



# DUCCS Happy Hour

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## Dr. Barry Ramo Returns as DUCCS Visiting Professor

Dr. Barry Ramo, who graduated from the Duke cardiovascular fellowship program in 1970, returned January 12-14 as the DUCCS Visiting Professor.

Dr. Ramo, of the New Mexico Heart Institute, came with two goals: To find good cardiologists to join his practice, and to learn how Duke handled aspects of cardiology practice that were newer to him: cardiac rehab, cardio-oncology, cardiac MR, and more.



Duke Cardiology Fellows Dan Friedman, Haider Warraich, and Adam Banks with Visiting Professor Barry Ramo

In addition to meetings with doctors specializing in cardiac rehab, cardio-oncology, and cardiac MR, Dr. Ramo's busy schedule included heart failure rounds, a lunch with the acting head of Duke Cardiology, and a sit-down with DUCCS leaders to discuss adding value to DUCCS membership.

But Dr. Ramo wasn't the only one to leave with new insights and new contacts. Fellows had a chance to talk to him about the realities of working in a private practice; how to share their work with the public ([Dr. Ramo has a successful television career!](#)); and what to look for when job-hunting.

The DUCCS visiting professor program is a unique opportunity for DUCCS members and fellows alike to learn and make new connections. It was a pleasure to have Barry Ramo on campus.

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We're using our Spotlight on... feature to get acquainted with current fellows, longtime DUCCS members, and more. This week, meet Duke cardiology fellow Neha Pagidipati.

**Clinical interests:** preventive cardiology, echocardiography

**Research interests:** prevention of CVD, particularly through lifestyle modification and weight loss management, in underserved populations

**Something that hardly anybody knows:** I started dancing when I was 2.5 years old, and was involved in musical theater throughout high school and college. I loved both, but was not particularly good at either.

**A question you hate being asked:** How did you meet your husband? The answer is slightly embarrassing and may have involved me going out of my way to meet him after spotting him from across a room 😊

## Thank You, Endowment Donors!

This month saw three new donations to the Galen Wagner endowment from DUCCS members **Dave Albert, Mary Dohrmann, and Bill Kraus**. We are tremendously grateful for these contributions, which help ensure that DUCCS will remain successful for years to come.

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