



Minnesota

CHAPTER

Minnesota Chapter, American College of Cardiology

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Top Accomplishment: Hosted the Midwest Cardiovascular Summit in-person in October 2024, with great success and pre-pandemic numbers. Hosted Midwest Women in Cardiology Regional Conference with great success in content, numbers, and fundraising.

1. Increase Relevance as the CV Professional Home

a. Accomplishments:

- Increased relevance to FIT members by developing FIT virtual programming including career night.
- Included CV team and FIT board members in the design and hosting of the annual MN Chapter meeting.
- Hosted a networking dinner at ACC.24.
- Dr. Amin Rahmatullah attended Minnesota Medical Association Day at the Capitol in St. Paul to represent the chapter; Shelby attended the 2024 MMA Election Recap and 2025 MN policy outlook.
- The chapter was represented by 5 people at the national Leg Conference to advocate for our profession and strengthen ties with the offices of House and Senate members from Minnesota.
- Hosted the Midwest Cardiovascular Summit in-person in October 2024 with great success in fundraising, attendance, and content
- Hosted our annual in-person Poster Contest with 41 Student, Resident, and FIT competitors and hosted a poster contest in conjunction with the Midwest WIC Meeting with 48 Student, Resident, and FIT Competitors.

b. Opportunities

- Leverage website and social media to project MN ACC activities that positively impact the CV professionals in the State, which also supports our chapter brand awareness goals.
- Minnesota will be the 2025 Co-Host for the WIC Midwest meeting in partnership with the NV chapter.

2. Generate and Deliver Actionable Knowledge

a. Accomplishments:

- Launched our first Journal Club, focused on lipids. Very successful with content, attendance, and fundraising.
- The Chapter hosted FIT education and networking events, topics included how to approach the job search and interview process and career advice for making the transition from training to practice; Hosted the FIT Jeopardy competition at the Midwest CV Forum, offering FIT programs in the state to compete for sponsored participation at ACC.25.
- The chapter coordinated a virtual Echocardiology boot camp in partnership with the Iowa ACC Chapter. The content was split into 4, to hour sessions and covered issues in Echocardiographic examination and Echocardiographic emergencies. This program served over 300 class participants. Recordings were well-visited.

b. Opportunities:

- Expand educational offerings, CE opportunities, chapter lead programming in both virtual and in-person formats.

- Plan to offer additional Journal Clubs (2) In 2025.

3. Advance Quality, Equity, and Value of CV Care

a. Accomplishments:

- The chapter made a concerted effort to ensure diversity of speakers during the Midwest Forum, Journal Club, and WIC Midwest Meetings and throughout our programming.
- Included PA-C and ACNP-BC/AACC members on the planning committee for the Annual Conference.

b. Opportunities:

- Continue visibly and intentionally incorporating the concepts of quality, equity and diversity in event planning and execution so that these become a cultural norm of Mn ACC Chapter.

4. Ensure Organizational Growth and Sustainability

a. Accomplishments:

- We preserved all levels of memberships.
- The chapter stabilized the finances with the return of in person events and sponsorship.

b. Opportunities:

- Focused efforts to identify groups with potential for FACC member growth/actively pursue groups in an intentional way through grassroots recruitment efforts; Offer Impactful events and opportunities to retain membership and show value to potential members.