



DUCCS Happy Hour

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Cuffe Visiting Professorship Brings Outsider and Insider Perspectives

Fellows got a fresh look at Duke, career development, and the state of U.S. healthcare when Dr. Mike Cuffe came to campus as the DUCCS visiting professor.

Dr. Cuffe is the president of the Physician Services Group for Healthcare Corporation of America, or HCA. HCA is a for-profit hospital network based in

Nashville, Tennessee, with sites across the country and in the U.K. The Physician Services Group currently oversees more than 9,000 providers.

Dr. Cuffe and fellows at Café Parizade



The itinerary for Dr. Cuffe's visit included meetings with high-powered former Duke colleagues, including Tom Owens, Vice President for Medical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer for Duke University Health System; Kevin Schulman, Director of the Center for Clinical and Genetic Economics and Associate Director of DCRI; and his own former mentor, Joseph Greenfield. But the bulk of his time and energy went to Duke cardiology fellows.

At a lunchtime lecture, Dr. Cuffe introduced 12 fellows to HCA's vision and approach and offered his own views on the state of U.S. hospitals. His perspective was straightforward, easy to understand, and as much influenced by his time at the Fuqua School of Business as by his many years as a Duke medical student, resident, fellow, and hospital administrator.

The discussion continued in one-on-one fellow meetings—Dr. Cuffe held nearly as many meetings with fellows as with DCRI and Hospital leadership—and culminated in a fellows-only dinner at Durham's Café Parizade. This was Dr. Cuffe's first visit to the medical side of Duke since 2011, and fellows and colleagues alike were both honored and energized by his time here.



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Congratulations to Our Graduates

It's that time of year again: Duke's cardiology fellows are moving on.

DUCCS is proud of our graduating fellows and thrilled that many are headed to DUCCS sites. Four of this year's graduates will move on to Duke faculty positions. One will take a position at Intermountain Healthcare, home of DUCCS past president Brent Muhlestein. And many who have completed their current program will stay at Duke for additional training.

We wish our graduates the best and look forward to working with them in their new roles.

| Fellows Leaving Duke | |
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| Jorge Antonio Gutierrez | Duke University |
| Jacob Kelly | Alaska Heart and Vascular Institute, Anchorage AK |
| E. Philip Lehman | Chattanooga Heart Institute, Chattanooga TN |
| Andres Pineda Maldonado | University of Florida, Jacksonville FL |
| Neha Pagidipati | Duke University |
| Priyesh Patel | Duke University |
| Sean Pokorney | Duke University |
| Frank David Russo | Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi MS |
| Nishant Sekaran | Intermountain Healthcare, Salt Lake City UT |

| Fellows Entering Additional Training | |
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| Andrew Ambrosy | Advanced Training in Cardiology |
| Alexander Fanaroff | Advanced Training in Cardiology |
| Daniel Friedman | Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology |
| Stephen Gaeta | Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology |
| Sima Hodavance | Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant |
| Ajar Kochar | Advanced Training in Cardiology |
| Nancy Luo | Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant |
| Aditya Mandawat | Advanced Training in Cardiology |
| Kishan Parikh | Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant |
| Amit Vora | Advanced Training in Cardiology (Structural Heart Disease) |



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We're using our Spotlight On... feature to get acquainted with current fellows, longtime DUCCS members, and more. This month, meet DUCCS president Wayne Batchelor.

Clinical Interests:

Percutaneous interventions for structural heart disease (TAVR, mitraclip, and left atrial appendage closure) and percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), in particular radial artery access PCI.

Research Interests:

The evaluation of novel percutaneous therapies to treat valvular heart disease, sarcopenia as a predictor of TAVR outcomes, methods to increase diversity in clinical research, clinical outcomes of women and minorities following PCI.

Something nobody knows about me: I am an adept tuba player!

A question you hate to be asked: Sir, do you know why I pulled you over today?

The story behind the photo: Seafood is our family's favorite. My younger daughter, Samia, and I enjoy fishing. Since moving to Florida from Toronto, we have had to adapt our fishing techniques to the salty waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Suffice it to say that this has not gone very well so far, other than landing the odd small shark or baitfish. Before completely "throwing in the towel" and making our usual trek to the nearby seafood market, one day Samia and I buried our ego and hired the Captain of a small local fishing vessel and headed out into the Gulf. This photo depicts the results. Although a lot of fun and a decent catch of Spanish mackerel resulted from this outing, when I got the final bill for the day from the Captain, it immediately dawned on me that the local seafood market was a much more economical way to fish the beautiful waters of the Gulf!! Maybe, our luck will improve in the future enough to ditch the captain and come up with a cheaper way to get this kind of pic!

