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SUPPORTING PHYSICIANS, TRAINEES, AND CARDIOVASCULAR TEAM MEMBERS
WITH EDUCATION, ADVOCACY, & NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Chapter News

Dear colleagues,

It has been a tremendous honor and privilege to serve as Governor of the Nebraska ACC. Your support and dedication to our Chapter have been incredible. Our five Annual Meetings, four FIT Abstract Competitions, four FIT Jeopardy teams, eight advocacy events, regional WIC programming, and two-year-old quarterly newsletter testify to the strength and ambition of the Nebraska Chapter. Read all about it on nebraskacardiology.org, facebook.com/nebraskacardio, and twitter.com/nebraskacardio!

The best days are yet to come. As my term as Governor comes to an end, Dr. Anu Tunuguntla will lead the Chapter to new heights. Under her leadership, I am confident that Nebraska ACC programming and engagement will continue to grow exponentially. The Chapter is in very, very good hands!

In addition to completing my term as ACC Governor, I have taken a new position as Director of Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory and Director of Cardiovascular Clinical Research at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Massachusetts. I Will miss the amazing members of the Nebraska ACC, but will certainly keep in touch and look forward to seeing you at national ACC events.

- See you NOLA! Come cheer for the Nebraska FIT Jeopardy Team in New Orleans, and then meet Nebraska colleagues for coffee at ACC.23 Café on Saturday, March 4 at 10:45am EST after the Nebraska team's first match.
- Make your voice heard! The Nebraska ACC **Education, Advocacy, and WIC Committees are seeking new members.** Watch your inbox for an e-mail to sign up, or contact Governor-Elect [Anu Tunuguntla](#).
- The Nebraska ACC Advocacy Committee plans to meet with Nebraska state senators this spring to discuss telehealth coverage, prior authorization, and pharmacy benefit pricing regulation. Email Executive Director [Carmen Chinchilla](#) if you would like to participate.
- Planning has begun for the Nebraska ACC **3rd Annual Cardiovascular Team Meeting** on May 11, 2023 at Happy Hollow Club. Contact [Carmen Chinchilla](#) to get involved in this and future CVT events.
- We want to hear from YOU! Contact Dr. [Anu Tunuguntla](#) if you would like to **write for this newsletter**. The newsletter feature four brief articles quarterly: Chapter News, Cardiology Update (by a cardiologist), FIT Corner (by a fellow in training), and CVT Corner by a (CV team member).
- Please **follow us** on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)!



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CROSS TRAINING ICU NURSING STAFF TO FIGHT CVICU NURSING SHORTAGES

With the nursing shortage looking like it will never end and heart failure patients continuing to get sicker, it's necessary to get more specialty trained nurses into cardiovascular (CV) intensive care units (ICUs). At an academic medical center in Omaha, Nebraska, the CVICU takes a variety of patients that range from coronary artery bypass and valve replacement patients to those requiring mechanical circulatory support including the left ventricular assist device (LVAD), Impella, and the intra-aortic balloon pump (IABP). Additionally, there are six other intensive care units including Neuro, Surgical, Medical, COVID, Oncology, and Step-Down Progressive Care. To begin increasing the number of CV specialty trained nurses, a group of cardiac care unit nurses were successfully cross trained to the post cardiac surgery unit. Subsequently, CV leadership reached out to staff on all applicable ICUs looking for volunteer nurses who wanted to be cross trained to the CVICU and the response was overwhelming from staff who wanted the opportunity. These ambitious nurses were offered the same orientation as any other nurse new to the CVICU with an orientation about 6 weeks long, including specialized cardiology fellowship classes, and CV device training. Upon completion of orientation, the nurses spend four weeks in the CVICU and then start splitting time between their home unit and the CVICU. Overall, this initiative has been a success ensuring that patient safety and staffing needs are met, nurses are able to grow professionally, and the relationships between units become stronger.

ACC CV TEAM NEWSLETTER

Did you know? The ACC has a monthly newsletter for CV Team Members. Click on the link below to learn more about what is happening on the national stage!

Read the ACC CV Team Newsletter [here!](#)

SAVE THE DATE! - CV TEAM MEMBERS SPRING MEETING 2023



Join the Nebraska ACC CV Team members at the third Annual Spring Meeting 2023. The event will take place at Happy Hollow Club in Omaha the evening of Thursday, May 11, 2023. Additional details and registration will be available at a later date on our website at www.nebraskacardiology.org.

ACC'S ANNUAL MEETING!

MARCH 4-6, 2023 IN NEW ORLEANS



Don't miss your chance to join us for ACC.23 Together With WCC taking place in collaboration with the World Heart Federation, March 4 – 6, in New Orleans and virtually.

Learn more about the upcoming ACC legislative conference [here!](#)

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