



CANADIAN ADULT CONGENITAL HEART NETWORK

President's Message

Dear CACH Members,

We would like to wish all of you a happy, healthy and fulfilling upcoming 2024. We thank you for your dedication to looking after adults with congenital heart disease and commitment to promotion and delivery of quality ACHD care across Canada.

We would like to welcome our new CACH-Net executive members, now also including a Trainee Representative and Patient Partner. With our current team there are endless opportunities to be innovative with research collaboration, education delivery and supporting our patient partners.

- Jasmine Grewal, President
- Rafael Alonso-Gonzalez, Vice-President
- Ariane Marelli, Past President
- Robin Ducas, Treasurer
- Arsha Karbassi, Secretary
- Michelle Keir, Member-at-Large, Chair of Communications
- Jonathan Windram Member-at-Large, Chair of Education
- Sarah Blissett, Member-at-Large
- Ashish Shah, Member-at-Large
- Karen Ho, Member-at-Large, Trainee Representative
- Shelagh Ross, Member-at-Large, Patient Partner

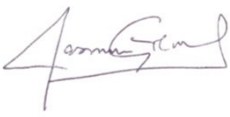


What can you expect in 2024? Your executive is hard at work to deliver a new updated website that will prove to be an excellent resource for care providers and persons with lived experience. We hope to have quarterly National CACH-Net Case Rounds underway, providing a venue for CHD care providers to connect and discuss interesting and challenging cases. There is an increasing recognition of the gaps in ACHD education delivery to our Cardiology trainees, we hope to bridge this gap by creating an informed and relevant ACHD curriculum. Stay tuned and reach out if you would like to engage in any of these activities.

We encourage you to explore and apply for the AFC Diploma in ACHD via the practice route (AFC-PER). In becoming a Diplomate (DRCPSC), there is formal recognition by the Royal College that a physician meets the Royal College discipline's national standards; possesses enhanced competence in a specialized area; and is committed to life-long learning, professional development and continuous quality improvement in the health care profession. Please email diplomas@royalcollege.ca to get the application process underway.

Finally, we hope to connect with you at the 2024 ACHD Symposium in Skamania May 28 - June 1, 2024!

Wishing you all the best



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The Royal College's Practice Eligibility Route for Areas of Focused Competence (PER-AFC) in Adult Congenital Heart Disease is receiving applications.

If you have acquired the competencies of ACHD through professional practice and would like them recognized by the Royal College with an additional designation of Diplomat (DRCPSC), then you are invited to apply. The application form can be requested through diplomas@royalcollege.ca.

Upcoming Event

Annual International Symposium on ACHD

May 28 - June 1, 2024

Skamania Lodge, Washington, USA

This meeting has played an important role in building our community of providers for adults with congenital heart disease. It traces its roots to David Sahn and Gary Webb who established this rotating educational forum. The venue has been host to Joe Perloff and Jane Sommerville and subsequent generations of ACHD providers.

This meeting will highlight emerging research, discuss contemporary topics in ACHD in some unique ways, and importantly, build the ACHD community worldwide.

Learn more and register [here](#).



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