

Fellows and Young Practitioners Forum

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MEET THE CASE PRESENTERS



Vincenzo Cesario, MD, PhD

Dr. Cesario is a cardiology resident at Sapienza University of Rome and will complete a fellowship in interventional cardiology at San Camillo Forlanini Hospital, Rome. Dr. Cesario's publications may be found at <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33497518/>. Main research activities include Co-investigator of POEM study POEM (Performance of bioresorbable Polymer-Coated Everolimus-Eluting Synergy Stent in patient at high bleeding risk undergoing percutaneous coronary revascularization followed by 1-month DAPT) and "Aspirine Resistance Mediated By Multi-Drug Resistance Protein 4 Overexpression in Patient with Acute Coronary Syndrome." Areas of interest are cardiogenic shock, ventricular assist device, complex coronary intervention, and aortic and mitral valve pathology.



Laith Derbas, MD

Dr. Laith Derbas completed medical school at the University of Jordan and finished Internal Medicine residency at the University of Missouri-Kansas City where he served as a Chief Resident. Dr. Derbas is currently a Cardiology Fellow at Rush University Medical Center and has a great interest in Interventional Cardiology.



Valery S. Effoe, MD, MS

Dr. Valery Effoe completed his medical training in Cameroon, Central Africa and thereafter served a rural community, where he created a hypertension and diabetes clinic. In 2010, Dr. Effoe was awarded a scholarship by Wake Forest University in North Carolina, where he completed a masters program in clinical and population translational sciences, with a primary focus on diabetes and heart disease. He later moved to Atlanta in June 2016 to train in internal medicine at the Morehouse School of Medicine. Dr. Effoe is currently a board-certified internal medicine physician and is completing advanced training in cardiovascular diseases at the Morehouse School of Medicine. After he completes his training in general cardiovascular diseases, Dr. Effoe will pursue advanced training in interventional cardiology at Advocate Aurora Health Care in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Dr. Effoe's research interests are in coronary interventions and peripheral arterial disease.



Katherine J. Kunkel, MD, MSED

Katherine Kunkel is a fellow in Complex, High-Risk and Indicated Percutaneous Coronary Interventions and Advanced Hemodynamic Care (CHIP) at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. Prior to coming to Michigan, Katherine completed general, interventional, and structural training at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania as well as a masters degree in medical education. Her interests include advanced coronary interventions with a focus on chronic total occlusions, mechanical circulatory support in cardiogenic shock, and medical education.



Dimitrios Petroglou, MD, PhD

Dimitrios Petroglou graduated from the Medical School of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece and is a board certified cardiologist since October 2016. He presented his thesis "Manual versus mechanical compression of the radial artery after transradial coronary angiography" in 2019, obtaining his PhD degree. From 2016 to 2020 he has worked as a consultant cardiologist in 424 General Military Hospital of Thessaloniki, Greece. Dr. Petroglou is an Interventional Cardiology Fellow in the 1st Cardiology Department of University Hospital of Ioannina, Greece. He has 13 Pubmed publications and is a member of the ESC, EAPCI and the Hellenic Society of Cardiology.



Krishnaraj S. Rathod, MBBS, BMedSci, MRCP, PhD, FHEA

Krishnaraj Rathod is currently an interventional cardiology registrar at Barts Heart Centre and an NIHR Academic Clinical Lecturer and Senior Lecturer at Queen Mary University of London. His PhD was funded by NIHR Doctoral Research Fellowship based on the investigation of the effect of dietary nitrate in patients with stable angina under the supervision of Professors Anthony Mathur and Amrita Ahluwalia. His primary research interests are based around translational interventional clinical trials, including a phase I & II clinical trials. He is currently completing an MSc in clinical trials. Other interests include the cost-effectiveness of therapies in cardiovascular disease, the treatment of reperfusion injury following myocardial infarction and observational studies of long outcomes following percutaneous coronary intervention.



David Tadin, MD

David Tadin, MD is currently an interventional fellow at MUSC. Dr. Tadin completed medical school, internal medicine residency and general cardiology fellowship at LSUHSC-New Orleans. Dr. Tadin completed his general cardiology fellowship in 2018 and served as an invasive cardiologist for two years with Cardiovascular Institute of the South (CIS), prior to interventional training. Dr. Tadin's interest and focus are in coronary arterial disease and peripheral artery disease. Dr. Tadin plans to dedicate his practice to these areas of interest.



Chan Ho Thum, MBBS

Dr. Chan Ho Thum serves as Cardiology Fellow and Clinical Specialist at the National Heart Institute of Malaysia. Earning his MBBS from International Medical University Malaysia, postgraduate degree in Internal Medicine from the Membership of the Royal College of Physicians, United Kingdom and the National University of Singapore, Dr. Thum trained at University Malaya, Ipoh General Hospital, Putrajaya Hospital before continuing cardiology fellowship at the National Heart Institute of Malaysia. Practicing in interventional cardiology, Dr. Thum has training in Cardiology Imaging, Heart Failure and Electrophysiology. Dr. Thum is actively involved with the MICRA, Heart Failure with Sacubitril Valsartan, Drug Coated Balloon, and Post-CABG PCI registries.