



Florida
CHAPTER

Message from the President

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President's Message

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Dear FCACC Colleagues,

On March 18 I was inducted as the tenth president of the Florida Chapter of the American College of Cardiology. I consider it an incredible honor to be elected to serve you. Let me take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Fred Kusumoto, MD, FACC, for all his hard work and dedication to our chapter during the last three years. He has been a great friend and mentor and instrumental in leading our chapter to the amazing position it is in today. I will always be grateful for his guidance and encouragement. We are very fortunate in Florida to have had a long line of dynamic and very active leaders. As such, I pledge myself to be your advocate at the state and national level. If there are any questions, comments, concerns, or issues, please do not hesitate to contact me personally or through the chapter office. I am very excited about where we are as a chapter and our incredible potential for the future.

One of the largest challenges that face our profession today are the legislative changes coming from both the national and state level. This year has been extremely active. There were approximately 258 bills introduced in the Florida legislature having to do with healthcare this session alone; several which would have direct effect on our practice, our patients, and hospitals.

To make our collective voice heard the chair of our advocacy committee, David Kenigsberg, MD, FACC, led our third annual Tallahassee Fly-in. It was a huge success. Thirteen chapter members, both cardiologists and CV team members, came to Tallahassee to specifically discuss issues relevant to our daily practice. We had the honor of meeting directly with Governor DeSantis; he was extremely receptive to our concerns. In addition, we met with several key senators and representatives to discuss individual bills – we explained exactly what the wording in bills would do to our patients. The impact of these meetings and relationships cannot be overstated. While I understand the burden we all face with day-to-day practice, I respectfully challenge (and request) you to get involved. It is amazing how receptive our state legislators are when we take the time to meet with them. It is also impressive to me how often they simply don't recognize the unintended consequences of legislation until it is explained from our perspective. Next year, let's double our delegation. For those of you who are worried about the hyper-partisan politics that now dominate our state and national stage, be assured: FCACC advocacy and legislative efforts are non-partisan and our efforts do not focus on party issues but are specific to what we feel are our issues: the practice of cardiovascular medicine and taking care of human beings.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you. I look forward to the next three years with anticipation and great optimism for the impact we can make together on the practice of Cardiovascular medicine.

Sincerely,

David Perloff, MD, FACC

Adult Congenital & Pediatric Member Section

Adult congenital & pediatric members are a valued part of the fabric of the chapter. The insight and acumen brought by their subspecialty is key to treating patients - check out the resources for referrals and guidelines at the new part of the FCACC website for the **Adult Congenital & Pediatric Member Section**.

Annual Meeting

Our flagship annual meeting is the place where national speakers come to your backyard. This year we gather August 16-18 at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa. The agenda is packed with hot topics and clinical decision criteria that you will use in clinic immediately. Clear your calendar, and tell your family they are coming because all of our social events are designed to include spouses and families. Additional information and registration are **here**.

2019 PRECEPTORSHIP - June 9-14

The FCACC-SEC Preceptorship experiences in 2019 are designed to offer two options to interested members. One is a shorter experience in Madrid only for those who have limited time but want to support the partnership and the second is a more in-depth trip designed to allow FCACC members time to interact with additional SEC members in different clinical settings and experience different regions of Spain. For additional details and the form to sign up **click here**.

Live & Local: State-wide CV Education Courses

FCACC members are experts and teachers, committed to a CV community that has the most up-to-date science at the bedside. The programs on **this**

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