



January 22, 2025

President's Message

Dear CACH Net Members,

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had an opportunity to relax and enjoy time with family and friends over the holiday season. I would like to wish all of you a happy, healthy and fulfilling upcoming 2025. 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 are pleased to share that we had a great 2024 and delivered on many of the initiatives that we had set out for our professional society.



1. New updated CACH-Net website has gone live. If you haven't already, please visit cachnet.org.
2. We had our first CCS/CACH Net National Case Rounds this past fall. These were a great success and very well received. We look forward to hosting these quarterly.
3. The creation of an ACHD curriculum for Cardiology trainees is underway. More to come!
4. The inaugural 2024 CACH Net Annual Achievement Award was given to Dr. Nanette Alvarez at CCC 2024.
5. HSF CHD National Advisory Committee. Work is underway with the creation of 2/6 task groups with specific initiatives and regular meetings to ensure ongoing progress.
 - **Task Group 1** – Integrating Care and Optimizing Equitable Access Within Health Systems
 - **Task Group 2** – Generating and Incorporating Evidence-Based Care into Practice

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What to Expect for 2025?

1. Increased focus and work to move HSF CHD NAC Task groups forward to achieve our priorities.

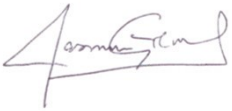
2. Complete the ACHD Curriculum so that we can standardize Cardiology exposure/teaching to adult congenital heart disease across the country.
3. Regular CCS/CACH Net National Case Rounds
4. Focus on persons with lived experience engagement and initiatives.

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.

We would like to congratulate Dr. Markus Schwerzmann, Ottawa Heart Institute, who was awarded with the AFC in ACHD in December 2024. To date, we have **7 ACHD cardiologists who have been awarded by the Royal College.**

Finally, we hope to connect with you at the 2025 ACHD Symposium in Toronto June 5-7, 2025!

Wishing you all the best,



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