Duke Medical School Spring Faculty Meeting. I encourage everyone to attend the Spring faculty meeting on Tuesday from 4:45-7:30 in the Great Hall at the Trent Semans Center. A networking reception with heavy hors d’oeuvres will be served from 4:45-5:45 followed by the program. Several of our colleagues will receive University awards and recognition this year. It would be nice to have as many faculty as possible attend after Grand Rounds.

JCAHO Visit. The Joint Commission will be onsite Monday and Tuesday this week evaluating the VAD program, a requirement for ongoing CMS participation. Many thanks to all who support the VAD program (imaging labs, cath lab, nurses, social work, intensivists, consultants, and all others left off this list). National data is not collected on VAD program size, but we think that the Duke program is the largest in the US and is on target to place nearly 200 patients on support this year. Survival outcomes are superior to national average with lower than expected complication rates.

ICD-10. The IEIC was in a meeting this week in which Duke plans for ICD-10 were rolled out. Remember that ICD-10 will be enacted on 10/1/15. The number of potential diagnoses will increase from 13,000 to 68,000 and will significantly increase the granularity for diagnoses. Cardiology is one of four specialties most impacted by this change. It will be critical for us to prepare for this change to avoid clinical interruption. There will be a Grand Rounds/Division Meeting for the faculty, an on-line module, and “at-the-elbow” assistance from the PRMO at roll-out to assist.

The Heart Center CRU. The Division received great news this week that the Heart Center CRU was ranked 2nd in the entire Medical Center for Q2. This is a real tribute to Mike Felker and the entire CRU team that he has assembled to manage our research portfolio. It also recognizes the work done by the clusters and the faculty in trial selection, enrollment and management.

Sports Cardiology. The Sports Cardiology program is up and running (pardon the pun). Clinic hours are available on Wednesday afternoons. Bill relayed an interesting anecdote of a young triathlete who had a recent NSTEMI. He underwent a thorough
evaluation, received counselling, and is now back exercising under the watchful eye of cardiac rehabilitation specialists.

**Pictures from Chris’ Party.** Use the following link to view photos from the CEO’s going away party.

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/pnyw4f5s3zg740p/AABJ58E9U31T70mEU1xZfR-ha?dl=0

**Who would have thought??** The IEIC has learned that the Laureate has adopted a “biased” approach to electronic communication using emojis to drive home important concepts and emphasize critical issues of great scientific importance. Below is the irrefutable scientific evidence that he has integrated outstanding texting skills. Parenthetically, life is pretty good when your AV guy is Howard Rockman. (That is a thumbs up sign in case you were wondering…)

Sunil Rao Named Program Chair. Congratulations to Sunil on his selection as Co-Chair for the 2016 ACC-i2 Summit. His co-chair is Dave Kandzari, another Dukie who is now at Piedmont in Atlanta. Those with ideas for the program should communicate with Sunil.

Can you name this faculty member?

One of the individuals in this photo is a Duke Cardiology faculty member. Can you spot him and name the person? (Hint: it is not the person in Spiderman’s arms)
Fellow Publications. It has been several weeks since we mentioned Ann Marie Navar-Boggan in the PA. Dr. Navar-Boggan was the principal author on a JACC paper this week entitled “Using Age- and Sex-Specific Risk Thresholds to Guide Statin Therapy. Jacob Kelly was the primary author on a State of the Art review in JACC entitled “Patient Selection in Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction Clinical Trials”. Congratulation to both on these great publications.

Other Publications


One last thing…

Next weekend marks graduation for many college students, and several of our faculty have plans to attend graduation ceremonies in upcoming weeks. Congratulations to all whose kids have achieved this important milestone. The PA will not be published next Sunday while the IEIC celebrates with his youngest.

Finally, we should all take a few moments this week to reflect upon the incredible blessing of our mothers (guys, please don’t forget cards. Mother’s Day is Sunday).