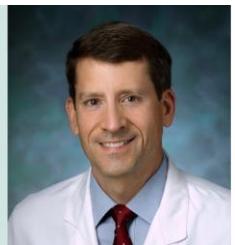




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## Message from the President

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### President's Message

#### FIT to FACC

This month, we say farewell to some cardiology fellows in training (FITs) graduating from Maryland's three cardiology fellowship programs: University of Maryland, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center/ USUHS, and Johns Hopkins. MDACC hosted a reception in their honor last Tuesday, and I had the pleasure of meeting some for the first time. Some will be staying in state or going elsewhere for subspecialty training, others will be heading off to attending cardiologist positions in Washington State, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. All fellows finishing training were encouraged to take the important step of converting their [FIT membership to FACC](#).

Throughout the evening, I reflected upon my own connections to the ACC and why I became more involved after becoming an FACC. While I did not participate much in ACC activities as a fellow (my state chapter where I did training was fairly quiet in the 1990s), before I even started my first job in southeast Michigan I was invited to give a board review prep lecture on arrhythmias at the Michigan State ACC chapter meeting being held in the fall. I remember that it was my first talk as an attending physician. I also remember the enthusiasm at the conference, which was held in a nice lodge in the northern part of the state. Lots of cardiology fellows and many attending cardiologists were interacting in a relaxed, retreat-like atmosphere. I made a number of important connections with colleagues from around the state that I kept up throughout my time there.

When I came to Maryland in 2004, all my colleagues were new, but ACC was still my professional home. I started coming to the annual chapter meeting, MACCS, especially after it moved to Heart House. I became more interested in health policy and so started attending the annual Legislative Conference in Washington, DC, as well as the state conference in Annapolis in February. At the national level, an invitation to speak at the ACC Board Review course sparked an interest in medical education that led me to work for ACC Competency Management Committee, guideline and consensus statement writing committees, and the Self-Assessment Program.

One of the aspects of involvement with ACC I have most enjoyed is the opportunity to meet and interact with cardiology colleagues from around the state, around the country, and around the world. ACC is an organization skilled at bringing people together around our shared interests at all levels. At ACC events, we are colleagues and collaborators, not competitors. We work together to enhance our own competence, knowledge, and skills to advance patient care.

The field of cardiology is in a good place today. The robust evidence base of our practice, our guidelines and consensus statements, our training statements, and the range of medications and interventions at our disposal to enhance and prolong our patients' lives make us the envy of many other specialties. The achievements are in part due to the high caliber and hard work of our professional home, the ACC. As cardiologists face the many challenges of the future, it will be more important than ever to have a strong professional society with an engaged membership.

So, graduating fellows, congratulations on all your hard work and

#### MDACC Women Cardiologists

Join the MDACC Women Cardiologists Section for our Kick-off Event!

Join your colleagues for an evening of networking and connections as we kick-off the formation of a member section in Maryland for women who are cardiologists.

The Women Cardiologist (WIC) Member Section offers opportunities to strengthen your professional support system and leadership skills through networking events, professional development and mentoring programs. It is open to all women physicians who are members of the Maryland Chapter.

**Date:** June 20th

**Time:** 5:00pm-7:00pm

**Location:** Rye Street Tavern  
225 East Cromwell Street  
Baltimore, MD 21230

**RSVP:** [email Holly](#) by **June 14th**

Questions? [Jennifer@marylandacc.org](mailto:Jennifer@marylandacc.org)



**MACCS**

#### **MACCS - SAVE THE DATE!**

Sunday, November 24

Agenda and Registration coming soon

accomplishments. As you finish your last month, please join us and take the step to become an FACC. It has never been easier - if you apply by July 15, the usual \$150 application fee is waived. Go [here](#) now to take the next step. For any moving out of state, please reach out to your [new state chapter](#). If you email me, I will be happy to make an introduction. Your chapter president and executive will be pleased to hear from you and eager to get you involved in ACC activities at the chapter and national levels.

As always, please send MDACC leadership and staff your comments, questions, and suggestions [here](#). [president@marylandacc.org](mailto:president@marylandacc.org)

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