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Echocardiography Experts Receive Special Distinction

Morrisville, NC – The American Society of Echocardiography (ASE)'s FASE Committee and its Board of Directors are very pleased to announce that 13 members have been newly designated as a “Fellow of the American Society of Echocardiography” (FASE).

This special distinction, FASE, is conferred by the Society to recognize a member's distinguished stature, their diverse set of skills and comprehensive knowledge of all aspects of echocardiography. It is bestowed on those who have achieved the highest level of contributions to the cardiovascular ultrasound medical field in areas of teaching/education, volunteerism/leadership and research.

The FASE application process is open to all physicians, research scientists and sonographer members throughout the world who have completed their training. This program was established in 2001 and less than 8% of ASE members have earned this prestigious designation. The Society created this distinction to recognize dedicated leaders who have made exceptional efforts to further cardiovascular ultrasound and improve patient care.

Listed below are the newest FASE members from the December 2013 cycle.

Asimul H. Ansari, MD, FACC, FASE

John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County
Chicago, Illinois

Ravi Balasundaram Chander, MD, FACC, MRCP, FASE

Prima CARE, P.C. Medical Center
Fall River, Massachusetts

Vicente E. Font, MD, FACC, FASE

Holy Cross Hospital / Cardiology Associates of
Fort Lauderdale
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Nitin Jaluria, MD, FACC, FASNC, FASE

PinnacleHealth Cardiovascular Institute
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Terika L. Jarrett, RDCS, MBA, FASE

WellStar Health System
Marietta, Georgia

Dakshina R. Murthy, MD, FACC, FRCPC, FASE

Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region
Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada

Sachin S. Parikh, MD, FACC, FASE

Henry Ford Hospital
Detroit, Michigan

Aldo D. Prado, MD, FACC, FASE

Centro Privado de Cardiologia
Tucumán, Argentina

Tariq Saleem, MD, FACC, FASNC, FASE
Summa Health System
Akron, Ohio

Laura M. Slingerland, BS, RT, RDCS, RVT, RDMS, FASE
Visiting Physicians Association
Troy, Michigan

Rory B. Weiner, MD, FASE
Massachusetts General Hospital
Boston, Massachusetts

Timothy D. Woods, MD, FACC, FASE
Medical College of Wisconsin
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Karen G. Zimmerman, BS, RDCS (AE,PE), RVT, FASE
Munson Medical Center
Traverse City, Michigan

Members who attain FASE have achieved rigorous credentialing and educational levels and have submitted documentation of their contributions and recommendation letters attesting to their commitment to the advancement of the profession. Candidates undergo an intensive application process that culminates in a vote of approval by a committee of leaders in the field of cardiovascular ultrasound.

Once candidates have attained this designation, they are eligible to serve on ASE's Board of Directors, among other activities. The Society's public information website, www.SeeMyHeart.org, lists Fellows of the American Society of Echocardiography by state/country as a service to the public.

As the largest global organization for cardiovascular ultrasound imaging, the American Society of Echocardiography is the leader and advocate, setting practice standards and guidelines. Comprised of over 16,000 physicians, sonographers and scientists, ASE is a strong voice, providing guidance, expertise and education to its members with a commitment to improving the practice of ultrasound and imaging of the heart and cardiovascular system for better patient outcomes. For more information about ASE, visit www.asecho.org or ASE's public information site, www.SeeMyHeart.org