



DUCCS Happy Hour

The bulletin of the Duke University Cooperative Cardiovascular Society

In this issue:

- Join DUCCS in Anaheim!
- DUCCS Piloting Diversity Initiative – Take Our Investigator Survey
- Remembering Dr. Floyd
- Spotlight on... DUCCS member William T “Bill” Smith IV

Join DUCCS in Anaheim!

Will you be in Anaheim for AHA this November?

So will we. Please join DUCCS at the following events.



Follow your dreams and take over YouTube by flickr user Michael Dunn

DUCCS Dinner with Fellows

Our signature event. Reconnect with colleagues and meet current cardiology fellows. Please [contact Megan Honig](#) to reserve your place.

Saturday, November 11, 6:30 pm PST
Catal Restaurant, Downtown Disney
1580 Disneyland Drive, Anaheim, CA 92802
Dinner for one \$85 | Dinner and sponsor a fellow \$170

DUCCS Board Meeting

Our meeting will address ongoing projects and proposed initiatives. Open to all active members.

Sunday, November 12, 4:30 pm PST
Anaheim Marriott, Gold Key I & II

Duke Reception

Connect with Duke Cardiology leadership, faculty, and fellows.

Sunday, November 12, 5:30 pm PST
Anaheim Marriott, Platinum Ballroom 1 & 2

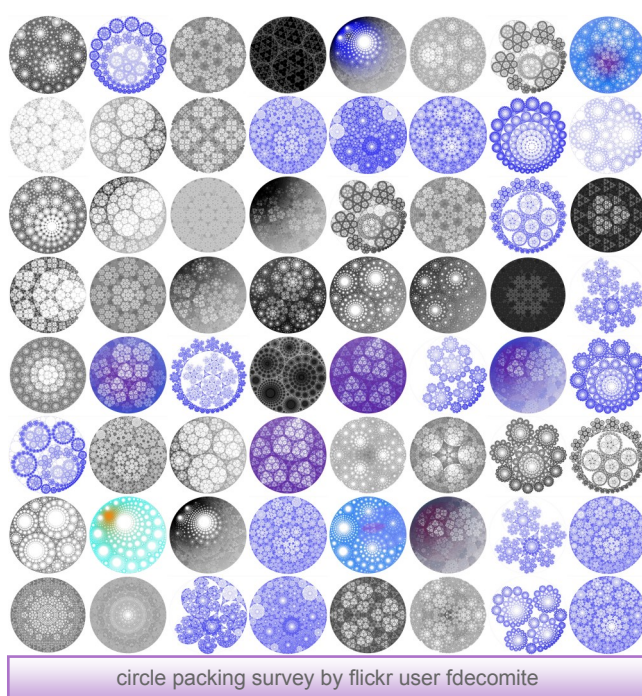


DUCCS Happy Hour

The bulletin of the Duke University Cooperative Cardiovascular Society

DUCCS Piloting Diversity Initiative Take Our Investigator Survey

DUCCS is piloting an initiative aimed at exploring potential barriers related to the underrepresentation of women and minorities in cardiovascular clinical trials. DUCCS president Wayne Batchelor proposed this study, and several DUCCS board members are taking leadership roles.



As a first step in this project, we are conducting a brief survey to explore investigator perspectives on this issue. Our hope is to use the responses and feedback to guide further investigation.

If you would like to be part of this survey, please [click here](#) to record your response.

We greatly appreciate the contributions of our members. We plan to present these survey results at our DUCCS board meeting at AHA and hope many will be able to attend.

Remembering Dr. Floyd

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Dr. Walter L. “Bill” Floyd, a beloved mentor whose teaching had an impact on a generation of Duke cardiologists. Dr. Floyd was a Duke cardiologist for 40 years and was known for his kindness and care. The Walter L. Floyd M.D. Endowed Fellowship in Cardiology, established in his name, supports the training of a fellow who embodies Dr. Floyd’s caring spirit. A link to his full obituary can be found [here](#).



DUCCS Happy Hour

The bulletin of the Duke University Cooperative Cardiovascular Society

Spotlight On... DUCCS Member William T “Bill” Smith IV

We're using our Spotlight On... feature to get acquainted with current fellows, longtime DUCCS members, and more. This month, meet DUCCS member Bill Smith, of Cape Fear Heart Associates in Wilmington, NC.



Clinical interests:

- Clinical management and ablation of atrial fibrillation and other arrhythmias
- Effective team-based care delivery of disease states, particularly atrial fibrillation
- Clinical management of arrhythmia disorders
- Community education/advocacy regarding general cardiovascular health and in particular, arrhythmias and devices

Research interests:

- Designing processes to streamline the delivery of cardiac care at the practice level: to improve patient experience, deliver standardized, evidence-based care, and increase productivity at all levels of cardiology practice
- Involved in trials which are applicable to clinical practice of electrophysiology: ARTESIA (subclinical AF), RIGHT (Defibrillator SVT discrimination trial)
- Physician Director of Cardiology Research and Education at New Hanover Regional Medical Center for 14 years (and counting)! Proponent of cardiovascular research in the community in general, in this role.

Something no one knows about me: I didn't plan to be an electrophysiologist! Told Tris Bahnson that I was only interested in learning to implant devices at the outset of my EP fellowship in 2002.

A question I hate being asked: Would you mind serving on a committee to address _____ ?

The story behind the photo: I'm married to Amy Smith, former Labor and Delivery nurse at Massachusetts General and Duke. She's from Santa Rosa, California. We have three terrific children, who are constantly creating strategies to force the two of us to become better parents! It feels like I just left Duke yesterday, but the recent graduation of my oldest son, Thomas from high school (he's now a freshman at NCSU School of Engineering) reminds me that I'm now one of the "old guys" (but I don't feel like it!). Pictured are youngest son, Benjamin, who competed on the US Youth Sailing Team in Belgium this summer, myself, graduate Thomas, wife Amy and daughter Kate, All-Conference cross country athlete and aspiring physician.