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### Echocardiography Experts Receive Special Distinction

Morrisville, NC – The American Society of Echocardiography (ASE)'s FASE Committee and its Board of Directors are very pleased to announce that 23 members have been newly designated as a “Fellow of the American Society of Echocardiography” (FASE).

This special distinction, FASE, is conferred by the Society to recognize a member's distinguished stature, their diverse set of skills and comprehensive knowledge of all aspects of echocardiography. It is bestowed on those who have achieved the highest level of contributions to the cardiovascular ultrasound medical field in areas of teaching/education, volunteerism/leadership and research.

The FASE application process is open to all physicians, research scientists and sonographer members throughout the world who have completed their training. This program was established in 2001 and less than 8% of ASE members have earned this prestigious designation. The Society created this distinction to recognize dedicated leaders who have made exceptional efforts to further cardiovascular ultrasound and improve patient care.

*Listed below are the newest FASE members from the February 2014 cycle.*

**Naser M. Ammash, MD, FASE**

Mayo Clinic  
Rochester, Minnesota

**Jeanne M. Baffa, MD, FAAP, FACC, FASE**

Nemours Cardiac Center, A.I. duPont Hospital for Children  
Wilmington, Delaware

**Mark J. Berges, BHSc, RCS, RVS, CEHRS, CCT, PACC, FASE**

City College  
Hollywood, Florida

**Ramesh J. Brahmhatt, MD, FACC, FSCAI, FASE**

Lakeshore Heart, Inc.  
Rocky River, Ohio

**Bruce W. Andrus, MD, MS, FACC, FASE**

Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center  
Lebanon, New Hampshire

**Marek Belohlavek, MD, PhD, FASE**

Mayo Clinic  
Scottsdale, Arizona

**Aarti H. Bhat, MD, FASE**

Seattle Children's Hospital  
Seattle, Washington

**Heidi M. Connolly, MD, FASE**

Mayo Clinic  
Rochester, Minnesota

**Nancy A. Krupowies, BS, RDCS, FASE**  
Hartford Hospital  
Hartford, Connecticut

**Praveen Mehrotra, MD, FACC, FASE**  
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**Dan A. Nutter, RDCS, FASE**  
GE Healthcare  
Waukesha, Wisconsin

**Nelangi M. Pinto, MD, FASE**  
University of Utah School of Medicine  
Salt Lake City, Utah

**Sherryn Rambihar, MD, FRCPC, FASE**  
Women's College Hospital, University of Toronto  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

**Adam S. Splaver, MD, FACC, FASE**  
Memorial Healthcare System  
Hollywood, Florida

**Imran S. Syed, MD, FACC, FASE**  
Mayo Clinic  
Rochester, Minnesota

**Paul M. Zack, MD, FASE**  
McLaren Cardiovascular Group  
Okemos, Michigan

**Dale D. Martin, MS, RDCS, FASE**  
University of Rochester Medical Center  
Rochester, New York

**Gregory W. Natello, DO, FACC, FASE**  
Morristown Medical Center  
Morristown, New Jersey

**Rajiv J. Patel, DO, FACC, FASE**  
Hackensack University Medical Center  
Hackensack, New Jersey

**Venkateshwar Polsani, MD, FASE**  
Piedmont Heart Institute  
Atlanta, Georgia

**Bryan Ristow, MD, FACC, FASE**  
California Pacific Medical Center  
San Francisco, California

**Lissa Sugeng, MD, MPH, FASE**  
Yale School of Medicine  
New Haven, Connecticut

**Elrond Teo, MBBS, FCCP, FASE**  
Emory University Hospital  
Atlanta, Georgia

Members who attain FASE have achieved rigorous credentialing and educational levels and have submitted documentation of their contributions and recommendation letters attesting to their commitment to the advancement of the profession. Candidates undergo an intensive application process that culminates in a vote of approval by a committee of leaders in the field of cardiovascular ultrasound.

Once candidates have attained this designation, they are eligible to serve on ASE's Board of Directors, among other activities. The Society's public information website, [www.SeeMyHeart.org](http://www.SeeMyHeart.org), lists Fellows of the American Society of Echocardiography by state/country as a service to the public.

*As the largest global organization for cardiovascular ultrasound imaging, the American Society of Echocardiography is the leader and advocate, setting practice standards and guidelines. Comprised of over 16,000 physicians, sonographers and scientists, ASE is a strong voice, providing guidance, expertise and education to its members with a commitment to improving the practice of ultrasound and imaging of the heart and cardiovascular system for better patient outcomes. For more information about ASE, visit [www.asecho.org](http://www.asecho.org) or ASE's public information site, [www.SeeMyHeart.org](http://www.SeeMyHeart.org)*