DIVISION OF CARDIOLOGY

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OVERVIEW

The mission of the Division of Cardiology is to provide excellence in three major areas: clinical care of the patient with cardiovascular disease, education, and research. Our faculty members and the dozens of staff who support their activities have a tradition of excellence in all three areas. Cardiovascular services at Saint Louis University Hospital continue to be rated highly both locally as well as nationally. A higher percentage of attending cardiologists at Saint Louis University are listed as St. Louis’ top doctors than any other group in the region. The Cardiology Division of Saint Louis University provides state-of-the-art clinical services in all aspects of cardiovascular care. There are currently approximately 25 active research projects ongoing in the division including multiple key studies funded by the NIH and industry. Research activities in the Division of Cardiology include focused areas on the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and long-term therapeutic options for the management of cardiovascular disease including arrhythmias, congestive heart failure, coronary artery disease, ischemic and non-ischemic cardiovascular diseases. The division prides itself on maintaining a top rated cardiology fellowship training program, as well as subspecialty training in interventional cardiology and clinical cardiac electrophysiology. The physician faculty enjoy an outstanding reputation both locally and nationally and our program for training cardiologists, residents, and medical students is second to none.

In order to better provide cardiovascular clinical services to the community, the Cardiology Division maintains outpatient offices not only at the Doctors’ Office Building on the Saint Louis University Hospital campus, but offices throughout the region. The Division of Cardiology maintains a 10,000+ square foot practice at the University Club Tower office building on Brentwood Boulevard. Fully staffed by technicians, nurses, and physicians, this facility provides a full range of cardiovascular services including radionuclide myocardial perfusion stress testing, Doppler echocardiographic capabilities, arrhythmias and device monitoring, among other services. Over 8,000 patients per year are seen in this facility. In addition, faculty from the Division of Cardiology also maintain practices at the Des Peres Medical Office building, as well as Alton, Illinois. Outpatient testing including echocardiographic rest and stress studies, as well as diagnostic cardiac catheterization are also available at the Des Peres site. Providing ease of access of patients into the medical system has always been one of the goals in the Cardiology Division. This has been realized in the development of two outpatient cardiac catheterization laboratories, one at the Des Peres Hospital complex and the other state-of-the-art facility recently opened in the West Pavilion of TenetCare outpatient facility. This cutting edge cardiac catheterization laboratory allows for a complete diagnostic study in which patients are able to undergo testing and go home in many cases after just a few hours.

In the area of education, the division’s fellowship training program is nationally renowned. We train four fellows per year in the basic 3 year program from an applicant pool of over 1,000 residents annually. In addition, the Division of Cardiology maintains an active advanced fellowship training program in both electrophysiology and interventional cardiology. Each of these programs have received full ACGME approval in the recent accreditation cycle.
The division maintains several inpatient cardiology services including the coronary care unit, the consult team, and the inpatient telemetry unit. Residents, as well as medical students, rotate through these services year round. Additional residents and students continue to electively rotate in other areas of cardiology including the cardiac catheterization laboratory, the echo laboratory, as well as the electrophysiological and heart failure services. The Cardiology Division maintains an active conference schedule with early morning or noon time conferences occurring on a daily basis with ACCME accreditation. The faculty of the Cardiology Division takes great pride in its teaching efforts, having been designated the best teaching division in the Department of Internal Medicine as voted by the medical residents in two of the past five years.

In the area of research, the Division of Cardiology at Saint Louis University continues to be recognized on a national and international level. Both the electrocardiographic and echocardiographic core labs of the Cardiology Division continue to participate in important studies focused on prevention and treatment of coronary artery disease, hyperlipidemia, hypertension, cardioembolic stroke, congestive heart failure, atrial fibrillation and intracardiac devices, to name a few. Additional research in the assessment of coronary flow, cardiac imaging, and antithrombotic therapy provide additional exciting areas for future research.

In FY ’08, the faculty of the division published 30 original papers, reviews and book chapters. The division directs the annual Cardiology Advances for the Primary Care Physician CME course designed for practicing physicians. As in every year, we have had an evening dinner lecture series that has been very successful. During the past year, a generous gift from Mr. Jack Shelby resulted in the establishment of a professorship in his name, of which Dr. Labovitz is the initial recipient.

The Division of Cardiology at Saint Louis University takes great pride in its outstanding performance in clinical care, education, and research.

HONORS AND RECOGNITION

Frank L. Bleyer, M.D.
Best Doctors 2007
Chairman, Advocacy Committee. 2002-present American College of Cardiology, Missouri Chapter

Bernard Chaitman, M.D.
Best Doctors 2007
Served on the Acute Coronary Syndrome/Coronary Artery Disease Clinical Data Standards Writing Committee.
Served as abstract reviewer for (1.) European Society of Cardiology (ESC) Congress Program Committee and the Science Council, (2.) the American Heart Association (AHA) Scientific Sessions, and (3.) the American College of Cardiology (ACC) Scientific Sessions
Participated in a How To Session on “How to Manage Non-Revascularizable Refractory Angina” and moderated an oral abstract session entitled “Physiology of Exercise and Pharmacologic Stress II” at the American Heart Association’s Annual Scientific Sessions.

Associate Clinical Professor
Frank Gafford, M.D.
Paul Gibson, M.D.
Randy Johnson, M.D.
Robert Potashnick, M.D.
Richard Stewart, M.D.
Donald Voelker, M.D.

Assistant Professor
Frank L. Bleyer, M.D.
Jack Collier, M.D.
Michael Forsberg, M.D.
Michael Lim, M.D.
C. Ryan Longnecker, M.D.
Wajeehuddin Mohammed, M.D.
Mark Richards, Ph.D., M.D.

Adjunct Assistant Professor
Walter Parham, M.D.
Karen Stocke, M.B.A.
Ali Ziaee, M.D.

Adjunct Assistant Research Professor
Marie Watanabe, Ph.D., M.D.

Emeritus Assistant Clinical Professor
David Gardner, D.O.

Assistant Clinical Professor
Naseer Ahmad, M.D.
Bassam Al-Joudi, M.D.
Tammam Al-Joudi, M.D.
Nizar Assi, M.D.
Martin Ast, M.D.
Elie Azrak, M.D.
Saad Bitar, M.D.
Thomas Cahill, M.D.
Duck Chun, M.D.
James Davis, M.D.
Bulent Dincer, M.D.
Amr El-Shafei, M.D.
Lenoard Fagan, M.D.
Gregory Gabliani, M.D.
Mary Gamache, M.D.
David Harshmann, M.D.
Sultan Hayat, M.D.
Jorge Hernandez, M.D.
John Hogan, M.D.
Served as an invited panelist at *Clinical Cardiology*’s Annual Round Table on the topic: “New Definition of MI” held during the American Heart Association’s Annual Scientific Sessions

Visiting Professor at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, University of Illinois at Chicago, Northwestern University in Chicago, IL, Presbyterian St. Luke’s Medical Center

**Paul Hauptman, M.D.**
Best Doctors 2007

Caring Physician Award, Saint Louis University Hospital

Service: Member (elected), Faculty Affairs Committee, School of Medicine; Associate

Chairman, Quality of Care Committee (formerly Care Standards), Heart Failure Society of America

Faculty Judge, 43rd AOA Medical Student Research Forum

**Denise Janosik, M.D.**
Best Doctors 2007

**Arthur Labovitz, M.D.**
Best Doctors 2007


Teacher of the Year 2007-2008, Division of Cardiology


**Michael Lim, M.D.**
Best Doctors 2007

NEW FACULTY ENTERING THE DIVISION IN 2007

Jack Collier, M.D., Assistant Professor joined the division after completing his cardiology subspecialty residency at Saint Louis University School of Medicine.

Michael Forsberg, M.D., Assistant Professor joined the division after completing his cardiology subspecialty residency and interventional cardiology fellowship at Saint Louis University School of Medicine.

C. Ryan Longnecker, M.D., Assistant Professor joined the division after completing his cardiology subspecialty residency at Saint Louis University School of Medicine.

Wajeehuddin Mohammed, M.D., Assistant Professor joined the division after completing a peripheral vascular intervention subspecialty residency at St. Elizabeth Medical Center/Tufts University in Boston.
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GRANTS AND CONTRACTS HELD BY EACH FACULTY MEMBER

Frank L. Bleyer, M.D.

Bernard R. Chaitman, M.D.


Denise Janosik, M.D.


Arthur J. Labovitz, M.D.
Columbia University subcontract, NIH U01 NS43975, “Warfarin versus Aspirin in Reduced Cardiac Ejection Fraction (WARCEF),” 2000-2012, $2,165,891.

During fiscal year 2008 the Cardiology division had 52 active studies with different sponsors. Due to confidentiality agreements and non-publicity clauses in contracts with sponsors, specific information pertaining to industry sponsored research may not be released in public documents.