



## **President Update**



Dear CACH-Net Members,

I would like to wish each and everyone of you a Happy New Year! I am pleased and humbled to be taking on this role and look forward to connecting with many of you virtually and in person in the months and years ahead. I would like to thank our previous board members for all of their contributions and in particular past-President Dr. Ariane Marelli for carrying CACH-Net through the COVID-19 pandemic.

We have a number of exciting initiatives afoot for CACH-Net members. We look forward to bringing our ACHD community together with regular

National ACHD Case Rounds. You will receive regular e-newsletters updating you on initiatives and success stories from across Canada. I will be reaching out to some of you to help put together a national ACHD curriculum for Cardiology residents. We want to hear from you about content that you hope to see at the next Canadian Cardiovascular Congress at Vascular 2023!

It remains exceedingly important for us to participate in and benefit from our national and international community. We are all driven by common goals, to see our specialty continue to advance and be increasingly recognized, to strive for excellent in clinical care, education and research. In that spirit, I ask each and every one of you to reach out and renew your memberships to the CCS and CACH-Net. Please reach out to me if you have suggestions or would like to participate more formally in CACH-Net.

Sincerely,

Jasmine Grewal, MD

President, Canadian Adult Congenital Heart Network

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Director, Yasmin and Amir Virani Provincial Adult Congenital Heart Program

## Renew your CACH Net Membership



Your 2023 membership renewal invoice has been sent to you by email from **membership@ccs.ca**. You can pay your dues online through the secure **MY.CCS.ca** portal. If you have any questions please email **membership@ccs.ca** or call 1-877-569-3407 option 2.

# **Introducing Our New Board of Directors**

Meet the new CACH-Net Board of Directors for 2023. Stay tuned for the open call for Board of Directors nominations in Spring 2023. We will be accepting applications for new positions!

- Jasmine Grewal, Vancouver, BC President
- Rafael Alonso-Gonzalez, Toronto, ON Vice-President
- Ariane Marelli, Montreal, QC Past President
- Robin Ducas, Winnipeg, MB Treasurer
- Arsha Karbassi, Hamilton, ON Secretary
- Michelle Keir, Calgary, AB Member-at-Large, Chair of Communications
- Jonathan Windram, Edmonton, AB Member-at-Large, Co-chair of Education
- Payam Dehghani, Regina, SK Member-at-Large, Co-chair of Education

# National Congenital Heart Disease Rounds

We are excited to share that National Adult Congenital Heart Disease Case Rounds will launch soon! This will be a collaborative initiative with the CPCA and CSE so that the content has broad interest.

Rounds will be structured around a case presentation by an ACHD fellow or ACHD cardiologist, highlighting contemporary and/or innovative approaches to diagnosis and management, with incorporation of relevant literature and guidelines. Audience members will participate in discussions around diagnosis and management. Presenters will be encouraged to involve members of other CCS Affiliates in the case presentation (e.g. CSE and CSCMRI).

The goals of the rounds are to facilitate collaboration between ACHD centres and engage adult and pediatric cardiology trainees in ACHD.

In terms of logistics, Case Rounds will take place every quarter, held on Wednesdays at 7-8pm EST to allow participation from ACHD centres across Canada. We are working with CCS to accredit the sessions (MOC Level 1)

Presenters will be invited from ACHD centres. Please let us know if you are interested in presenting.

#### #FindACHD

#FindACHD is a collaborative initiative made up of ACHD and non-ACHD healthcare professionals, patients, and stakeholders. Our aim is to improve adult CHD patient care in Canada by building strong connections between the healthcare teams who treat them. We do this by creating targeted communication and education tools and resources, strengthening advocacy, and ensuring continuity of care - through small initiatives, while building capacity for the future.

One example of our recent efforts was to create and present a short video at the Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians conference, from the perspective of 3 adults with CHD, an ER physician, and a non-ACHD cardiologist, to illustrate the gaps in care and to provide short-and long-term solutions.

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