



DUCCS Happy Hour

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Members-Only Website Area Goes Live

DUCCS members can now post job openings and view member contact lists electronically.

If you've visited the [DUCCS website](#) recently, you may have noticed a new "members only" tab. In response to member suggestions, we have created a password-protected website area

where active members can access names and contact information for their DUCCS colleagues and can also submit job announcements to be shared with our group.

The screenshot shows the DUCCS website interface. At the top, the logo and name 'DUCCS DUKE UNIVERSITY COOPERATIVE CARDIOVASCULAR SOCIETY' are visible. A navigation bar contains links for HOME, ABOUT, WHAT WE DO, BECOME A MEMBER, THE GALEN WAGNER ENDOWMENT, NEWS, CONTACT US, and MEMBERS ONLY (which is circled in yellow). Below the navigation bar is a 'DUCCS member map' showing the United States with purple location markers. To the right of the map is a list of links: 'SUBMIT JOB OPENINGS HERE', 'DUCCS MEMBER ROSTER - ALPHABETICAL', 'DUCCS MEMBER ROSTER - BY GRADUATION YEAR', 'DUCCS MEMBER ROSTER - BY LOCATION', and 'DUCCS MEMBER ROSTER - BY SUBSPECIALTY'. A black arrow points from the 'MEMBERS ONLY' tab to the 'SUBMIT JOB OPENINGS HERE' link. Below the list is a profile picture of Wayne Batchelor, MD. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the URL 'dukeduccs.org/members-only/' and the tagline 'Collaboration that advances cardiovascular careers and research'.

Use the tab on the right (circled) to access members-only website content

Use [this link](#) to submit job announcements. You will be asked for your name and details of the job. The DUCCS office will then pass on relevant job announcements to fellows and active members. To browse rosters of active DUCCS members, please use the following links:

[DUCCS Member Roster - Alphabetical](#)

[DUCCS Member Roster - By Fellowship Graduation Year](#)

[DUCCS Member Roster - By Location](#)

[DUCCS Member Roster - By Subspecialty](#)

You will be asked for a password to access these pages. If you have not yet received a password, or if you have forgotten the password, please [contact Megan Honig](#) for assistance.



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HEART-FID Study Recruiting Investigators

Drs. Adrian Hernandez, Robert Mentz and the DCRI Mega Trials group are excited to announce the start-up activities for HEART-FID, Randomized Placebo-controlled Trial of FCM as Treatment for Heart Failure With Iron Deficiency.



HEART-FID is a double-blind, multicenter, prospective, randomized, placebo-controlled study assessing the efficacy and safety of iron therapy using intravenous (IV) ferric carboxymaltose (FCM), relative to placebo in the treatment of patients with heart failure, iron deficiency and a reduced ejection fraction. The trial is sponsored by Luitpold Pharmaceuticals.

HEART-FID will assess the effects of IV FCM compared to placebo on the following outcome measures: the 12-month rate of death, hospitalization for worsening heart failure, and the six-month change in six-minute walk test for patients in heart failure with iron deficiency. The study is anticipated to enroll more than 3,000 adult patients across North America and is one of the largest clinical trials to look at iron therapy as a treatment for heart failure in patients with iron deficiency.

DCRI is currently recruiting investigators to participate in HEART-FID. If you or a colleague have interest or questions, please contact Sharon Califf or Dianne Leloudis by email at [Luitpold DCRI@dm.duke.edu](mailto:Luitpold_DCRI@dm.duke.edu) or phone at 919-668-4618 for more information.



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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 graduating fellow Jacob Kelly.

Clinical interests: My clinical interests include all aspects of general and advanced heart failure with a particular interest in the intersecting area of physical activity, exercise training and heart failure. I believe in utilizing all available data to make treatment plans and care for patients: specifically, I believe that understanding a patient's functional and exercise capacity helps me understand what limits a patient in their daily life. Thus, I'm passionate about using traditional 6-minute walk testing and



Jacob Kelly and family on spring break

cardiopulmonary exercise testing as well as less frequently used hand-grip strength and get up and go testing to help design patient specific medical and exercise training programs to improve the quality of life of my patients at home in their every day lives.

My other strong clinical interest includes caring for previous and ongoing elite and Master's athletes who encounter abnormal cardiovascular symptoms or concerns so that these patients can continue their sports in a safe, life-long trajectory plan.

Research interests: My research interests align with my clinical interests in the interesting areas of physical activity, exercise training and biometric data from wearable and implantable monitors in patients with heart failure. Monitoring and analyzing ongoing biometric data has the potential to predict future clinical worsening requiring hospitalization and may guide physicians into how to treat our patients earlier so that we reduce rehospitalizations ultimately improving outcomes in our patients.

Something nobody knows about you: In college, I majored in Evolutionary Biology and Ecology with a focus on Botany and Plant Ecology. I was enrolled in Law School at Tulane, where I intended to become an Environmental Lawyer but I had a horrific bicycle – car accident and was a multi-trauma patient at Swedish Hospital followed by a 10 day stay at a Rehabilitation Hospital in Denver, Colorado that re-directed my career path back to medicine.

A question you hate being asked: How do you have so much energy? I was born this way. I still enjoy sleep but don't see the need to sleep more than 7 hours or past 7 am on the weekends.