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Dr. Jonathan Lindner Appointed to Serve on the MEDCAC

(DURHAM, NC, July 6, 2022)—American Society of Echocardiography (ASE) Past President Jonathan Lindner, MD, FASE, is a newly named advisor to the Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage Advisory Committee (MEDCAC), which advises the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on whether services and supplies are reasonable and necessary under Medicare law.

As a member on the MEDCAC, Dr. Lindner—who will soon relocate to the University of Virginia as the Francis Ball Chair of Medicine and Vice Chair of Research for Cardiology, brings more than 30 years' experience in clinical, educational and research activities in cardiovascular ultrasound imaging.



"I am honored at the opportunity to serve as a voice for cardiovascular ultrasound as an advisor to the MEDCAC," said Dr. Lindner. "This appointment recognizes the important work of echocardiography, solidifies the field's role as a specialty that is important to patient care, and reiterates the many ways cardiovascular ultrasound is at the forefront of new technology and science."

A recognized leader in cardiovascular medicine, Dr. Lindner has published more than 275 original papers, is funded by several R01 grants from the National Institutes of Health and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and is a pioneer in the use of advanced non-invasive imaging with nanotechnology for early detection of disease. Additionally, he is an active member and longtime leader in a variety healthcare-related organizations, including the ASE. He served as ASE's President (2018-2019), is current chair of the ASE Research Committee, and is a recipient of many notable ASE awards.

The MEDCAC was established to supplement the CMS internal expertise and allow an unbiased and current deliberation of "state of the art" technology and science. The MEDCAC advisory committee is comprised of up to 100 experts in clinical and administrative medicine, biologic and physical sciences, public health administration, patient advocacy, health care data and information management analysis, health care economics, and medical ethics, and provides independent guidance and advice to CMS.

About American Society of Echocardiography

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