2020

State of the State

Annual Report
Accomplishments

- Survived a pandemic without significant damage to our Chapter.
- The community service committee participated in Doctor for a Day program by engaging our fellows and physician attendings in various parts of the conference. The conference attracted over 130 college and high school students in addition to over 50 physicians and medical students.
- Our chapter sponsored CPR experience sessions and provided speakers for various mentorships sessions.
- Chapter members volunteered to participate in virtual mentorship sessions as part of the Young Physicians Initiative’s Virtual Mentorship Circle, involving over 100 college students interested in medicine.
- Even though we cancelled our November annual meeting two weeks prior to the meeting, we still held a live Council meeting with a small Industry Expo, allowing us to mitigate a large loss from the meeting and reduce the impact on our budget and reserves.
- Another live Council meeting was held in June with over 20 members in attendance.
- A large contingent of Chapter members and FITs participated in this year’s virtual legislative conference.
- Our leadership and staff remain quite engaged with the legislative team at the Medical Association of Georgia (MAG).
- One of our members is Editor of the Medical Association of Georgia’s Journal and two members are on their Legislative Council that carefully monitors legislative activity.
- We monitor CVT activities and report regularly to our membership regarding recent developments that impact the specialty.
We maintain close contact with CMS through our CAC representative with regular reports to our Council followed by email alerts to our membership.

Our Chapter sent a letter to DHHS regarding CCTA reimbursement which became a national model used by ACC and other chapters.

“CCTA is an essential, cost-effective, noninvasive test for one of the most common symptoms in the Emergency Department. Private payors and the American College of Cardiology have recently supported CCTA has a first-line test for chest discomfort. Additionally, CCTA helps reduce potential respiratory exposure to patients and our providers which has increased importance given the COVID-19 pandemic."

We have an active website and a constant flow of emails regarding our programs and activities as well as national news.

We are one of the leaders in the country with over 1,500 followers on our Twitter account.

Two Chapter members are on the ACCPAC Board.

We distribute a quarterly newsletter to inform our members, and FITs and medical students, regarding the role of the CV team, educational opportunities and Chapter news.

We purchased an AED for a local Recreation Department.

We are establishing a 501 c3 Charitable Foundation to fund our community projects and assist with funding of FIT activities.

Our Chapter hosted a WIC virtual conference with prominent national speakers that was well-attended.

Our Regional WIC conference was cancelled this year but is rescheduled as a live conference in July 2021.

We initiated planning for a regional conference for FITs in 2022.

Chapter President Dr. Jeff Marshall worked with State Senator Butch Miller to promote, support and eventually pass SB 102 which brought Emergency Cardiac Center designations to the state of Georgia, then established a Task Force to implement a Statewide Cardiac Care Conference in 2021.
CVT Accomplishments

We added the position of CV Team Liaison-Elect to our Council to facilitate the transition of a new CV Team Liaison and promote the continuity of continued growth of the CV Team professional.

The CV Team Liaison and Liaison elect each provided education and education materials related to the effects of COVID-19 on the CV System to our EMS providers.

The CV Team Liaison provided copies of the 2020 ACC Clinical Competencies for NP’s and PA’s in Adult Cardiovascular Medicine to 150 APP’s.

The CV Team Liaison and Liaison-elect joined the social media team (“Twitter”) to support the efforts in promoting the ACC and Cardiovascular health awareness.

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NOVEMBER 19-21, 2021