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Dr. Madhav Swaminathan Elected President of the American Society of Echocardiography

Durham, NC, June 25, 2019 – Madhav Swaminathan, MD, MBBS, MMCi, FASE, has taken the helm as president of the American Society of Echocardiography (ASE). His presidency, which will last one year, marks the first time that an anesthesiologist has been elected to head ASE in its 44-year history.

Dr. Swaminathan addressed the members of the Society at their annual business meeting and shared his excitement for leading ASE for the next year. He said, “ASE has taken an unprecedented step of tapping the first anesthesiologist as its president. It is a bold statement about celebrating diversity. I look forward to leading the Society that has opened its arms to everyone who is interested in cardiovascular ultrasound. In addition to guiding ASE into a new strategic plan beginning in 2020, I am committed to building a network of leaders that supports the well-being of the entire cardiovascular ultrasound community.”



Dr. Swaminathan is board certified in anesthesiology and perioperative transesophageal echocardiography. He is Vice Chair for Faculty Development, Duke Anesthesiology, and Professor of Anesthesiology, Duke University School of Medicine. He joined the faculty at Duke in 2002 and rose rapidly to the rank of professor with tenure, winning teaching and community service awards along the way. Administratively, he served as Director, Perioperative Echocardiography Service from 2004-2014, where he transformed Duke's research in echocardiography, developed new echo educational initiatives, and brought practitioners of cardiovascular ultrasound together. In his role as the vice chair for faculty development, he is responsible for nurturing the faculty with the vision, mentorship, opportunities, and infrastructure they need to be leaders in changing the face of perioperative medicine. His research interests focus on diastolic dysfunction as well as kidney outcomes after cardiac surgery. He has published over 160 papers in peer-reviewed journals and has written several editorials and book chapters, and is a co-editor of a popular textbook on perioperative echocardiography.

In 2015, Dr. Swaminathan was named the 16th Feigenbaum Lecturer at the ASE Scientific Sessions. This was the first time an anesthesiologist was given this honor, which is awarded to a young investigator in recognition of their significant contributions to research in the field of cardiovascular ultrasound and their potential to continue at a high level of achievement. Dr. Swaminathan has held many significant roles on ASE committees, including chair of the Membership Committee and chair of the Council on Perioperative Echocardiography (COPE). He has also served on the Industry Relations Committee, Education Committee, and as co-chair and chair of the Perioperative Echocardiography track for ASE's Scientific Sessions from 2011-2015. He currently serves on the editorial board of CASE, ASE's cardiovascular imaging case reports journal. He has participated on

other writing groups and taskforces, including Governance, Public Relations, and Non-Traditional Users.

Dr. Swaminathan is active in a number of other professional societies, including the American Medical Association, the Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists, the American Heart Association, the Association of University Anesthesiologists, and the International Anesthesia Research Society.

He attended college in India, earning an MBBS with distinction at Delhi University. He completed residencies and fellowships in anesthesia and cardiac anesthesia at Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium, the Royal Victoria Hospitals Trust, Belfast, UK, and Duke University, Durham, NC. He has also received a Master of Management in Clinical Informatics from Duke University in 2016.

Dr. Swaminathan served as ASE's vice President and President-Elect prior to ascending to President. Joining him as new members of the 2019-2020 Executive Committee are Vice President, Raymond Stainback, MD, FASE, Texas Heart Institute, Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center, Houston, TX; and Secretary, Matt Umland, ACS, RDCS, FASE, Aurora Healthcare, Aurora, WI.

Continuing ASE officers include: President-Elect, Judy Hung, MD, FASE, from Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA; Council Representative, Wyman Lai, MD, MPH, FASE, CHOC Children's Hospital, Orange, CA; and Treasurer, Carol Mitchell, PhD, RDMS, RDCS, RVT, RT(R), ACS, FASE, University of Wisconsin Hospital, Madison, WI, and Immediate Past President, Jonathan R. Lindner, MD, FASE, of Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR.

In addition to the new officers, the ASE membership has elected the following new board of directors members to two-year terms: Piers Barker, MD, FASE, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC (Pediatric Council Steering Committee Chair); Alina Nicoara, MD, FASE, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC (Perioperative Council Steering Committee Chair); Alan S. Pearlman, MD, FASE, Seattle, WA (Past President); Peter Rahko, MD, FASE, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI; Jennifer Schaaf, BS, ACS, RDCS, FASE, The Christ Hospital Health Network, Cincinnati, OH; Vandana Sachdev, MD, FASE, National Institute of Health, Bethesda, MD; and Cathy West, MSc, DMU (CARDIAC), AMS, EACVI CHD, FASE, Royal Brompton Hospital, London, UK (International). Geoffrey Rose, MD, FASE, Sanger Heart & Vascular Center, Charlotte, NC, will also serve on the board after being reappointed for his exceptional service.

ASE is the Society for Cardiovascular Ultrasound Professionals™. Over 17,000 physicians, sonographers, nurses, and scientists are members of ASE making it the largest global organization for cardiovascular ultrasound imaging and as such the leader and advocate, setting practice standards and guidelines for the field. The Society is committed 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](https://www.asecho.org); or for more information about the ASE Scientific Sessions visit [ASEScientificSessions.org](https://www.asescientificsessions.org).

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