C3 2020 Virtual Conference Presents

Fellows and Young Practitioners Forum

Saturday December 19 | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM EST

MEET THE CASE PRESENTERS





Alex Achim, MD Interventional Cardiology Fellow

University Heart Center

Dr. Achim is an Interventional Cardiology Fellow from Romania, currently training at the University Heart Center, Graz, Austria through the EAPCI training grant. Dr. Achim is furthering his skills in complex PCI, coronary imaging and structural interventions, and is actively involved in clinical trials and bench-work.



Denise Tiong, MBChB Cardiovascular Disease Fellow Interventional Cardiology Trainee

Dr. Tiong is an Interventional Cardiologist Fellow at Blackpool Teaching Hospitals, NHS Foundation Trust in Manchester, England, United Kingdom.



Mina Iskander, MD Interventional Cardiology Fellow Rush University Medical Center

I graduated from Ain Shams University Medical School in Egypt. I completed my residency and Cardiology Fellowship at Cook County Hospital in Chicago. I am currently training in interventional cardiology at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago and look forward to presenting at Virtual C3 Fellows & Young Practitioners Forum on December 19, 2020.



Poonam Velagapudi, MD, MS, FACC, FSCAI Assistant Professor of Medicine University of Nebraska Medical Center

Dr. Poonam Velagapudi is a Structural Interventional Cardiologist, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Associate Program Director for Cardiovascular Medicine fellowship at the University of Nebraska. Her clinical interests include high risk PCI, mechanical circulatory support in shock, radial and large bore access, percutaneous transcatheter valve procedures including TAVR, TMVR, and MitraClip. She also has a strong interest in education, advocacy and increasing/promoting participation of women in clinical trials. She is a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology (ACC) and the Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions (SCAI), Chair of the ACC Early Career Section, Past Chair of the ACC Fellows in Training Section, and Co-Chair of the SCAI Educational Committee. She is a strong proponent of using social media for fostering education in cardiology and serves as a social media editor for 'JACC: Cardiovascular Interventions' journal and is an Early Career Correspondent for ACC ACCEL Audio. She is also an Associate Editor for the 'European Heart Journal (EHJ)- Case Reports' journal.



Saraschandra Vallabhajosyula, MD, MSc Clinical Fellow, Interventional Cardiology

Emory University School of Medicine

Dr. Vallabhajosyula is an Interventional Cardiology Fellow at Emory University School of Medicine and an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science. He trained in Internal Medicine at Creighton University School of Medicine in Omaha, Critical Care Medicine at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Cardiovascular Diseases at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, and Interventional Cardiology at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta. He received his Master's of Science in Clinical and Translational Science from the Mayo Clinic Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences in Rochester and is a clinician and outcomes researcher whose work encompasses the fields of cardiogenic shock, acute myocardial infarction, cardiac arrest, high-risk percutaneous coronary intervention, percutaneous mechanical circulatory support, non-cardiac organ failure, septic shock, septic cardiomyopathy, and circulatory shock. Dr. Vallabhajosyula is among 100 physicians in the US, trained in cardiovascular medicine, critical care medicine and interventional cardiology.



Julia Tustiu, MD Interventional Cardiology Fellow

I graduated from the University of Medicine and Pharmacy Carol Davila, Bucharest, Romania where I completed specialty training in internal medicine. I continued my training in Ireland, with a particular interest in Interventional Cardiology. I am training in Cardiology in Summer 2021.



Eric Y. Chang, MD
Cardiovascular Disease Fellow
Morehouse School of Medicine

Eric Y. Chang is a first year Cardiovascular Disease Fellow at the Morehouse School of Medicine Cardiology Program. Originally from Southern California, Dr. Yang graduated from Johns Hopkins University with a BS in Chemistry and received his Medical Degree from the University of Vermont. He completed his Internal Medicine residency and chief resident year at the Morehouse School of Medicine. Dr. Chang is interested in Mentorship, Academics, and Quality Improvement, especially regarding improving care of underprivileged populations, and has presented at multiple conferences including C3, AHA, and ACC. Dr. Yang's goal is to pursue a sub-fellowship in interventional cardiology and help trainees to become cardiologists.



Anthony Cochet, MD Interventional Cardiology Fellow University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center/Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine

Dr. Cochet is currently serving as the Advanced Complex Coronary Fellow at University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center/Case Western Reserve School of Medicine. Prior to entering interventional cardiology fellowship in June 2019, Dr. Cochet served as the Cardiology Clinic Chief, Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center, Lackland AFB, Texas. He completed his Cardiovascular Medicine fellowship at Brooke Army Medical Center, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas in 2018. Dr. Cochet has served on active duty in the United States Air Force since 2005. He received his Bachelor's of Science degree in Biology from the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia and his Doctor of Medicine degree from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland.