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President's Message

by Curt J Daniels



Dear ISACHD Members,

An ACHD milestone was achieved this past month in the United States. I am pleased to announce the creation and now historic approval of ACHD Sub-Specialty Board Certification. A process that began in 2007 cleared its final hurdle this past month with approval by the American Board of Medical Specialties. Current ACHD cardiologist may sit for board examination by meeting the qualifications and requirements of the practice pathway. This "grandfathering" process toward board certification will be open for several years during which time and for the future, fellowship will require 24 months of specific ACHD training after completing either internal medicine or pediatric cardiology. ACHD Board Certification means, for the first time in the US, physicians will meet a standard for training and ongoing education. The success navigating through the many approvals necessary for board certification was only possible by building on the many achievements of the past; prior research, guideline statements, consensus conferences, AND, support by key societies and organizations. Those involved in the application for board certification wish to thank our international colleagues for their support and work that provided evidence necessary to move the petition forward during critical stages of the approval process.

At our ISACHD Meeting ACC 2013 San Francisco (March 10th, 2013), we will provide more detail regarding ACHD Board Certification in the US, and in the progress being made in other countries. Progress continues with our ACHD Global Health Initiatives; Health Care and Program Building, Education, and Research. More to come next month.

If you haven't renewed your membership for this year, please do so, now is the time. Please visit the ISACHD website at www.isachd.org to learn more about ISACHD, visit the journal watch page and find the latest ACHD publications, view upcoming conferences endorsed by ISACHD and register to become a member of ISACHD.

Look forward to seeing you soon,

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