

Introducing the ASE Council on Critical Care Echocardiography

THE CRITICAL CARE Echocardiography (CCE) Special Interest Group (SIG) is thrilled it will become an ASE Council on July 1, 2022. ASE Councils bring together ASE members with similar professional interests and areas of expertise, providing a forum for networking, knowledge sharing, and provision of guidance to the ASE Board of Directors regarding subspecialty areas, while also helping to create educational offerings and guidance on standards of care to the ASE Board and, specifically, to the Guidelines and Standards Committee.

We would like to introduce ourselves to you, and reach out and encourage you all to join us in this exciting and evolving multidisciplinary area of echocardiography! We were excited to meet many CCE colleagues and enthusiasts at the 2022 ASE Scientific Sessions in Seattle, and look forward to working together collectively. If your interests are in the realm of CCE, we sincerely hope that you will choose to be a member of the CCE Council! Please feel free to reach out and contact any or all of us if you have questions and/or suggestions. This is a rapidly evolving area, and your input is highly desired and valued.



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Dr. Bremer is a nurse, sonographer, and educator, who is the Education and Quality Coordinator at the Mayo Clinic Echocardiography Lab in Rochester, MN, and works clinically as an Advanced Cardiac Sonographer (ACS). In 2020, she received the ASE Cardiovascular Sonographer Distinguished Teacher Award. She is currently Co-Chair of the ASE Governance and Compliance committee as well as Chair of the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) Board of Directors. Merri is an accomplished actress, who also loves travel, music, gardening, and doing things with her family.





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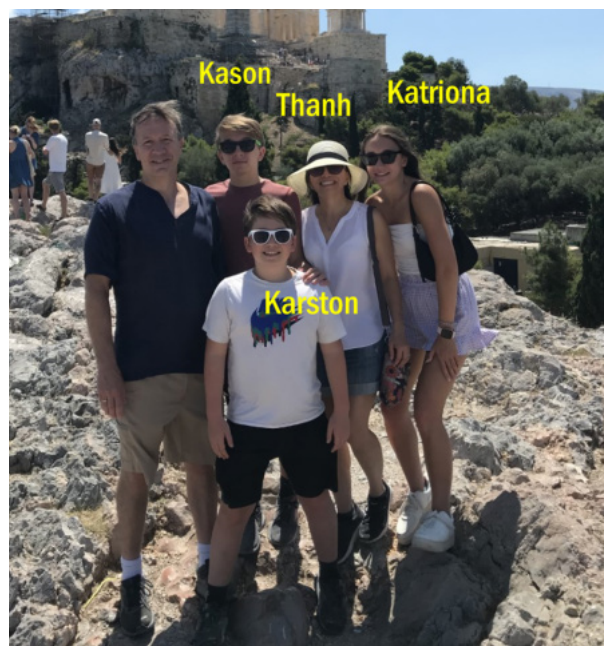


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Dr. Kirkpatrick is a cardiologist who is Section Chief of Cardiac Imaging and Director of Echocardiography at the University of Washington in Seattle where he sees patients in the general cardiology and aortopathy clinics, serves as the chair of the Ethics Committee, and rotates on the Ethics Consultation service. He serves on the ImageGuide Echo Registry Oversight Committee, is Chair of the ASE Foundation Board where he has co-lead several ASEF trips to Vietnam, and is the Abstract Chair for ASE 2022 Scientific Sessions. He enjoys attending and chauffeuring his three adolescent children to vocal concerts, swim meets, track meets, basketball and football games, which he also coaches.





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Dr. Labovitz is an academic clinical cardiologist and echocardiographer

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He is “all things point of care ultrasound” and has been involved in promoting the growth of educational opportunities for clinical providers as well as establishing opportunities for clinical research investigators involved in education and application of point of care ultrasound for the intensivist. He is a father, a husband, and a friend, who would not be able to do these things without them. He hopes to retire one day to play acoustic guitar in a small bar he will name “docs.”





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Dr. Mulvagh is a cardiologist and Professor of Medicine at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, and Professor Emeritus at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN. She specializes in echocardiography with a focus on contrast, stress, and women and cardiovascular disease. She is Director of the Point of Care Ultrasound Curriculum for the Internal Medicine Residency program at Dalhousie, Chair of the ASE 2022 Scientific Sessions, Vice President and incoming President of the Canadian Society of Echocardiography, and has served on the ASE Board of Directors. She enjoys mentoring trainees, running with her dogs, having visits and hiking with her adult kids, doing yoga, and making wine at her vineyard in the Annapolis Valley.



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Dr. Nova Panebianco is an emergency medicine physician and Associate Professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, where she is the Emergency Medicine Clinical Ultrasound Division Director and POCUS-Alliance Chair. Nova is the past president of the American College of Emergency Physicians Ultrasound Section, past president of the Society of Academic Emergency Medicine Academy of Emergency Ultrasound, current president of the Society of Clinical Ultrasound Fellowships, a member of the NBE Board of Directors, and ASE Scientific Sessions 2022 Track Co-Chair for the Critical Care/POCUS. She loves spending time with her three daughters and musician husband, as well as running, knitting, and traveling.





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Dr. Sorrell is a clinical cardiologist with specific expertise in multimodality imaging (Echo, Nuclear, CCT, & CMR) at the University of Kentucky where he holds the Anthony N. DeMaria Chair of Cardiac Imaging and serves as the Acting Chief of the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine. He was the recipient of the 10th Annual ASE Richard Popp Award, currently serves on the ASE Board of Directors, and is the Editor-in-Chief for ASE's case reports journal, CASE. When not working or volunteering for ASE, he likes to travel the world to unusual locations, especially enjoying diving with Hammerheads in the Galapagos or Whale Sharks in Mexico.



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Dr. Tucay is a cardiologist working at the Philippine Heart Center as director and training officer for the Basic and Advanced Echocardiography Training Programs, and has particular interest in imaging valvular and congenital heart diseases, and in training fellows for critical care echocardiography. He is the past president of the ASEAN Society of Echocardiography and the Philippine Society of Echocardiography (PSE), past chairman of the PSE Board of Examiners for Cardiac Sonography, and currently serves as the International Liaison Officer of PSE. He is actively involved in the World Alliance Societies of Echocardiography, and served as Co-Director of the 3rd Echo ASE-ASEAN and the ASEF Echo Mission in Manila. He enjoys adventurous explorations with his family.



Note: Drs. Labovitz, Diaz-Gomez, Koenig, Mayo, Mulvagh, and Panebianco serve on the NBE CCE Exam Writing Committee; Drs. Labovitz, Mayo, Mulvagh, and Panebianco serve on the NBE CCE Certification Committee.