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**Dr. Neil J. Weissman elected President of the American Society of Echocardiography**



Morrisville, NC- **Neil J. Weissman, MD, FACC, FASE** has taken the helm as president of the 16,000 member American Society of Echocardiography (ASE) for a one-year term following the Society's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Sessions, which were held earlier this week in Portland, OR.

Dr. Weissman addressed the members of the association at their annual business meeting and shared with the membership how the Society is well situated to lead the use of cardiovascular ultrasound in this rapidly changing healthcare environment. He envisions the society embracing a larger sector of caregivers using cardiovascular ultrasound in a more diverse manner to improve the quality of patient care in a growing number of clinical settings. His vision was well-received by the membership.

Dr. Weissman is President of MedStar Health Research Institute, Professor of Medicine at Georgetown University School of Medicine and Director of the Cardiovascular Core Laboratories at MedStar Washington Hospital Center in Washington, DC. Prior to joining the MedStar Health system, he was the Director of the Clinical Echocardiography Lab at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital.

Dr. Weissman's research interests include valvular heart disease, left ventricular remodeling, and intravascular imaging. His ultrasound core laboratory has served as a site for more than 250 multi-center trials, including multiple studies on the pharmacologic effects of valvular and ventricular function, prosthetic valve assessments, and intracoronary therapies. Additionally, Dr. Weissman has served as principal investigator for numerous national and international multi-center trials and is currently the national principal investigator on cardiac safety studies with more than 7,000 participants.

He received his medical degree from Cornell University Medical College in New York. He completed his internship, residency, and chief residency in internal medicine at New York Hospital. He followed his residency training with a clinical and research fellowship in cardiology and a fellowship in cardiac ultrasound at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, MA.

Dr. Weissman is board-certified in Cardiovascular Disease and Internal Medicine, and he is a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology (FACC) and the American Society of Echocardiography (FASE). He has published hundreds of original reports, as well as written several review articles and book chapters. He is a frequent author of cardiovascular guidelines. Internationally recognized as an expert in cardiac ultrasound, Dr. Weissman serves as an advisor on the Food and Drug Administration's Cardio-Renal Advisory Committee, has served on several national organizations, and is on editorial boards for various internationally recognized journals.

Joining him as a new member of the ASE Executive Committee is Vice President Dr. Allan L. Klein.



**Allan L. Klein, MD, FACC, FASE**, is Professor of Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western University, Director of the Center for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Pericardial Diseases, and a staff cardiologist in the Section of Cardiovascular Imaging, Department of Cardiovascular Medicine at the Heart & Vascular Institute of the Cleveland Clinic. He is board-certified in internal medicine and cardiovascular medicine. His specialty interests include clinical trials in atrial fibrillation; multimodality cardiovascular imaging of pericardial diseases and restrictive cardiomyopathy; valvular heart disease; and diastology. He has been the Guidelines and Standards Committee chair for the ASE in the last year. He directs an annual Diastology and Valve Summit symposium for Cleveland Clinic.

Continuing ASE officers include President-Elect Susan E. Wieggers, MD, FASE, of Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA; Treasurer Sherif F. Nagueh MD, FASE, of the Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, TX; Kenneth D. Horton, RCS, FASE, of Intermountain Heart Institute, Murray, UT; Joe Kreeger, RCCS, RDCS, FASE, of the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA; and Immediate Past President Benjamin F. Byrd, MD, FASE, of Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, TN.

In addition to the new officers, the ASE membership has elected the following new board members to three-year terms: Benjamin Eidem, MD, FASE, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Rochester, MN; Aasha S. Gopal, MD, FASE, Stony Brook University, NY and St. Francis Hospital, Roslyn, NY; Tasneem Z. Naqvi, MD, FASE, Mayo School of Health Sciences, Scottsdale, AZ; Hollie Carron, RDCS, FASE, Children's Medical Center, Dallas, TX; and Andrew Pellett, PhD, RDCS, FASE, School of Allied Health Professions, LA State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, LA.

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