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Dr. Niti Aggarwal, MD, FACC is a non-invasive cardiologist at the Mayo Clinic- Rochester and Mankato, MN. She is a multimodality imager with level 3 training in all 4 imaging modalities from the Mayo Clinic. Since residency, she has been committed to using the tools of multimodality imaging to better understand, diagnose and reduce heart disease in women. Her curriculum vitae speaks for itself, and she is nationally recognized in the fields of cardiovascular imaging and sex differences in cardiac disease. She has authored numerous peer-reviewed manuscripts, book chapters, serves on the Scientific Program Committees to organize both American Society for Nuclear Cardiology (ASNC), and Society of Cardiac MRI's annual scientific sessions, and on the editorial board for Journal of Nuclear Cardiology. She also serves on the American College of Cardiology's (ACC) Cardiovascular Disease in Women committee, where on behalf of the college she helps lead publications and webinars focusing on heart disease in women. She is the editor of the leading book titled "Sex Differences in Cardiac Disease" Released Feb 2021.



Mahi L. Ashwath, MD, MBA, FACC, FASE, FSCMR
Iowa ACC President/Governor
Chair, Planning Committee

Dr. Mahi Ashwath is the current President of the Iowa Chapter of the ACC and a Clinical Associate Professor of Internal Medicine and Radiology at the University of Iowa. Dr. Ashwath started her medical training at Osmania Medical College in Hyderabad, India and completed it with fellowships in Cardiology at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, and in Cardiac MRI at Duke Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance Center in Durham, North Carolina. She is passionate about Cardiac Imaging, Education, Mentorship and encouraging diversity including increasing the presence of women in cardiology and increase awareness for heart disease in women.



Elisa Bradley, MD, FACC
Associate Professor of Medicine
Director, Adult Congenital Heart Disease
Director, Translational Science
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Dr. Bradley is an Associate Professor of Medicine and physician-scientist at Penn State Health in Hershey Pennsylvania. Her clinical and research focus is in the area of Adult Congenital Heart Disease. She also has a keen interest in non-clinical competencies and has served on the AHA's FIT Program Director's Subcommittee where she has focused on this work, in particular on the impact of personal finance and wellness for new graduates.



Sherry-Ann Brown, MD, PhD, FACC, FAHA
Director of Cardio-Oncology, Medical College of Wisconsin Milwaukee
Research Collaborator, Mayo Clinic
ACC National WIC Leadership Council and Innovation Section

Dr. Sherry-Ann Brown is the Director of Cardio-Oncology at Froedtert Hospital & Milwaukee VA Medical Center and an Assistant Professor at the Medical College of Wisconsin. She completed her Cardiology fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, where she trained in the Clinician Investigator program. Dr. Sherry-Ann Brown is board-certified in Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Diseases, and specializes in Cardio-Oncology and Preventive Cardiology, with particular interest in their overlap. She walks alongside her patients in their incredible journey of cancer survivorship, and helps protect the hearts of individuals with or without cancer. Her research in cardio-oncology and preventive cardiology incorporates precision medicine, artificial intelligence, digital health, and other forms of innovation. She serves on the editorial board for the Springer Nature journal CardioOncology, as well as a Cardio-Oncology editorial consultant for JACC: Case Reports, and a Social Media Editorial Consultant for JACC: CardioOncology.



T. Jared Bunch, MD, FACC, FHRS
Professor of Medicine
Section Head, Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology

T. Jared Bunch, a native of Logan Utah, graduated from the University of Utah School of Medicine with alpha omega alpha honors. He completed internal medicine residency at the Mayo Clinic and received the Outstanding Achievement Award from the Department of Medicine, Resident Research Award, and Donald J. Feist Primary Care Clinic Award for Clinical Excellence. He completed fellowships in cardiovascular diseases and electrophysiology at the Mayo Clinic and received the Mayo Brothers Distinguished Fellowship Award for clinical care and Donald C. Balfour Award for meritorious research. He served as an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Mayo Clinic from 2003-2008. He joined the cardiovascular team at Intermountain Heart Institute in 2008, directed heart rhythm research, and served as medical director of heart rhythm services from 2010-2019. He received the Physician Researcher of the Year for Intermountain Healthcare in 2014 and 2017. In 2020 he received the James H. Youngblood Excellence in Leadership Award from the Heart Rhythm Society. He was an Affiliated Clinical Associate Professor for Stanford University from 2015-2019 while at Intermountain. Currently, he is the section chief of electrophysiology at the University of Utah and is a Professor of Medicine.

He has served in the Heart Rhythm Society as an ambassador for Central/South America and Southeast Asia, vice chair of the atrial fibrillation task force, HRS interoperability working group member, and other writing committees and task forces. He is the founding editor of the [Heart Rhythm Case Reports Journal](#), section editor for Current Cardiology Risk Reports, Heart Rhythm Journal, and guest editor for the American Heart Journal. He is on the editorial boards of Heart Rhythm Journal, Journal of Cardiovascular Electrophysiology, Heart, American Heart Journal,

JACC electrophysiology, and others. With an interest in heart rhythm treatments and outcomes, he has published over 240 manuscripts, 1 book that was listed #1 in heart disease and medicine on Amazon, 13 book chapters, and 40 editorial comments.



Sepideh Darbandi, DO
Cardiology Fellow
MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center

Dr. Darbandi is a second year general cardiology fellow at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City, Iowa. She is from Tulsa, Oklahoma, and graduated from Oklahoma State University College of Medicine. Her interests include interventional cardiology, heart failure, and coronary artery disease. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family and travelling.



Suzy Feigofsky, MD, FACC, FHRS
Iowa ACC WIC Planning Committee Member

Dr. Feigofsky earned her medical degree from the University of Florida, College of Medicine. She then completed her internal medicine residency and her cardiology and electrophysiology fellowships at the University of Florida and Shands Hospital as well. Dr. Feigofsky is board certified in cardiovascular disease and electrophysiology and specializes in heart rhythm disorders and pacemaker and defibrillator implantation. Dr. Feigofsky serves on leadership boards for both the American Board of Internal Medicine and American College of Cardiology. She was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology (FACC) in April 2019. As one of the few female cardiologists, she also has a special interest in women's health issues. She is active in leading discussions on what it is like to be a woman in medicine, and how to empower yourself to create a career that you find exciting and rewarding. In her spare time Dr. Feigofsky enjoys exercising, baking, and curling up with a good book.



Isabella Grumbach, MD, PhD
Professor of Internal Medicine-Cardiovascular Medicine
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Dr. Isabella M. Grumbach received her medical degree and PhD from Ruhr-University Bochum Faculty of Medicine. She completed her residency training from Cook County Hospital, Chicago, Illinois and fellowship training from Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. She is currently a professor in Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Medicine and Vice Chair for research in the Department of Internal Medicine. Dr. Grumbach administers a lab of research scientists, post-docs, junior faculty, technicians, and pre-docs with diverse skills and interests who work collectively as a team. The Grumbach lab studies Calcium- and reactive oxygen species-dependent pathways in smooth muscle and endothelium that contribute to vascular wall disease, for example in hypertension, atherosclerosis and after mechanical or chemical injury.



Sharonne N. Hayes, MD, FACC, FAHA
Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine
Founder, Women's Heart Clinic
Mayo Clinic

Dr. Sharonne N. Hayes is Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and founded and maintains an active clinical practice in the [Women's Heart Clinic](#) at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Dr. Hayes has long advocated for the advancement of women's health and sex-based medicine within the field of cardiology and many other areas that affect women's health and well-being. Dr. Hayes previously served as Mayo Clinic's first Director of [Diversity and Inclusion](#) from 2010 through 2020. With leadership she set strategy for D&I activities across Mayo Clinic and developed solutions for equity in patient care and the workforce. Under her leadership, Mayo Clinic was nationally recognized for its D&I accomplishments. She also directed of the Mayo Clinic's Office of Women's Health, has led efforts to optimize women's health clinical practice and research activities at Mayo Clinic and developed programs to enhance the professional and personal development and mentorship of women and minority physicians in order to promote a more diverse workforce at Mayo and in the field of medicine. In 2017 she was recognized by the AHA with the Women in Cardiology Mentoring Award. She is a tireless advocate for safe, equitable, and dignified healthcare workplaces that promote high-quality patient care and has developed programs to assess and mitigate unconscious bias in healthcare

Dr. Hayes is a member of a number of national initiatives and groups involved in education, strategic planning, and program development for improvement of health care and reduction of health disparities. She helped develop the NHLBI's Heart Truth ("Red Dress") campaign, is active with AHA's Go Red Campaign and served on the Board of Directors for WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease. With WomenHeart, Dr. Hayes coordinates the Science and Leadership Symposium for Women with Heart Disease, held annually at Mayo Clinic, aimed at preparing heart disease survivors to be advocates and educators for other women. Her commitment to women's heart health has been recognized by the 2002 Wenger Award, an invitation from First Lady Laura Bush to speak at the White House for the 1st National Wear Red Day in 2004, and a Woman's Day Magazine "Red Dress Award" in 2009. Dr. Hayes research interests include sex and gender-based cardiology, cardiovascular conditions primarily affecting women, spontaneous coronary artery dissection (SCAD), fibromuscular dysplasia, health equity, participation of women and minorities in medical research, healthcare workforce equity, and the utility and optimal role of social media in clinical practice, medical research and health education.

Dr. Hayes is a nationally recognized educator and speaker on diversity, women's health and cardiovascular issues and has developed numerous medical educational programs on women's health and health equity topics for both medical professionals and the public. In 2004, Dr. Hayes co-produced the Emmy-nominated PBS show, "Call to Action: Women and Heart Disease". In 2011 she co-hosted and moderated *In the Prime of Her Life — A Mayo Clinic Media*

Briefing on Women and Heart Disease held in February at the Paley Center for Media in New York City. She has been a guest on the Today Show, Good Morning America, CNN, Talk of the Nation, and the Dr. Oz Show among others, and has also done live medical reporting for a local ABC affiliate. She serves on the advisory board for Woman's Day and Diabetic Living magazines.

Dr. Hayes received her medical degree from Northwestern University in Chicago and pursued fellowships in Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Research, and Cardiovascular Diseases at Mayo Clinic Rochester, joining the Mayo staff in 1990. She is a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association, and member of the Association of Black Cardiologists where she has served in a number of volunteer leadership roles at the local, regional and national level.



Arooj Khan, MBBS
Iowa ACC WIC FIT Chair
Fellow Physician, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine
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Dr. Arooj Khan is a second year Cardiology Fellow at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. She graduated from medical school at Allama Iqbal Medical College and then completed her Internal Medicine Residency training at Cleveland Clinic. In her role as Iowa ACC WIC FIT chair, she is passionate about encouraging young women to pursue careers in Cardiology and she has participated in multiple events with high school students to guide them about career paths in medicine and in cardiology. She is interested in pursuing a career in Electrophysiology. In her free time, she enjoys biking, hiking, yoga and reading.



Rabia Khan, MD, FAAP
Cardiologist
University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics



Meera Kondapaneni, MD, FACC, FSCAI
Assistant Professor of Medicine, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
Director, Cardiac Cath Lab, Heart & Vascular Center
Director, Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship Program
Vice Chairperson of Medicine for Gender, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
MetroHealth Medical Center

Dr. Meera Kondapaneni is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Case-Western Reserve University School of Medicine and is the Director for Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory and Director for Cardiology Fellowship Program at MetroHealth Medical Center. In her role as Vice-

Chairperson of Medicine for Gender, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, she co-ordinates efforts to diversify workforce in Medicine and its sub-specialties as well as address disparities in healthcare delivery. Clinical interests include complex coronary interventions and TAVR.



Sharon Larson, DO, MS, FACOS, FACS
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Clinical Assistant Professor, ECMO Surgical Director
University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics

Dr. Sharon Beth Larson is a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Surgery and Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa and is the surgical director of the Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation program. She graduated from Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Vallejo, California and completed her general surgery residency at New York University Langone Hospital-Brooklyn, formerly known as Lutheran Medical Center, in Brooklyn, New York. Dr. Larson completed her fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Minnesota and completed an advanced fellowship in thoracic transplantation and mechanical circulatory support at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. Dr. Larson is the first female recipient of the Lillehei Surgical Society Richard C. Lillehei and Earl Bakken Prize awarded to her at the Society of Thoracic Surgeons Annual Meeting in San Diego, California in 2015 and has won other awards including the Random Acts of Kindness Award in medical school and the Sampath Kumar Award for Excellence in Surgery in her residency. She is the first female cardiothoracic surgeon to practice in the state of Iowa and her professional interests include heart and lung transplantation, mechanical circulatory support, and adult cardiac surgery.



Laxmi Mehta, MD, FACC, FAHA, FNLA
Vice Chair of Wellness, Department of Internal Medicine
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Director of Lipid Clinics, Sarah Ross Soter Endowed Chair
Women's Cardiovascular Health
Professor of Medicine, The Ohio State University

Dr. Laxmi Mehta is a non-invasive cardiologist, professor in the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, director of the Lipid Clinics and section director of Preventative Cardiology and Women's Cardiovascular Health at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. She specializes in women's cardiovascular health, prevention and cardiac imaging. She is an avid promoter, educator and media spokesperson on both prevention and women's cardiovascular health.

Her clinical and research interests include obstructive and non-obstructive coronary artery disease in women. In addition to her clinical research, she has published a number of peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. She served as the first female president of the Ohio

chapter of the American College of Cardiology and is a member of several committees within the organization.

She previously served as president of the metro Columbus Board of Directors for the American Heart Association (AHA) and as a member of their Great Rivers Affiliate Board and am currently the chair of the AHA's Cardiovascular Disease in Women and Special Populations Committee. Additionally, she chaired the American Heart Association's first ever scientific statement on acute myocardial infarction in women as well as their first statement on breast cancer and cardiovascular disease.



Marla Mendelson, MD
Director, Heart Disease and Pregnancy Program
Northwestern Adult Congenital Heart Center

Dr. Mendelson, the Medical Director of the Northwestern Adult Congenital Heart Center and the Heart Disease in Pregnancy program of the Women's Cardiovascular Health program of the Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute founded the Heart Disease and Pregnancy program and the Adult Congenital Heart program over 25 years ago. The Women's Cardiovascular Health Program uniquely cares for women of all ages. For women with congenital heart disease, she provides preconception planning, contraceptive counseling, and care of women through pregnancy working closely with the woman's obstetrician. She has lectured locally, nationally and internationally and directs courses regarding the care of these unique patient populations. She is an associate professor of medicine and pediatrics at the Feinberg School of Medicine. Dr. Mendelson was recently appointed the co-director of the Women's Health Research Institute at Northwestern promoting sex and gender inclusion in research studies and clinical care to improve Women's health.



Nagalakshmi Nagarajan, MD
Fellow Physician, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine
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Dr. Lakshmi Nagarajan is currently a 2nd year cardiology fellow at UIHC. Dr. Nagarajan completed her medical degree at UT Houston Medical School. She then went on to complete her Internal Medicine residency at UIHC and stayed at UIHC for her fellowship training. She is passionate about mentoring, teaching, and increasing the presence of women in medicine. In her free time, she spends time with her family and friends, runs, does yoga, listens to audiobooks, and experiments with new recipes.



Tochi M. Okwuosa, DO, FACC, FAHA
Associate Professor of Medicine and Cardiology
Director, Cardio-Oncology Program
Rush University Medical Center

Dr. Tochukwu Okwuosa is a cardiologist, Associate Professor of Internal Medicine and the Director of Cardio-Oncology Services at Rush University Medical Center (RUMC). Dr. Okwuosa's research focuses on identification and prevention of cancer therapy-induced cardiotoxicity. She has received the Cohn's research award to study markers of cardiotoxicity in breast cancer patients post chemotherapy and the Piccolo-Gavers Translational Research Grant Award for evaluating markers of doxorubicin-induced cardiotoxicity. Okwuosa has also published many peer-reviewed research articles, review articles and editorials in the field of cardio-oncology, including in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology and JAMA. Dr. Okwuosa has spearheaded a number of successful cardio-oncology initiatives at Rush and regionally including the biennial Midwest regional Cardio-Oncology symposium geared toward educating general practitioners involved in the cardiac care of cancer; the triannual Chicago City-wide Cardio-oncology Rounds (CCCR) involving all the major eight Chicago academic institutions; and the biannual Cardio-Oncology patient education seminar series aimed at increasing awareness of and proactiveness in cardiovascular diseases in cancer survivors. She was invited to sit on the Metro Chicago Board for the American Heart Association and is the recipient of numerous awards including Teacher of Year Award for Internal Medicine Residents 2020. She sits on national cardio-oncology committees and writing groups with the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association (AHA); is the Vice Chair of the Cardio-Oncology subcommittee for the AHA; and is regionally, nationally and internationally recognized as an expert in cardio-oncology.



Denada Palm, MD
Structural Heart & Peripheral Vascular Interventional Cardiology Fellow
Brigham and Women's Hospital



Subha V. Raman, MD, MSEE, FACC, FAHA, FSCMR
VP for IU Health Cardiovascular Services
Physician Director, IUH/IUSM Cardiovascular Institute
Professor of Medicine and Chief, IUSM Division of Cardiology

Dr. Subha Raman is a cardiologist and physician-scientist at Indiana University School of Medicine and IU Health, joining in 2020 as Chief of Cardiology, Director of the CV Institute, and Vice President for Cardiovascular Services.

She served on the faculty of The Ohio State University from 2002 to 2019, establishing advanced cardiovascular imaging programs as integrated clinical, research and teaching service. Her interdisciplinary work addresses heart health in those with neuromuscular conditions, cardiometabolic risk, and myocardial inflammation.

She also serves the broader communities of medicine and science through organizations such as the American Heart Association, American College of Cardiology, Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance, and the U.S. National Institutes of Health.



Vera H. Rigolin, MD, FACC, FASE, FAHA
Professor of Medicine, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
Medical Director, Echocardiography Laboratory, Northwestern Memorial Hospital
Past-President, American Society of Echocardiography

Dr. Rigolin is Professor of medicine at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago, Illinois. She is also a cardiologist and Medical Director of the echocardiography laboratory at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. She specializes in echocardiography, valvular heart disease and women's heart health.

Dr Rigolin received a B.S. degree in biology from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and completed medical school and a residency in internal medicine at Northwestern University. Dr. Rigolin then served as chief medical resident at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and Lakeside Veteran's Administration Hospital. She completed her fellowship in cardiology at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. She has been on faculty at Northwestern since 1996.

Dr. Rigolin's major research focus is the use of basic and advanced echocardiographic imaging for the assessment of patients with valvular heart disease, particularly those undergoing surgical or interventional correction.

Dr. Rigolin is active in professional societies, including the American Society of Echocardiography, the American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology. She served as president of the American Society of Echocardiography from 2017-2018. She currently serves on several national and local committees for each of these societies. She reviews journal articles and abstracts for major medical journals and scientific societies. She has authored/co-authored multiple publications and abstracts and presents her work nationally and internationally.



Jennifer G. Robinson, MD, MPH
Professor, Departments of Epidemiology & Medicine
Director, Preventive Intervention Center
Department of Epidemiology, University of Iowa

Jennifer G. Robinson, MD, MPH is a Professor in the Departments of Epidemiology and Medicine (Division of Cardiology), and Director of the Prevention Intervention Center at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

As an active researcher, Dr. Robinson has performed numerous clinical trials sponsored by the National Institutes of Health and the pharmaceutical industry. She has conducted extensive research on a wide range anti-atherosclerotic and metabolic agent, including lipid-modifying, anti-inflammatory, antihypertensive, weight loss, and diabetic treatments as well as postmenopausal hormone therapy. She is the principal investigator for the Women's Health Initiative (WHI) at the University of Iowa. Her current research interests include clinical trials to cure atherosclerosis.

Dr. Robinson has published over 275 peer-reviewed publications in the areas of lipids-modifying drugs, cardiovascular risk stratification, and cardiovascular prevention, with multiple recent publications in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *JAMA*, *Journal of the American College of Cardiology* and *Circulation*. She has lectured widely on preventive cardiology and the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of lipid metabolism in the US and internationally.

She was Vice Chair of the 2013 ACC/AHA cholesterol guideline, and a member of the 2013 ACC/AHA risk assessment guideline. In addition to long involvement in multiple American Heart Association (AHA) committees, recent leadership roles include serving as Chair of the Lifestyle Track for the American Heart Association Scientific Sessions. She was the 2017 Chair of the National Forum for Heart Attack and Stroke Prevention, a consortia of over 90 governmental, public health, academic, and industry groups.

While at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Dr. Robinson received her medical degree and completed an Internal Medicine residency with the College of Medicine and received a Master of Public Health from the College of Public Health. She is a diplomate of the American Boards of Internal Medicine and Clinical Lipidology and a Fellow of the American Heart Association.



Retu Saxena, MD
Cardiologist
Minneapolis Heart Institute

Dr. Retu Saxena is a general cardiologist at Minneapolis Heart Institute with expertise in women's heart disease, noninvasive imaging and critical care, as well as specific research interests related to cardiovascular risk factors that emerge during pregnancy. She has provided training to ob-gyn and women's care practitioners to help them better manage risk among their patients as part of MHIF's BROACH initiative (Broadening the Role of Ob-Gyns in Assessing Cardiovascular Health). Dr. Saxena was recognized as a 2020 Top Doctor in Mpls St. Paul Magazine and also Minnesota Monthly.



Toniya Singh, MD, FACC
Managing Partner St. Louis Heart and Vascular
Chair, National Women in Cardiology Council, American College of
Cardiology

Dr. Singh is an adult invasive cardiologist in St. Louis, Missouri. She is the managing partner of an independent private practice, St. Louis Heart and Vascular, that has 15 physicians and 6 offices. She is the chair of the National Women in Cardiology Council, the founder of Women in Cardiology regional meetings, a member of the National ACC taskforce for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, a member of the selection committee for Cohort IV for the ACC Leadership Academy, a member of Campaign Executive Committee on Campaign for the Future of the American College of Cardiology. Her specific interests are in managing an independent private practice, optimizing care for patients through innovations in health care, and creating ways of making practice flexible to improve physician and patient wellbeing. Her research interests are in pipeline issues for WIC and leadership challenges. Her personal interests are reading, travel, gardening, knitting, peloton enthusiast. She is married to a nephrologist with two sons.



Jennifer Streeter, MD, PhD
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Dr. Jennifer Streeter is an Associate of Internal Medicine – Cardiovascular Medicine at UIHC. Dr. Streeter completed her MD and PhD in the Medical Scientist Training Program at the University of Iowa. She stayed at UIHC for her Internal Medicine residency and Cardiovascular Fellowship training. She divides her time between Invasive Cardiology and basic science research in the areas of vascular biology and the role of mitochondrial proteins in diabetes and obesity. She and her husband, Jason, are the parents of three amazing children. They enjoy camping, fishing, boating, and traveling to destinations where they can be surrounded by nature.



Anu Tunuguntla, MD, FACC, FSCAI
Structural and Interventional Cardiologist
Director of TAVR/MitralClip Program
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Dr. Tunuguntla graduated from the M S Ramaiah Medical College in 2000. She completed her residency training at East Tennessee State University and then went on for General Cardiology training at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center and Interventional Cardiology at Columbia University Medical Center. She works in Lincoln, NE and specializes in Cardiovascular Disease, Internal Medicine and Interventional Cardiology.



Poonam Velagapudi, MD, MS, FACC, FSCAI
Structural Interventional Cardiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine
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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 and research 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 the Chair of the ACC Early Career Section, social media editor for JACC Interventions journal and Associate Editor for ESC- Case Reports journal.



Annabelle Santos Volgman, MD, FACC, FAHA
McMullan-Eybel Endowed Chair for Excellence in Clinical Cardiology
Professor of Medicine, Rush College of Medicine
Medical Director, Rush Heart Center for Women
Vice Chief for Academic Affairs, Division of Cardiology
Governor, American College of Cardiology of Illinois

Chair of the American Heart Association of WIC

2020 Recipient of the Women's Day Red Dress Award

Dr. Annabelle Santos Volgman is the co-founder and medical director of the Rush Heart Center for Women, the first heart program in Chicago devoted exclusively to women that opened in 2003. She is the Madeleine and James M. McMullan-Carl E. Eybel, MD, Professor of Excellence in Clinical Cardiology at Rush and a nationally recognized leader in cardiology care and research. She is the Vice-Chief for Academic Affairs in Division of Cardiology. A fellow of the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association, Dr. Volgman has dedicated her career to helping women and their families lead healthier lives through prevention and treatment of cardiovascular disease.

Dr. Volgman received her undergraduate degree with honors from Barnard College and her medical degree from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City. She completed her residency in internal medicine at the University of Chicago and was fellowship trained in cardiology and clinical electrophysiology at Northwestern University. A passionate researcher and leading advocate in the prevention of heart disease in women, Dr. Volgman has written and published numerous abstracts, articles and OpEds for scientific peers and mass audiences.

Since its beginning in the early 2000s, Dr. Volgman has been a prominent leader in the American Heart Association's "Go Red for Women" campaign that aims to inform women about cardiovascular disease risk and actions they can take to protect their health. To show her support for the Go Red campaign, Dr. Volgman wears red every day to remind people that heart disease remains the leading cause of death among women in the U.S.

Dr. Volgman has received numerous awards from her peers, including the American Heart Association, and Rush University. Since 2006 she has consistently been recognized in Chicago magazine's annual listing of "Top Doctors" and earned similar accolades in Women's Health Magazine. Dr. Volgman was featured in O Magazine as Ms. Oprah Winfrey's cardiologist in 2002. Among her awards are the national 2019 WomenHeart Wenger Award for Innovation in Heart Care for Women and the 2020 Woman's Day Red Dress Award. Dr. Volgman remains heavily involved in many local and national causes, serving on the national scientific advisory board of WomenHeart, several national leadership committees of the American Heart Association, American College of Cardiology and Chicago nonprofit institutions. She was selected as one of Castle Connolly's Exceptional Women in Medicine for 2020. She was elected as Governor for the Illinois American College of Cardiology started her term in April 2021.



Mary Norine Walsh, MD, MACC
Medical Director, Heart Failure and Cardiac Transplantation Ascension St. Vincent Heart Center
Past President, American College of Cardiology

Mary Norine Walsh, MD, MACC, earned both her undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Minnesota. She completed her internship and residency at the University of Texas Southwestern, and her cardiology fellowship at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, MO. She served as an assistant professor of medicine in the division of cardiology, as well as an assistant professor of radiology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania from 1990 to 1992. Walsh joined what is now Ascension Medical Group in Indianapolis, IN in 1992. Her areas of expertise include nuclear cardiology, heart failure, and cardiac transplantation with a special interest in cardiovascular disease in women. She is the medical director of the heart failure and cardiac transplantation programs at Ascension St. Vincent Heart Center, and she serves as a clinical associate professor of medicine at Indiana University School of Medicine. Walsh is program director of the Ascension St. Vincent Advanced Heart Failure and Transplantation Fellowship and leads the Ascension Health heart failure service line. She is also the medical director of the Ascension St Vincent Cardiovascular Research Institute. She is a deputy editor of JACC Case Reports, editorial consultant for JACC: Heart Failure, Associate Editor of the Journal of Cardiac Failure and a reviewer for multiple scientific journals. She is an author of more than 200 articles and book chapters. Walsh has been active in the ACC both locally and nationally. She was previously elected as president of the Indiana Chapter, and has served on and chaired multiple committees and work groups. She served as the organization's national president in 2017-2018. Walsh's teaching activities include instruction of students, residents and fellows and she lectures frequently on heart failure, heart disease in women, and topics in patient-centered healthcare. She is actively involved in clinical research in heart failure and systems approaches for quality initiatives in the practice setting.

She has received numerous awards and recognitions including the Wenger Award for Medical Leadership in 2014, the St Vincent Distinguished Physician Award in 2018, the Women's Day Red Dress Award in 2019 and she has been elected by her peers for inclusion in Best Doctors in America annually since 2005.



Jin Zhao, MB, PhD

**Fellow Physician, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine
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Dr. Jin Zhao received her MB and PhD degree at the Peking Union Medical College. Before her residency, she worked in the Molecular Cardiology Research Institute at Tufts Medical Center as a research fellow. She finished her internal medicine training at the University of Maryland. She is currently second year cardiology fellow at the University of Iowa. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family, swimming, and reading.



Denice Zingman, MD

**Professor of Internal Medicine-Cardiovascular Medicine
Director, Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology Fellowship Training Program
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Dr. Denice M Hodgson Zingman is a Cardiac Electrophysiology Specialist at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. She graduated with honors from Johns Hopkins University School Of Medicine in 1996. She trained at University of Maryland for Internal Medicine residency and then completed Cardiology fellowship and Cardiac Electrophysiology fellowship at Mayo Clinic. Her research focuses on cardiac metabolism, heart failure and arrhythmia mechanisms but also probes similarities between cardiac and skeletal muscle mechanisms that contribute to the overall balance of body metabolism.