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Echocardiography Experts Receive Special Distinction

Morrisville, NC, May 23, 2016 – The American Society of Echocardiography’s (ASE) FASE Committee and its Board of Directors are very pleased to announce that 41 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 February and April 2016 cycles.

Sivakumar Ardhanari, MD, FASE
University of Missouri
Columbia, MO

Mitchell A. Baruchin, MD, FASE
Total Cardiology Care
Jersey City, NJ

Edgar Argulian, MD, MPH, FASE
Mt. Sinai St. Luke's Hospital
New York, NY

José L. Díaz-Gómez, MD, FASE
Mayo Clinic
Jacksonville, FL

Bradley Jason Artel, MD, FASE
Wimbledon Health Partners
Boca Raton, FL

Claire L. Donato, RDCS, FASE
Mercy Hospital
Belleville, IL

Aliakbar Arvandi, MD, FASE
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
Lubbock, TX

Marcio Antonio Epifanio, MD, FASE
Clínica São Vicente Hospital
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Kim R. Baker, BS, RDCS, RVT, FASE
University of Wisconsin Health
Madison, WI

Keith James Farwell, MHSc, RDCS (AE), CPTA, FASE
Washburn University
Topeka, KS



Ervin R. Fox, MD, FASE

University of Mississippi Medical Center
Jackson, MS

Rita A. France, RT, RDMS, RDCS, FASE

Children's Mercy Hospital
Kansas City, MO

Benjamin H. Freed, MD, FASE

Northwestern Memorial Hospital
Chicago, IL

Sami N Ghazal, MD, FASE

King Fahd Specialist Hospital
Dammam, Saudi Arabia

Hwaida Hannoush, MD, FASE

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
Bethesda, MD

Jessica Hathaway, MD, FASE

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center
Lebanon, NH

Allison G. Hays, MD, FASE

Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, MD

Karen L. Helfinstine, RCS, RDCS, FASE

Mayo Clinic
Farmington, MN

Marjan Heshmati, BA, RCS, FASE

The Methodist Hospital
Houston, TX

Samantha L. Hobbs, BS, RDCS, RVT, FASE

Licking Memorial Healthcare
Newark, OH

Pei-Ni Jone, MD, FASE

Children's Hospital Colorado
Aurora, CO

Divya Kapoor, MD, FASE

Southern Arizona VA Health Care System
Tucson, AZ

Attila Kovács, MD, PhD, FASE

Semmelweis University Heart and Vascular Center
Budapest, Hungary

Eric John Kruse, BS, RDCS, RVT, FASE

University of Chicago Medical Center
Chicago, IL

Joseph F. Maalouf, MD, FASE

Mayo Clinic
Rochester, MN

Dimitrios Maragiannis, MD, FASE

Houston Methodist Hospital
Houston, TX

K. Annette Mizuguchi, MD, PhD, MMSc, FASE

Brigham and Women's Hospital
Boston, MA

Pravin V. Patil, MD, FASE

Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University
Philadelphia, PA

Sanaz Piran, MD, FASE

Joseph Brant Hospital
Oakville, Ontario, Canada

David L Prior, MD, FASE

St. Vincent's Hospital Melbourne
Fitzroy, Victoria, Australia

Dima Quraini, MD, FASE

New England Cardiology
Boston, MA

Dawn Rabineau, BS, RDCS, FASE

Duke University Medical Center
Durham, NC

James Michael Rampoldi, RDCS, RVT, FASE

The Heart Hospital Baylor Plano
Plano, TX

Ahmad Salloum, MD, FASE

Coastal CV Consultants
Brick, NJ

Gautam K. Singh, MD, FASE

Washington University
St. Louis, MO

Emily G. Teeter, MD, FASE

UNC Health Care
Chapel Hill, NC

Mehnoush T. Tabrizi, MD, FASE

Shaheed Madani Heart Center
Tabriz, Iran

Brian R. Volz, RDCS, FASE

The Christ Hospital
Cincinnati, OH

Hong Wang, MD, PhD, FASE

Wayne State University
Detroit, MI

Tammy L. Witke, RDCS, FASE

St. Jude Heritage
Anaheim, CA

Doug Wuebben, BA, AS, RDCS, FASE

Avera Sacred Heart Hospital
Yankton, SD



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, 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 (ASE) is the leader and advocate, setting practice standards and guidelines. Comprised of nearly 17,000 physicians, sonographers, nurses, 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 ASEcho.org.

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