



Spring 2023

President's Message

Dear friends,

Happy new year to all of you! I hope this letter finds you all in good health and spirits as we welcome 2023. It is my privilege as your Chapter President to bring you our first newsletter of 2023 and going forward we hope to provide regular updates on our Chapter activities with a quarterly newsletter.

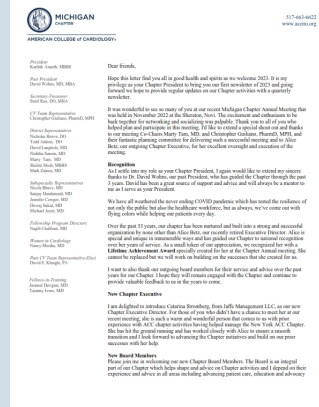
It was wonderful to see so many of you at our recent Michigan Chapter Annual Meeting that was held in November 2022 at the Sheraton, Novi. The excitement and enthusiasm to be back together for networking and socializing was palpable. Thank you to all of you who helped plan and participate in this meeting. I'd like to extend a special shout out and thanks to our meeting Co-Chairs Marty Tam, MD, and Christopher Guiliano, PharmD, MPH, and their fantastic planning committee for delivering such a successful meeting and to Alice Betz, our outgoing Chapter Executive, for her excellent oversight and execution of the meeting.

As I settle into my role as your Chapter President, I again would like to extend my sincere thanks to Dr. David Wohns, our past President, who has guided the Chapter through the past 3 years. David has been a great source of support and advice and will always be a mentor to me as I serve as your President.

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Karthik Ananthasubramaniam, MD, FACC, FASE, FASNC, FSCCT, FSCMR, FRCP Henry Ford Health



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Chapter Updates

ADVOCACY

Sunil Rao, DO, FACC

We wanted to share some legislative updates with you as we near the end of the first quarter of 2023. Our Advocacy Committee will be meeting soon to outline our advocacy agenda for the year and continue to monitor the legislative and regulatory environment, including the certificate of need policy update process.

Read more here

EDUCATION

Marty Tam, MD, FACC



Together with the Fellows-in-Training we are planning events about contract negotiations (more details to come). Future work is being considered for additional clinical and sub-specialty education and exposure.

## QUALITY

*Celeste T. Williams, MD, MS, FACC*

One quality goal of the Michigan ACC in 2023 is to improve the care of diabetic patients by reducing the risk of morbidity and mortality from cardiovascular disease. We are looking forward to our partnership with MCT2D and expecting to have a positive impact in the care of our diabetic patients statewide.

## Key Initiative

Michigan Chapter Mentorship Program: Based on feedback from many of our young members in the cardiovascular community we have created a mentorship program to help upcoming members in various paths of their professional life. Dr. Chadi Alraies and Dr. Karthik Ananthasubramaniam serve as co-chairs on the initiative.

The first group of Mentors and Mentees will meet starting in early summer and will run through the year with an aim to start the second cohort in early 2024.

[Visit our website for more updates](#)



## ACCMI Board Member Updates

### Outgoing Board Members

We would like to thank our outgoing Board Members who dedicated so much time and effort to the chapter:

- Fola Carrena, MD
- Peter Fattal, MD
- Malav Parikh, MD
- Ali Shakir, MD
- Nadia Sutton, MD

*The Board is an integral part of our chapter, which helps shape and advise Chapter activities; one whose experience advances patient care, education*

## Welcome to our new Board Members

### District Representatives

- Nick Hoeve, DO – District 1
- Nishtha Sareen, MD – District 4
- Marty Tam, MD – District 5
- Shalini Modi, MD – District 6

### Subspecialty Representatives

- Nicole Bhave, MD – Imaging
- Jennifer Cowger, MD – Heart Failure
- Sanjay Dandamudi, MD – EP
- Devraj Sukul, MD - Interventional
- Michael Joynt, MD – Pediatric/ACHD

### FIT Council Co-chairs

- Tammy Ivers, MD
- Jasneet Devgun, DO

*and advocacy decisions  
that the Chapter makes.*



**Karthik Ananth, MBBS**  
President



**David Wohns, MD, MBA**  
Past President



**Sunil Rao, DO**  
Secretary-Treasurer



**Christopher Giuliano, PharmD, MPH**  
CV Team Representative



**Nicholas Hoeve, DO**



**Todd Adams, DO**



**David Langholz, MD**



**Nishtha Sareen, MD**



**Nicole Bhawe, MD**



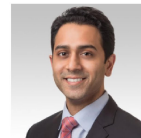
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## A Special Message from Alice

### *Farewell!*

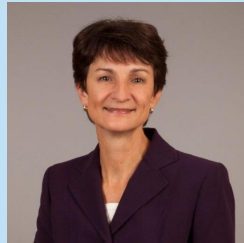
When I think back on more than 30 years as Executive Director of MCACC, my memories are of all the people who made the journey so rewarding.

I give my heartfelt thanks to...

- Every member who kept track of the Chapter's progress, read a newsletter, clicked on a link, responded to an action alert, called with a suggestion, or attended a conference. The Chapter exists because of and for you.

- The countless members who volunteered to serve on or chair a working group or committee. From education, advocacy, quality initiatives, and payer relations to bylaws, nominating, and awards our accomplishments would be far fewer without you.
- Thirty-four annual conference chairs and planning committees. It was exciting to start fresh every year to keep “the jewel” of our Chapter shining and new.
- Fellows in training (past and present). Poster presenters, Jeopardy contestants, FIT councilors and chairs, Legislative Conference award recipients, and committee members – your enthusiasm was infectious. I am proud that our fellows' programs became a model for other chapters.
- Our intrepid CV Team Liaisons/Representatives. You forged the way for CV team members to engage in the Chapter and along the way became an integral part of the Chapter’s leadership team.
- Chapter Board and Cabinet members. Your thoughtful decisions drove our Chapter and your longstanding dedication ensured its success.
- Fourteen Presidents who put their heart and soul into the Chapter through crazy long terms (one year as-elect, three as president, and three as past president) and then never hesitated to say “yes” afterward. It was an honor to learn from and work with each of you.

In my remarks at the annual conference, I likened my feelings about retiring to a mother sending her baby off to kindergarten. Probably a more appropriate analogy is a mother watching her grown child at a college (perhaps ACC?) convocation. Indeed, our Chapter has established a record number of accomplishments and a reputation for collegiality and leadership of which any mother/executive director would be proud. With a wealth of dedicated leaders and Catarina, your new and very competent executive, I’m confident you will build on that foundation. I can’t wait to see what comes next!



With great respect,  
Alice

P.S. I can still be reached at [alice@accmi.org](mailto:alice@accmi.org)



### **New Chapter Executive**

We are delighted to introduce Catarina Stromberg, from Jaffe Management LLC, as our new Chapter Executive Director after Alice Betz retired last fall.

She joins us with prior experience with ACC chapter activities having helped manage the New York ACC Chapter. She welcomes you all to reach out to her anytime at [office@accmi.org](mailto:office@accmi.org) or [catarina@accmi.org](mailto:catarina@accmi.org)

### **Congratulations to our new Michigan Chapter FACC!**

Raed Al-Najjar, MD, FACC

Sonela Blaceri, DO, FACC

Laurie Bossory, MD, FACC

Clinton Cochran, MD, FACC

Michael Dorsch, PharmD, FACC

Jonathan K. Ehrman, PhD, FACC

Pedro Engel Gonzalez, MD, FACC

Chandra Kanth Ala, MD, FACC

Timothy Joseph, MD, FACC

Stephen Lynch, MD, FACC

Amy Mertens, DO, FACC

Kellsey Peterson, MD, FACC

Bipin K Ravindran, MD, FACC

Raid Z Saco, MD, FACC

Roshni Shah, DO, FACC

Abdulbaset Sulaiman, MD, FACC

Rohit Vuppuluri, DO, FACC

## Upcoming Events & Initiatives

**Sep.  
23-24**

**ACCMI Annual Conference**  
Grand Traverse Resort and Spa

**Oct. 7**

**Annual Motown  
Women's Heart  
Symposium**

Pine Lake Country Club

[More Event Information](#)

**SAVE THE DATE**

 **Michigan** CHAPTER  
*American College of Cardiology*

**35TH ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE**

Location: Grand Traverse Resort and Spa

**September 23-24**

**HeartPAC**  
March Mayhem Challenge  
at ACC.23/WCC

 **HeartPAC**  
ACC POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE  
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CARDIOLOGY

HeartPAC is excited to announce a brand-new challenge that launched at ACC.23 – HeartPAC March Mayhem! Chapters will compete with one another to see who can get the most members to contribute to HeartPAC! The winner will take home the title of 2023 March Mayhem Champion, along with other special prizes.



[Click here for more information](#)

## HOT TOPICS

[Cardiology Magazine](#): **The Quest to Advance Solutions to Heart Health**

### **MDHHS observed American Heart Month in February**

#### ***Implementing tools and techniques can lower risk***

Heart disease is the leading cause of death of women in the United States and in Michigan, causing about one in five deaths in 2020. In recognition of American Heart Month and the American Heart Association's Go Red™ for Women campaign, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) WISEWOMAN program and Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Unit are working together to raise awareness of heart health.

[Learn More](#)



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