finally passed that incentivizes grocery stores or produce markets to open in underserved communities, thereby helping to increase the availability and access to fresh food in communities across the state. Existing stores may also access the funds if they want to expand their selection of nutritious food.

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 will conduct a strategic planning session this fall to identify policy priorities and action plans for 2019.

PURPOSEFUL EDUCATION

Chapter Conference

More than 300 cardiovascular specialists will attend the 30th Annual MCACC Conference. This is first year that the CV Team Symposium is combined with the Chapter Conference and the first time that CPE is offered for pharmacists. The 2019 conference will be November 8-9 in Grand Rapids.

Fellows Summer Course

More than 50 fellows-in-training attended an August program that began with Dr. Daniel Burkhoff's TEACH (Training & Education in Advanced Cardiovascular Hemodynamics) Program on a Friday evening, continued on Saturday morning with an in-depth seminar on clinical hemodynamics & mechanical circulatory support and wrapped up in the afternoon with "hands-on" stations.

WIC Annual Dinner Meeting

Thirty women cardiologists, fellows, residents, PAs and NPs attended the annual meeting of the Michigan Women in Cardiology Section, chaired by **Deirdre Mattina, MD**. Attendees especially valued roundtable discussions on work/life balance, getting started and being productive in research, career guidance, and contract negotiations.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2017 is posted at: <http://www.accmi.org/FY2017.pdf>