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:

- Ryan Malek, DO
- Amrit Misra, MD
- Malav Parikh, MD
- Mohit Pahuja, MD
- Raid Saco, MD
- Dilpreet Singh, MD
- Jelena Arnautovic, DO
- Saba Assar, MD

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

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