Welcome Our New Fellows

As a new year begins, we are excited to welcome five new Cardiovascular Disease fellows and four new fellows in our subspecialty programs for the 2018-2019 year. We are also delighted to have old friends in new roles in Cardiac Imaging, Interventional Cardiology, and Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology.

Our incoming class is an accomplished group and we are confident they will all be great additions to our Section. To get to know each of our new fellows, please see their photos and read their bios on subsequent pages.

Here’s to a great year!

A Year for the Books: 2017 to 2018 Fellowship Year

We have just completed a remarkable 2017-2018 fellowship year. Our talented fellows made us proud with many accomplishments, honors, and more. They have dedicated many hours to our Section, providing incredible care to our patients, all while developing as leaders, teachers and scientists. On behalf of all Cardiology faculty and staff, we thank you all for your hard work and offer big congratulations to our six graduates.

HAIL TO THE CHIEF

We’d like to welcome Isla McClelland as the new Chief Fellow for the 2018 – 2019 fellowship class! Isla has hit the ground running and will do an outstanding job. Big thanks to Joe Venturini for his incredible work as Chief Fellow for the past year!!
The New Faces of Cardiology Fellowship

Mark Belkin
I’m originally from Glenview, a suburb North of Chicago. I grew up playing hockey and running cross country and track. I went down to Tulane University for college where I met my now wife, Anna, while driving ambulances around the city in the Tulane EMS program, and graduated with degrees in Neuroscience and Jewish Studies. New Orleans was a great experience, but I was excited to return to Chicago for medical school. I finished my four years at Rush Medical College and was thrilled to match here at University of Chicago for residency. I have really enjoyed getting to know the Cardiology department over the last three years, and I’m looking forward to working more closely with all of you as a fellow. In my spare time, I enjoy hanging out with friends, running with our dog Buster, and watching Blackhaws, Bears, and Cubs games.

Mark Dela Cruz
Born and raised in Manila, Philippines, I moved to the United States at the age of 15. After a year of enjoying the sun and surf in San Diego, my family moved yet again and settled in Philadelphia where I finished high school and then attended the University of Pennsylvania for college. There, I double majored in Biological Basis of Behavior and French Studies (all while spending most of my spare time performing with student musical theater groups). After college, I made the trek back out West for medical school and, consequently, internal medicine residency both at UCSF. This past year, I have been working as a Hospitalist with the Advanced Heart Failure Service at UCSF. In my spare time, I love running outdoors, exploring new neighborhoods, and traveling the world. I’m also a bit of a coffee, wine, and food obsessive and am constantly thinking about the next great meal. Since I know that Chicago has a thriving food scene, I’m very excited to see and experience everything the city and the Midwest has to offer. Most of all, I’m very excited to meet and work with my co-fellows at the University of Chicago!

Abdulrahman Dia
Hi all! I was born in Damascus, Syria but have been a Chicago native, specifically the south side, for basically my whole life. I attended both college and medical school at the University of Illinois at Chicago. I was fortunate enough to complete residency and a chief year at UoC. Clearly I cannot get enough of Chicago, so I am thrilled to stay for several more years for fellowship here. Outside of work, a lot of my time is spent with family, finding new restaurants in Chicago, reading, and watching football (soccer). Excited to join the cardiology family.
Swati Rao

I was born in Memphis, TN and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah where my parents still live. I attended college at the University of Utah where I studied biomedical engineering. After graduation, I spent a few months studying Shakespeare at the University of Cambridge and then took a position in Baltimore as a research intern for Siemens Corporation. At that time, I realized how much I enjoyed the intersection of engineering and medicine. I then returned to Salt Lake where I completed medical school and went on to complete my residency at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. In addition to medicine I like to hike, ski, cycle, host dinner parties and watch food documentaries. I am so excited to be a part of the University of Chicago and look forward to meeting you all.

Michael Henry

My tour of the Midwest began in the northern suburbs of Detroit, Michigan where I was born, raised, and developed an irrational love of Detroit sports. From there I went to Indiana where I studied Biology at Norte Dame. Next stop was Chicago for medical school at Loyola. While I wasn’t won over by the Chicago sports teams, I did enjoy all the food, culture and people the city had to offer. I then U-turned to Michigan for IM residency at UofM. During our time in Ann Arbor, Mary Ellen and I got married and rescued a devilishly charming puppy named Lucy. We are thrilled to be heading back to Chicago. Mary Ellen is going back to the classroom as a CPS teacher and I am ready to get fellowship started and join the UofC community. When not working or corralling Lucy, I will be playing basketball, doing a crossword puzzle or working on my newest pursuit of yoga.
The Advanced Fellows of 2018-2019

Imo Ebong – Heart Failure

I was born in Calabar, Nigeria. I obtained my MBBS at the University of Nigeria and moved to the US to complete my IM residency within the Cleveland Clinic Health System. I completed my research fellowship at Wake Forest University and my Cardiology fellowship at University of Arizona. I have a strong passion for Heart failure and I am very excited to join the University of Chicago as a fellow in advanced heart failure and cardiac transplantation. I look forward to working with the other fellows and faculty. I am eager to explore the exciting and lively environment here in Chicago!

Arun Kannan – Electrophysiology

I grew up in a small town in India and went to medical school in Chennai, India before moving to United States for my residency training. After completing my residency at Northeast Ohio Medical University, I worked at the University of Arizona as an Assistant Professor of Medicine for 3 years. I stayed at the University of Arizona to pursue my cardiology fellowship. Outside of medicine, I enjoy photography and travelling. I am absolutely thrilled to be part of the University of Chicago to begin my training in electrophysiology for further professional enrichment.

Zenith Jameria– Electrophysiology

I grew up in India until I was sixteen, when I first arrived in the Midwest of the US with my wonderful parents. I have pretty much stayed in the region ever since. I did bioengineering at University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) just across the town. Then went on to medical school at Indiana University and then residency at University of Cincinnati. My wife and I came back to Chicago for a cardiology fellowship at UIC for me and for further career options in architecture for her. We have been blessed with a son who is now sixteen months old and occupies most of my free time. However, when I do have free time, I enjoy reading variety of books, travel, and explore the restaurants of Chicago with my wife. I am excited to meet and learn from all of you and start the first chapter of my final lifelong learning journey in EP at University of Chicago.
I was born in Iran and spent the majority of my childhood in Tehran where I was exposed to a war but also got to very much enjoy the simplicities that life had to offer. I moved to Chicago as a teenager and instantly fell in love with the city. I was fortunate to do my earlier schooling, undergraduate and medical school in the city. Soon after I decided that I wanted to move around the country to be exposed to different cultures that the country has to offer. At Cleveland Clinic where I did my residency I fell in love with Cardiac imaging especially Echocardiography through a great mentor and continued my interest at University of Washington where I did my general Cardiology fellowship. Throughout my training, I have had amazing mentors and have realized the importance of mentorship as an integral portion of training and educational growth. Soon after training, I returned to Chicago where I had the time to practice for couple of years. I am excited to return to the training arena where I can learn about Cardiac CT and MRI and expand my multidisciplinary imaging knowledge. I am excited for the learning opportunities that University of Chicago has to offer and to work with a wonderful team. This summer, I am enjoying the World Cup games and look forward to having many great conversations about the games with the group.

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Let’s Get Personal

Fellows DO have a life outside of Cardiology! Here are a few major events that took place over the course of 2017-2018.

Married!

• Dongbo Yu married Jennifer Yu on January 5, 2018

Engaged!

• Emeka Anyanwu got engaged to Dr. Elizabeth Banks.

Fellowship Class of 2045!

• Mary Kate and Joseph brought Michael Francis and Thomas Vincent Venturini into the world on 9/12/17

• Kalie and Danny welcomed Eliana Dani Kebed, joining brother Noah (4). Eliana was born 10/17/17.

• Bhavna and Adam introduced Ajay Adam Kost. Ajay was born 12/8/2017

• Michelle and Ilya welcomed Liora Hannah Karagodin into the world. Liora arrived 2/25/2018.
Congratulations to the 2018 Graduates!

Bhavna Balaney will be a Cardiologist at JenCare Senior Medical Center
Rohan Kalathiya will be an Advanced Interventional Cardiology Fellow at the University of Chicago
Kalie Kebed will be the Advanced Cardiac Imaging fellow here at the University of Chicago
Luke Laffin will be an Assistant Professor at Cleveland Clinic, Sections of Preventive and Clinical Cardiology
Nikhil Narang will be an Advanced Heart Failure & Transplant Cardiology Fellow University of Chicago
Jeremy Stone will be an Assistant Professor at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine.

Congratulations to our Graduating Advanced Fellows too!

Advanced Cardiac Imaging
  • Akhil Narang will be an Assistant Professor of Medicine/Cardiology at Northwestern University.
  • Neha Goyal will enjoy a Cardiac Imaging faculty position in India.

Interventional Cardiology
  • Jonathan Rosenberg will be joining the faculty at Northshore University Health System in Interventional Cardiologist
  • Taishi Hirai will be a CTO/CHIP fellow at Mid America Heart Institute.

Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology
  • Ben Chung will be staying on in Heart Failure at a Clinical Associate at the University of Chicago.
  • Ann Nguyen will be a Research Fellow in Heart Failure at the University of Chicago.
Exciting visiting lectures...

For example: our fellows enjoyed a special Q&A with Dr. Roman DeSanctis during his visit in the Spring of 2018!

Dr. Childers came to the University of Chicago in 1963 as a Cardiology fellow and remained here for 50 years. He became a renowned authority on the movement of electrical impulses within the beating heart and the use and interpretation of electrocardiograms. He lectured widely and received many honors. He was awarded the teaching award by the fellows so many times that the award was named after him.

Each year the fellows have the difficult task of choosing a faculty member to give the prestigious Rory Childers Teaching Award. It goes to a faculty member who the graduating class feels has inspired them and provided and outstanding mentorship and teaching.

This year, The Rory R. Childers Cardiology Teaching Award was presented to Francis Alenghat.

Congratulations, Dr. Alenghat!
Morton Arnsdorf
Cardiovascular Research Day
April 19-20, 2018

The 10TH Annual Cardiovascular Research Day (CRD) Symposium was held April 19-20, 2018. The symposium highlighted the research within the Sections of Cardiology, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Vascular Surgery, Cardiac Anesthesiology and Interventional Radiology. This day is named in honor of our esteemed friend, mentor and colleague who we continue to miss greatly.

This year, we had an unprecedented number of abstract submissions; spanning basic research to clinical studies and representing all the disciplines in the cardiovascular field. Of the 106 abstracts, 24 were basic/translational studies and 69 were clinical studies. Many of the studies were performed as collaborations between 2 or more laboratories or groups. This made our Section exceptionally proud.

The Keynote lecture, “Folding and Unfolding the Genome to Generate the Heart” was given by our guest of honor Jonathan A. Epstein, MD from Perelman School of Medicine on April 20th.

Research Day: Featured Abstracts and Presentations

Wenli Dai
Mechanisms of AP Prolongation and Triggered Activity in a TBX5 Model of Atrial Fibrillation

Luke Laffin
Mapping the Data Zones of a Clinical Trial Using a Novel Score

Akhil Narang
Superiority of 3D over 2D Echocardiographic Analysis of Right Ventricular Function in Predicting Mortality

Nikhil Narang
Discordance Between Clinical and Invasive Assessment of Hemodynamics in Patients with Decompensated Heart Failure

Cardiovascular Research Day wouldn’t have been possible without the participation of our committee!

Francis Alenghat, MD, PhD
John Blair, MD
Gene Kim, MD
James K. Liao, MD
Victor Mor-Avi, PhD
Cevher Ozcan, MD
Diane Hill
Melissa Meskers
Impressive Academic Production

**Arnsdorf Cardiovascular Research Day: Abstracts**


- **Bhavna Balaney**, Mani Vembar, Michael Grass, Amita Singh MD, Luis Landeras, Jonathan Chung, Victor Mor-Avi, Amit R. Patel “Can Motion Correction During Stress CT Myocardial Perfusion Imaging Improve Visualization of Coronary Arteries?”


- **Mark Belkin, Bow Benjamin Chung**, Roberto Lang, Kirk Spencer, Gabriel Sayer, Sirtaz Adatya, Nitasha Sarswat, Gene Kim, Nir Uriel “Diffuse Ventricular Hematoma after Heart Transplant and Repeated Myocardial Instrumentation: a Case Report”


- **Taishi Hirai MD**, Steven Tate, Kathryn Dryer BA, Deshon Jones, **Jonathan Rosenberg** MD, Sandeep Nathan MD, MSc, Atman P Shah MD, Kyle Carey MPH, Mathew Churpek MD MPH PhD, Dana Edelson MD, MS, Janet Friant, Jonathan Paul MD, and John E A Blair MD “Electronic Cardiac Arrest Triage Score Best Predicts Mortality after Intervention in Patients with Massive and Submassive Pulmonary Embolism”

- **Taishi Hirai MD**, Hiroto Kitahara MD, John Blair MD, Husam H Balkhy MD, Sandeep Nathan MD, MSc “Impact of chronic total occlusion in advanced hybrid TECAB and PCI revascularization in patients with multi-vessel coronary artery disease”
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• **Kalie Kebed**, Karima Addetia, Megan Yamat, Kirk T. Spencer, Lynn Weinert, Roberto M. Lang “The Continuum of Tricuspid Regurgitation: Mild, Moderate, Severe, and ‘Super Severe’?”


• **Kalie Kebed**, Kirk T. Spencer, Megan Yamat, Lynn Weinert, Francesco Maffessanti, Victor Mor-Avi, Roberto M. Lang, Karima Addetia “Functional Tricuspid Regurgitation: Impact of Right Ventricular Remodeling on Tricuspid Valve Tethering”

• **Luke Laffin**, Stephanie Besser, Francis Alenghat “Mapping the Data Zones of a Clinical Trial Using a Novel Score”

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• **Akhil Narang**, Valentina Volpato, Gloria Tamborini, Laura Fusini, Mauro Pepi, Neha Goyal, Neeta Kumari, David Prater, Karima Addetia, Amit R Patel, Victor Mor-Avi, Roberto M. Lang “3D Echocardiographic Automated Quantification of Left Ventricular and Left Atrial Time-volume Curves: Comparison with MRI”

• **Akhil Narang**, Niklas Hitschrich, David Hitschrich, Karima Addetia, Victor Mor-Avi, Bernhard Mumm, Roberto M. Lang “Virtual Reality Using 3D Echocardiography Data to Evaluate Structural Heart Disease”


• **Akhil Narang**, Valentina Volpato, Kanako Kishiki, Kirk T. Spencer, Stephanie Besser, Victor Mor-Avi, Roberto M. Lang, Karima Addetia “Global Longitudinal Strain: A Novel Predictor of Mortality in Patients with Severe Aortic Insufficiency and Preserved Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction”
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- **Ann Nguyen, Ben Chung, Nikhil Narang, Sara Kalantari, Jayant Raikhelkar, Nitasha Sarswat, Gene Kim, Valluvan Jeevanandam, Gabriel Sayer, Nir Uriel** “Endovascular Treatment of Intracranial Mycotic Aneurysms in Patients with Left Ventricular Assist Devices”

- **Ann Nguyen, Ben Chung, Nikhil Narang, Sara Kalantari, Jayant Raikhelkar, Nitasha Sarswat, Gene Kim, Valluvan Jeevanandam, Gabriel Sayer, Nir Uriel** “High Prevalence of BK Virus in Heart Transplant Patients and Effect on Outcomes”


- **Jeremy Stone, Eduardo Enriquez, Akhil Narang, Kirk T. Spencer, Roberto M. Lang** “Heart Failure with Mid-Range Ejection Fraction: Are Left Ventricular or Left Atrial Strain Associated with Increased Mortality?”


- **Dong Bo Yu, Gene Kim, Marcella Vaicik, Gabriel Sayer, Jayant Raikhelkar, Nitasha Sarswat, Eric Brey, John Georgiadis, Nir Uriel** “Functional assessment of decellularized extracellular matrix in patients undergoing LVAD implantation”

**NEW WEBSITE!**
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- **Narang A**, *Multimodality Imaging to Guide Coronary Revascularization, Update on Structural Heart Disease Trials*, IndiaLive 2017, New Delhi, India
- **Narang A**, *Meet the Acute/Stable Heart Disease Legends Session (Drs. Robert Califf, Antonio Colombo, Frederick Grover)* American College of Cardiology 2017 Scientific Sessions, Washington, DC
- **Narang A**, *Highlights From ACC.17 Late Breaking Clinical Trials That Will Change Your Practice*, ACC Illinois/Wisconsin Annual Meeting, Lake Geneva, WI
- **Narang A**, *Using Social Media to Advance Your Academic and Professional Mission* Grand Rounds, Loyola University, Dept of Pathology, Maywood, IL (w/ Vineet Arora, MD)
- **Narang A**, *Global Longitudinal Strain in Post-Heart Transplant Patients with Normal Left Ventricle Ejection Fraction is Associated with Coronary Allograft Vasculopathy*. American Society of Echocardiography (Baltimore, MD)
- **Narang A**, *Challenging Case Presentation, Innovations in Cardiovascular Therapeutics* (Chicago, IL)
- **Narang A**, American Society of Echocardiography (Nashville, TN)
# National Leadership/Involvement/Honors...

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| Isla McClelland | 2018 ACC FIT Section Leadership Council, IL FIT Co-Representative              |

***Please take time to give a very special thank you to Diane Hill for her hard work as our fellowship coordinator this year!!

While it is a labor of love, her hard work and constant attention to our fellows (including collating and creating this impressive newsletter!) is both noticed and appreciated!