President’s Message
February 2019

Dear FCACC Members:

Several weeks ago our chapter was awarded a grant by the American College of Cardiology to establish a Florida Cardio-Oncology Workgroup led by Diego Sadler to advance education and advocacy and establish a platform that will be implemented in other states to reduce gaps of care in cardio-oncology. Please contact Jennifer Ray Beckman (jennifer@accfl.org) if you would like to be involved in this important initiative. This award is just one example of how our state leads all other chapters in the nation.

Every year, we are asked by ACC to provide a State of the State report. The report provides a summary of our projects and future vision for improving cardiovascular care for all Floridians. Without a doubt, we are the most productive, active, and forward thinking chapter in the United States. The reason for our success is you. Thank you for being the Florida Chapter ACC.

Sincerely,

Fred Kusumoto, MD, FACC
President
Florida Chapter, American College of Cardiology

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2018 State of the State Report

MEMBER VALUE AND ENGAGEMENT

- The FCACC and Sociedad de Espanola Cardiologia (SEC) have taken another next step in the chapter exchange program as members of the SEC traveled to Florida in 2018. A fourth delegation went to Spain in June for a preceptorship where members get in-depth training on the latest technologies and therapies not yet available in the US. This year FCACC awarded travel awards for early career, women, and underrepresented populations in CV medicine. It was the most diverse group to travel to the SEC to date.
- Our CVTeam’s Leadership Circle continues to establish additional ‘chapters’ in local areas for local networking. The network of CVTeam members around the state forms a leadership circle for outreach. The CVTeam held a case competition at the Annual Meeting that included blinded submissions and peer-reviewed acceptance. The top four abstracts presented at the meeting and were honored at the President’s Celebration.
- The FCACC now has an Adult Congenial and Pediatric Section of the chapter which is vocally represented on the Board of Directors and also provides resources on the chapter website. This addition is allowing all our committees to integrate this smaller, yet important, part of the CV community into programming.

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Cardio Oncology Survey
This survey is designed to assess the knowledge and available resources in Cardio Oncology amongst Florida practicing cardiologists and to establish a baseline that may help to determine the needs and implement solutions to meet those needs.

Please spend 3-5 minutes in answering this survey that will help all of us.

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.

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POPULATION HEALTH MANAGEMENT
Perhaps the most important role that the chapter has is to ensure the best medical care for Floridians. This means providing timely access to new technologies important for the nuanced care of our individual patients and making sure that this work is of the highest quality and appropriately valued. Through our Advocacy Committee and Payer Relations and Healthcare Economics Committee, we are working with lawmakers and payers to ensure the best medical care for our patients.

- Our Payer Advocacy Committee attended all CAC meetings and had an active voice.
- For our second Tallahassee Fly-in we had eight members walk the halls and interact with lawmakers, meet with the Florida Medical Association and have a dinner with members of the Health Committees.
- The FL Cardio PAC supported sixteen members for election; only three of them failed to gain their seats.

PURPOSEFUL EDUCATION
Education continues to evolve at the chapter level. Our annual meeting is the flagship under which our leadership grows, our members gather and we connect.

- Our Flagship Annual Meeting has transformed again to better serve the membership. Outstanding leaders in different fields are asked to host breakout sessions targeting populations within the membership (EP, FIT, CVT, Federal Section, pediatric, nuclear) and to make these smaller session interactive with case studies and debates. Just under 200 members gathered in 2018.
- Our January winter meeting was rebranded with “FOCUS on MEMBERS” as the theme and concentrated on FITs and Women Cardiologists by bringing non-clinical education such as financial planning, emotional intelligence, and career path advice.

TRANSFORMATION OF CARE
Our members have used the Florida Chapter as a crucible for their far-reaching ideas about how to deliver quality, patient-centered care in an ever-changing environment through a quality project called the Florida Quality Improvement in Cardiology (FL-QUIC). The quality committee set this initiative up and was awarded $5000 from the Miami Heart Research Foundation to highlight what our members are doing to improve quality cardiovascular care in Florida. Nine projects were showcased at the FCACC Flagship Annual Meeting and top projects received awards to continue their work. These projects were sent out to members via print and online as encouragement for replicating the projects.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION
- Women Cardiologists (WIC) has grown considerably over the last year cumulating in two in-person opportunities for non-clinical education and networking – one in January and one in August touching approximately sixty-five women. Travel awards were also given to WIC leaders so they could join the SEC Spain Preceptorship. The FCACC website reflects this community and has built an area for resources for WIC.
- Our FITs are engaged in abstract submission at the annual meeting with our Young Investigator Award winner being featured at the Sociedad de Espanola Cardiologia Congreso each October. The education committee acted upon increased interested from residents intent on careers in cardiology by setting up a separate abstract contest for residents. The accepted residents displayed their abstracts during a networking session.
This also allowed training directors to see resident work as we are making an effort to keep our talent in Florida.