American College of Cardiology

FELLOW, ASSOCIATE FELLOW AND AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

U.S. AND CANADA RESIDENTS ONLY

Apply for ACC Membership Today!

HELPING CARDIOVASCULAR PROFESSIONALS LEARN. ADVANCE. HEAL.

Receive Recognition. Make a Difference. Demonstrate Professionalism.

Become a Member of the American College of Cardiology

For those who qualify, becoming a **Fellow** of the American College of Cardiology signals your commitment to the highest standards of cardiovascular care. By earning the right to include the initials F.A.C.C. among your credentials, you let your patients and colleagues know that you have been welcomed into one of the world's most distinguished organizations of cardiovascular professionals. The College welcomes membership from cardiovascular clinicians, scientists, and individuals in other Cardiovascular-related subspecialties.

Clinicians: The first steps toward Fellowship are completing all of your required training, including any subspecialty training you are planning to pursue and passing the board exam.

Academic/Science Track: The candidate shall have made significant contributions to research in the cardiovascular specialty and made substantial contributions to the scientific literature.

Cardiovascular-related Subspecialties such as hypertension, cardiovascular pathology, cardiovascular radiology, cardiovascular anesthesiology, vascular surgery, vascular medicine, and nuclear cardiology:
The candidate shall have passed their primary board exam and made significant contributions to the scientific literature.

Associate Fellow and **Affiliate** of the ACC are other categories of membership for those trained in cardiovascular medicine who choose to associate themselves with the College's objectives to provide the highest levels of patient care. See Criteria for Membership for Fellow, Associate Fellow and Affiliate.

Claire Duvernoy, M.D., F.A.C.C.

ACC's Benefits Save Members **Almost $2,000 Each Year** with Leadership, Education, Advocacy and Networking Opportunities

The College provides the collective voice for your profession – advocating on your behalf on the local, regional and national levels, and indeed on the international level as well, as it relates to advancing cardiovascular medicine and improving patient care.

The College also offers direct value for the individual member. Taking advantage of ACC's renowned publications, products, programs, and services provides members with high quality and cutting-edge science, education, and clinical knowledge – at member discount prices that save nearly $2,000 in costs every year.

Free subscriptions to the *Journals of the American College of Cardiology* Members receive as benefits of dues payment the JACC journals, including *JACC*, *JACC Cardiovascular Interventions* and *JACC Cardiovascular Imaging*.

Free subscription to Cardiology *Cardiology* is free to members and covers professional news, trends and science and provides members with insight to what is happening in cardiac care.

Free access to CardioSource.org Members receive access to *CardioSource*, the premier online resource for cardiovascular information and news. *CardioSource* offers access to clinical guidelines, JACC journals online content, continuing education products and programs and interactive online networking communities.

Discounted registration to the ACC Annual Scientific Session and i2 Summit Members receive discounted registration for the ACC's Annual Meeting.

Discounts on educational programs and products Members qualify for discounted registration to ACC's education programs and discounted prices on all of the College's educational products – premier resources for board certification, self assessment, maintenance of certification, and performance improvement.

Chapter involvement Local chapters offer members networking, education and the opportunity to make a difference in their communities. U.S. state and selected country chapters provide leadership in cardiovascular medicine.

Member section and council participation The ACC has communities within the College dedicated to advancing the priorities of members with a specific specialty or interest. Interest areas include Interventional Scientific Cardiology, Adult Congenital & Pediatric Cardiology, Women in Cardiology, Thoracic Surgery, Imaging, CV Care for Older Adults, Academic Cardiology and more.

Access to ACCF Standards and Guidelines Easy-to-use pocket forms and instant web updates. Critical information is always within your reach and includes the ACC/AHA Guidelines and ACP/ACC/AHA Clinical Competence Statements.

Access to the ACC CardioAdvocacy Network (ACC/CAN) Access a grassroots network designed to keep you up-to-date on key healthcare issues before Congress and ways to get involved.

Criteria for Membership

Election to membership in the ACC is based on training, specialty board certification, scientific and professional accomplishments and duration of active participation in a cardiovascular-related field. Members are expected to conform to high moral standards.

- Candidates must have completed training; Fellows in Training are not eligible to apply for F.A.C.C., Associate Fellow or Affiliate
- Candidates must have academic and/or a full-time cardiovascular position
- At least 75% of a candidate's professional activities must be devoted to cardiology
- Two letters of sponsorship from Fellows of the College must be included with the application

Fellow (F.A.C.C.) Requirements for:

Clinician

Candidate shall have certification by both a primary specialty board and an applicable subspecialty board which holds membership in either the American Board of Medical Specialties or the Advisory Board for Osteopathic Specialists of the American Osteopathic Association. Those candidates who began their subspecialty training in 1990 and beyond shall show evidence of having successfully completed an accredited program and shall have a minimum number of in-training years as follows:

- Adult cardiology - three years
- Pediatric cardiology - three years
- Cardiovascular surgery - two years

Academic/Scientist

The candidate who is not board certified applying through the academic/science track shall devote at least 75% of their professional activities to CV research and have made significant contributions to the *scientific literature published in cardiovascular-related peer-reviewed journals.

** Candidates **with** a Ph.D. will need 20 articles in cardiovascular peer-reviewed journals with 10 first or senior authorship.*
*Candidates **without** a Ph.D. will need 50 articles in cardiovascular peer-reviewed journals with 20 first or senior authorship.*

Other Cardiovascular-Related Subspecialities

The candidate in other cardiovascular-related subspecialties such as hypertension, CV pathology, CV radiology, CV anesthesiology, vascular surgery, vascular medicine and nuclear cardiology shall have passed the primary board exam, have 10 articles in major peer-reviewed journals with 5 as first authorship, or has a leadership role as chief of cardiology or associate professor or professor.

Candidate shall provide evidence from the community of recognition as a specialist or as a scientist.

Martin Aghaji, M.D., F.A.C.C.

Associate Fellow Requirements for:

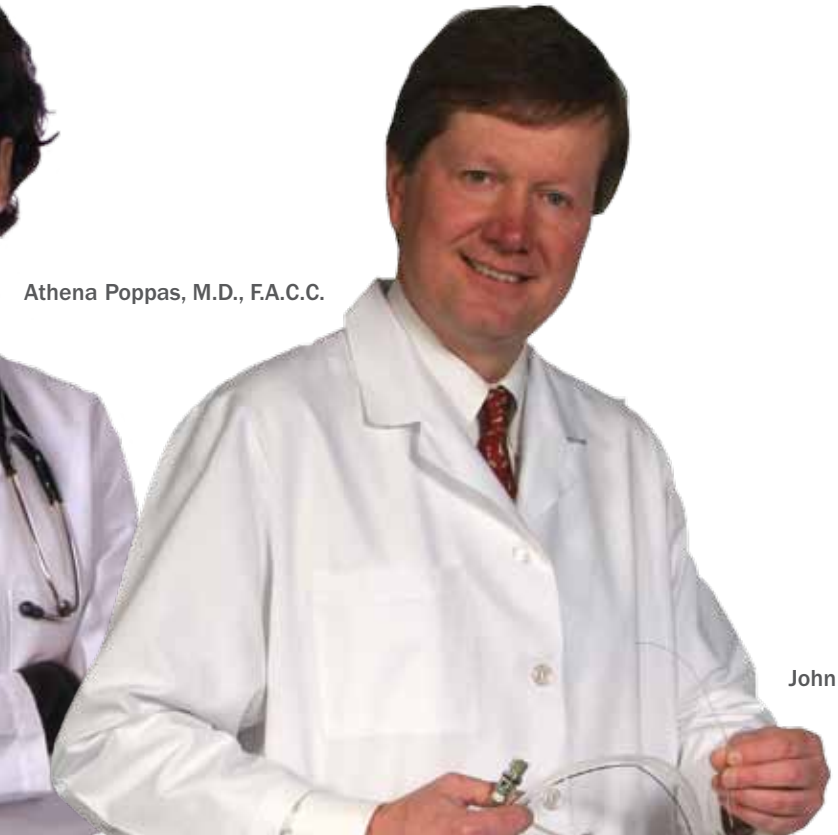
Clinician

Candidate shall be certified by one of the primary specialty boards which holds membership in either the American Board of Medical Specialties or the Advisory Board for Osteopathic Specialists of the American Osteopathic Association. For those candidates who began their subspecialty training in 1990 or beyond, see requirements under "Fellow". Candidate shall be established in the community and devote the majority of professional time as a recognized specialist in a cardiovascular-related discipline.

Academic/Scientist

The candidate lacking primary specialty board certification and applying through the academic/science track shall devote at least 75% of professional activities to CV research and have made contributions to the *scientific literature, published in cardiovascular-related peer-reviewed journals.

* *Candidate **with** a Ph.D. will need 10 articles with 5 first or senior authorship in cardiovascular peer-reviewed journals.*
  *Candidate **without** a Ph.D. will need 20 articles with 10 first or senior authorship in cardiovascular peer-reviewed journals.*



Athena Poppas, M.D., F.A.C.C.

John Dent, M.D., F.A.C.C.

Other Cardiovascular-Related Subspecialties

The candidate in other cardiovascular-related subspecialties such as hypertension, CV pathology, CV radiology, CV anesthesiology, vascular surgery, vascular medicine, nuclear cardiology and primary care, shall have passed the appropriate primary board exam, have 3 articles in major peer-reviewed journals or a leadership role as assistant professor. At least 75% of the candidate's professional activities must be devoted to the field of cardiovascular disease.

Affiliate Requirements for:

Clinician

The candidate shall have completed the training required by both primary and cardiovascular-related subspecialty boards, which hold membership in either the American Board of Medical Specialties or the Advisory Board for Osteopathic Specialists of the American Osteopathic Association. For those candidates who began their subspecialty training in 1990 or beyond, see requirements under "Fellow".

Academic/Scientist

The candidate applying through the academic/science track shall devote at least 75% of professional activities to CV research and have made contributions to the *scientific literature, published in cardiovascular-related peer-reviewed journals..

* *Candidate **without** a Ph.D. will need 10 articles with 5 first or senior authorship published in cardiovascular peer-reviewed journals.*

Other Cardiovascular-Related Subspecialties

The candidate in other cardiovascular-related subspecialties such as hypertension, CV pathology, CV radiology, CV anesthesiology, vascular surgery, vascular medicine, nuclear cardiology and primary care without primary board certification, will need equivalent training. At least 75% of the candidate's professional activities must be devoted to the field of cardiovascular disease.

The Application Process

1. Use the enclosed form or complete an online application at *www.CardioSource.org/Join*. All sections must be complete.

2. Obtain and attach two letters of sponsorship. Letters must be included with the application for it to be processed. Request letters from current F.A.C.C.s who have reviewed your application and who are well acquainted with your current professional activities. Letters must be original in content; form letters are not acceptable. At least one of the sponsors must be from your geographic area of professional activity; however, only one of the sponsors can be from a partner or colleague who works in your office. You are also limited to one sponsor from your training program. Relatives may not sponsor.

3. Submit the application packet consisting of:

- Signed application form and attachments
- Letters of sponsorship
- Bibliography, if applying through the academic/science track or lacking board certification
- Copy of medical or doctoral degree certificate, translated to English if it was obtained from an institution outside the U.S.
- Payment of dues + nonrefundable application fee

Mail application packet to:

American College of Cardiology
Membership Services
2400 N St. NW
Washington, D.C. 20037
(202) 375-6000, ext. 5603

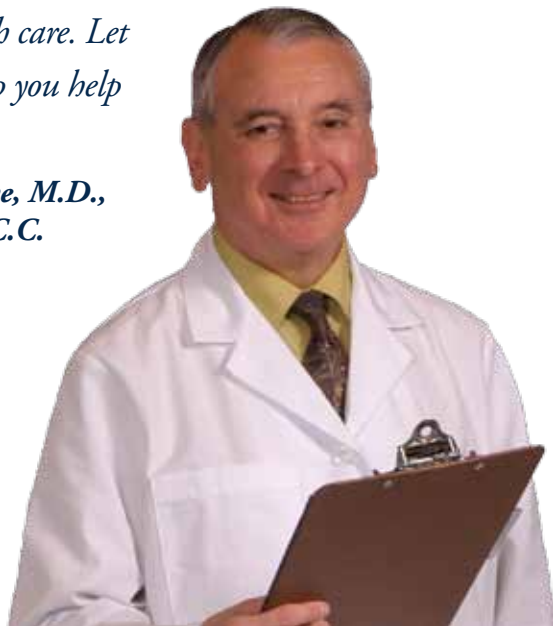
Annual Dues and Fees

Fellowship:	$700
Associate Fellowship:	$700
Affiliate:	$700
Application Fee:	$150
Total Payment to Accompany Application:	**$850**

New applicants must include payment for annual dues plus a nonrefundable application fee of $150. If advancing members have already paid dues, they need only include the application fee. All dues payments include a print and online subscription to the College journals: the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology* (JACC), *JACC: Cardiovascular Imaging and JACC: Cardiovascular Interventions.*

I am proud to be a member of the ACC community. The College has welcomed me into a network of cardiovascular experts, educates me in the latest advances of cardiovascular medicine, and advocates for my interests and for my patients. Become a member today and cooperate with leaders in quality health care. Let the ACC help you help your patients.

Alfred A. Bove, M.D., Ph.D., M.A.C.C.



Fellow, Associate Fellow, and Affiliate

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – RESIDENTS OF U.S. AND CANADA

MAIL TO:
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CARDIOLOGY
Membership Services
2400 N Street, NW
Washington, DC 20037
Phone: (202) 375-6000 ext: 5439
(800) 253-4636 ext: 5439
membership@acc.org

Additional application forms can be found on *www.CardioSource.org/Join*

PLEASE BE SURE TO ENCLOSE:

1. SIGNED APPLICATION FORM AND ATTACHMENTS
2. LETTERS OF SPONSORSHIP
3. PAYMENT OF ANNUAL DUES AND NONREFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE

Applications must be completed in its entirety.
Please print or type ("See CV" is not acceptable)

PERSONAL DATA

❑ Fellowship ❑ Associate Fellowship ❑ Affiliate

Birth Date (Month/Day/Year) _____ Gender ❑ M ❑ F

First Name | Middle Initial | Last Name

Name of Practice/Institution | Position/Title

Check Preferred Mailing Address

❑ Business Address (Required) | City/State Zip

❑ Home Address | City/State Zip

Business Phone | Fax | Home Phone | Cell Phone

E-mail Address

SPONSORS

PLEASE LIST THE NAMES OF YOUR SPONSORS. LETTERS OF SPONSORSHIP MUST BE ON SPONSOR'S BUSINESS LETTERHEAD, SIGNED AND INCLUDED WITH THE APPLICATION; OTHERWISE, APPLICATION CANNOT BE PROCESSED.

NOTE: At least one sponsor must be from applicant's geographic area of professional activity. Only one sponsor may be a professional associate (partner) from the applicant's practice, and only one sponsor may be from the applicant's training program.

1. _____, F.A.C.C. _____
NAME ADDRESS

2. _____, F.A.C.C. _____
NAME ADDRESS

PAYMENT PAYMENT MUST BE INCLUDED WITH APPLICATION.

US $700 one year current dues. US $150 nonrefundable application fee. **Total US $850.00.** Advancing members need only to include the application fee if current dues are already paid.

❑ Mastercard ❑ Visa ❑ American Express ❑ Discover

ACC does not accept any other credit cards

Card # _____ CSC# (REQUIRED)_____ Exp. Date_____
3 DIGIT NUMBER ON BACK OF CARD OR FRONT OF AMEX CARD

❑ Check – payable in US funds drawn on a US bank. Check # _____ Amount _____

PRACTICE DATA PLEASE CHECK BELOW THAT WHICH BEST DESCRIBES YOUR PRIMARY WORK SETTING.

- ❑ Solo Practice
- ❑ Cardiovascular Practice Group
- ❑ Multi-Specialty Group Practice
- ❑ Medical School or University — Faculty
- ❑ Medical School or University — Other
- ❑ Non-Government Hospital
- ❑ Government Hospital or Agency — Military
- ❑ Government Hospital or Agency — Other
- ❑ Other

Please indicate below the percentage of time you spend in the following subspecialties:

_____ Interventional Cardiology
_____ Echocardiology/Echocardiography
_____ Adult Congenital Cardiology
_____ Vascular Medicine
_____ Cardiovascular Surgery
_____ Other (Specify) _____
_____ Electrophysiology
_____ Nuclear Cardiology
_____ Preventive Cardiology
_____ Cardiovascular Research
_____ Clinical Cardiology/General Cardiology
_____ CT Cardiology
_____ MR Cardiology
_____ Heart Failure & Transplant Cardiology
_____ Pediatric Cardiology

CERTIFICATION

Currently licensed to practice medicine in state(s) or province(s) of _____

PERCENTAGE of professional time devoted to cardiovascular field _____

(check all that apply)

Are you certified by any specialtiy examining boards in your country or the U.S. (such as the American Board of Internal Medicine, etc.)?

❑ Yes ❑ No Name of Board & Country: _____

Primary Board Certification		Date	Subspecialty Board Certification		Date	Subspecialty Board Certification		Date
	Internal Medicine			Cardiovascular Disease			Critical Care Medicine	
	Pediatric Medicine			Pediatric Cardiology			Electrophysiology	
	Surgery			Thoracic Surgery			Interventional	
	Other:			Other:			Other:	

POSTGRADUATE TRAINING - APPOINTMENTS (E.G., INTERN, RESIDENT, FELLOW)*

Name, City and State of Institution	Area of Specialization	Inclusive Dates	Duration (in years)

EDUCATION

Please be as accurate and complete as possible. (Include any military service, sabbaticals, etc.) NOTE: If there is a break in the chronology, please use a separate sheet to indicate activity/place/dates. If your medical degree was received from an institution outside the U.S. send a copy of the diploma with English Translation. If Ph.D., please provide copy of certificate.

	Name of Institution	City/State	Date Graduated	Degree
College or University				
Medical Undergraduate				

*** "See CV" is not acceptable.**

MILITARY SERVICE

Branch and Assignment	From	To

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

BOTH PAST AND PRESENT. FILL IN ALL SECTIONS, OR WRITE "NONE" IF THAT IS THE CASE.*

Name, City and State of Institution	Position or Title	Inclusive Dates	Duration (in years)

HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS

BOTH PAST AND PRESENT, INCLUDING STAFF APPOINTMENTS AND ADMITTING PRIVILEGES. FILL IN ALL SECTIONS, OR WRITE "NONE" IF THAT IS THE CASE.*

Name, City and State of Institution	Position or Title	Inclusive Dates	Duration (in years)

PUBLICATIONS

If applying through the academic/science track, a bibliography must be included. In order for your application to be evaluated fairly, please organize your bibliography using the format below; otherwise, your application will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed. List precisely as published with the authors, title of article, name (volume, page and date) of journal. **Do not send reprints of articles, abstracts, etc.** (Write "NONE" if applicable.)

List and number in separate categories as follows:

(1) Published papers in peer reviewed journals

(2) Textbook chapters, invited articles and reviews

(3) Published abstracts

(4) Miscellaneous

*** "See CV" is not acceptable.**

DISCLOSURE

1. Has your medical license ever been suspended, terminated, or reduced in scope?
   ❑ Yes ❑ No If yes, explain fully on separate page.
2. Have you ever had hospital staff privileges denied, reduced in scope, or rescinded for cause?
   ❑ Yes ❑ No If yes, explain fully on separate page.
3. Have you ever had disciplinary action taken against you at any time by a medical society, academic institution, or government agency?
   ❑ Yes ❑ No If yes, explain fully on separate page.
4. Have you ever been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a felony or other serious crime?
   ❑ Yes ❑ No If yes, explain fully on separate page.

APPLICANT'S AUTHORIZATION OF RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I hereby consent to the release by any hospital, educational institution, governmental agency, physician, professional society, or other person possessing or requiring the same, whether or not listed above, of any and all information in any way pertaining to my personal character, training, experience, or professional competence.

I agree that communications of any nature made to the College regarding my fitness for membership may be made in confidence and shall not be made available to me under any circumstances. I hereby release from any liability any and all individuals and organizations or their authorized representatives who provide this information in good faith and without malice subject to this consent. I hereby release from all liability the American College of Cardiology and any and all individuals for their acts performed in good faith and without malice in connection with evaluating my application and my credentials and qualifications.

I hereby certify that all information recorded on this application and any attached documents is accurate and supports my qualifications for membership in the American College of Cardiology for which I now apply. I hereby agree that the American College of Cardiology may verify any of the above data.

If elected, I agree to conform to the Bylaws of the College and its Code of Ethics. Information available to me can be found at

www.CardioSource.org/ACC/~/media/Files/ACC/Leadership/ACC Bylaws.ashx

www.CardioSource.org/ethics

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT DATE

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