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SOCIETY OF PEDIATRIC ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY

Quarterly Newsletter

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SOPE Mission Statement

To provide a unique environment for the pediatric and adult congenital echocardiography community to collaborate with other imaging societies to promote networking, education, advocacy, research, and program development

Message from SOPE Physician Chair, Beth Printz, MD PhD and Sonographer Chair, Jennifer Acevedo, ACS, RDCS

We are so excited to share with our SOPE community this Winter 2024 Newsletter! It has been a busy last six months for SOPE, and this spring is shaping up to be even busier. Our monthly Society of Pediatric Echo Educational Dates (SPEED) sessions are consistently excellent and well-attended; please visit our newly updated website for information about upcoming sessions. We hope to "see" you at future sessions. We will be holding our Members Meeting on May 16, which will include our annual Meet the Fellows introductions and updates from ASE.



Speaking of fellows, we are excited to announce that our inaugural SOPE-sponsored Pediatric Advanced Cardiac Imaging (PACI) match will start soon! There has been lots of hard work behind the scenes. This endeavor has been a longstanding goal within the Pediatric CHD imaging world, and SOPE is honored to be the sponsoring organization. We want to give a special shout-out to Dr. Shiraz Maskatia, who has spearheaded this effort. Please read the PACI article in this newsletter for more information (page 6).

Although still three months away, we want to encourage SOPE members to attend this year's American Society of Echocardiography Scientific Sessions, June 14-16. SOPE will host our annual Social on the evening of June 14th (see page 11 for details). The ASE Peds/CHD sessions will be outstanding, and Dr. Shaine Morris will present this year's Feigenbaum lecture. Several of 'our own' will be honored at this year's ASE Gala on the night of June 15th, which include Dr. Tal Geva (Founders' Award for Lifetime Achievement in (cont. page 2)

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Message from SOPE Chairs (cont.)

Echocardiography for PCHD), Dr. Nancy Ayres (Physician Lifetime Achievement Award), Dr. Leo Lopez (Meritorious Service Award). Please consider joining us in celebrating these PCHD 'giants' while supporting the ASE Foundation.

With all that's going on in SOPE, we must thank all our individual members and institutional sponsors (Cincinnati Children's, Lurie Children's, Stanford Children's, Seattle Children's, and Nemours Children's). Through March, we will be holding a membership drive with discounts for new SOPE individual annual membership, and we would like to encourage all to join us as SOPE members. Current members, be on the lookout for more information on SOPE subcommittees and the SOPE board for next year.

Finally, we thank our new management company director, Jeanette May of MaySquare. You and your staff have been amazing partners already!

With Sincere Gratitude and on behalf of the SOPE Board of Directors,

Beth and Jennifer
Jennifer Acevedo, ACS, RDCS
Beth Printz, MD, PhD



SOPE Executive Board Members

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Secretary: Jennifer Co-Vu, MD

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Interested in SOPE Institutional Sponsorship?

Thank you to our institutional sponsors for your generous support in 2023! It is time to consider renewing or joining SOPE as an institutional sponsor in 2024!

What are the benefits of being a SOPE member?

The Society of Pediatric Echocardiography (SOPE) is a non-profit organization recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code. The overarching goal of the Society is to advance of the field of pediatric and congenital echocardiography through collaborative research, education and mentorship.

SOPE has created Subcommittees which include:

- Education
- Communications
- Career Development
- Echo Lab Collaborative
- Pediatric Echocardiography Advocacy and Sonographer (PEASE)
- Pediatric Advanced Cardiac Imaging (PACI) match

The volunteer positions held on the subcommittees serve to provide our members with valuable educational content, offer opportunities for members to serve in areas they would like to see growth and development in the field of pediatric echocardiography and create a pipeline for leadership on the SOPE board.

We have been hard at work updating our website for our members, to assure it is content-rich and offers members a chance to collaborate with our community through networking and educational resources.

SOPE membership provides you access to:

- Personalized member profiles
- Member networking within our pediatric and adult congenital echo community
- Access to the members-only website section which houses the SPEED series of webinars brought to you by the SOPE Education Subcommittee. The SPEED series of webinars have been SOPE's most popular initiative; hosted live on 4th Tuesday of the month at 8:00 PM EST
- Continuing education credits for sonographers who attend SPEED and any other educational symposia
- Access to attend our annual in-person SOPE social
- Mentorship programs
- Volunteer opportunities

As SOPE moves forward in our mission to provide a unique environment for the pediatric and adult congenital echocardiography community to collaborate with other imaging societies to promote networking, education, advocacy, research, and program development we hope that you will join us in

pursuit of our mission and purpose. We welcome fresh ideas from our community members and hope that you will see the value in membership with SOPE! We look forward to an exciting year of continued growth and we hope that you will be a part of our community.

To promote institutional involvement, we are offering the following opportunities for institutional sponsorship for 2024

Platinum \$4000

- Waiver of individual membership fees for all physicians, sonographers, and fellows at your institution for each year of sponsorship
- Large size logo in newsletters, website, and membership meeting background screen
- Free job advertisements in newsletters and on the SOPE website
- An article highlighting your institution annually in a SOPE quarterly newsletter
- Sponsorship of one SOPE SPEED event annually, where your institution will have an opportunity to highlight research, clinical specialties, and/or work-in-progress
- Opportunity to publicize cardiac imaging related educational events sponsored by your institution to SOPE members via the SOPE website, newsletter, and direct email from SOPE
- Waiver of SOPE institutional participation fee for the Pediatric Advanced Cardiac Imaging (PACI) Match

Gold \$2000

- Waiver of individual membership fees for up to 10 physicians and 10 sonographers at your institution for each year of sponsorship; all fellows are free
- Small logo in newsletters, website, and membership meeting background screen

Additional benefits of Institutional Sponsorship at both the Platinum and Gold level include:

- Recognition of your institution on the SOPE website Institutional Sponsorship page, including a listing of your institution, your institution's logo, and a listing of all SOPE members from your institution who would like to be included
- Recognition of Institutional Sponsorship on electronic and print communications of SOPE including quarterly newsletter, and acknowledgement in membership meetings for each year of sponsorship
- Free job advertisements in newsletters and on the SOPE website
- Sonographer education and career growth
- Access to standardized protocols
- Higher priority for echo collaborative, QI, and subcommittee opportunities

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SOPE 2024 Important Dates

Next SPEED Session
March 26, 8pm EST

April 2, 2024
Townhall Meeting for Fellows
See page 6 for details

May 16, 2024
Members' Meeting AND
Meet the Fellows

June 14, 2024
SOPE Social @ ASE
See page 11 for details



Institutional Sponsorship (cont. from page 3)

Your support will allow SOPE to achieve its goal of providing a unique platform and for congenital and pediatric echocardiographers, particularly for career advancement of fellows and sonographers.



Interested in being an institutional sponsor?

Contact Jeanette May at admin@sopeonline.org or any of our SOPE board members to discuss further. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for all your support.

Career Development Subcommittee News

The Career Development Subcommittee concluded 2023 with a bang, having held three outstanding webinars on Program Building, Coaching & Mentorship, and Work-Life Balance, supporting early, mid- and late career development. Stay tuned for more career-enriching webinars in 2024.

We are also so grateful for the invaluable service of co-chair Andrew Rodenbarger, who will be transitioning off after two exemplary years of service and making way for the election of a new co-chair in 2024! If you would like to participate in this vibrant SOPE subcommittee, please reach out to me, at kstauffer@stanfordchildrens.org, my co-chair Ruchi, at ruchira.garg@cshs.org, or our SOPE management group at admin@sopeonline.org.

Subcommittee Co-Chairs: Ruchira Garg MD, Andrew Rodenbarger MD, Katie Jo Stauffer BS, RDCS

Subcommittee Members: Nadine Choueiter MD, Nicole Cresalia MD, Michael DiLorenzo MD, Tyler Fick MD, Julie Glickstein MD, Simon Lee, MD, Anitha Parthiban MD, and Shubhika Srivastava MD

Communications Subcommittee News

The Communications Subcommittee, under the fantastic leadership of Janet Barnes and Jason Williams, has been hard at work keeping our feeds lively with announcements, celebrations, and even a friendly Halloween costume competition (see page 9 for photos of the participating labs and the winners)! We continue to expand our social media presence and look forward to streamlining the process with our new management team in helping facilitate communication needs for all of the exciting SOPE events to come.

Please like, link, join, and follow any or all of the following – SOPE is on: Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), Instagram, LinkedIn, TikTok, Whatsapp and more to come – all highlighting our new logo, which will be available on official SOPE gear in the future!

We look forward to "seeing" all of you on our many platforms and in person, and look forward to an exciting future with opportunities for social engagement, networking, and education.

Subcommittee Co-Chairs: Jason Williams MD; and Janet Barnes RDCS

Subcommittee Members: Jen Co-Vu MD; Joanne Chiu MD; Beth Printz MD; Melissa Wasserman RDCS RCCS; Jason Johnson MD; Jennifer Acevedo ACS RDCS FASE; Sujatha Buddhé MD; Elena Kwon MD; Simone Jhaveri MD

Education Subcommittee News

- Monthly meetings of the committee are on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.
- Monthly 30 min. webinars-Society of Pediatric Echocardiography Education Dates (SPEED)- occur on the 3rd Tuesday of the month 8 pm ET/ 5 pm PT
- Free 0.5 CMEs/CEUs to SOPE Members
- SPEED Topics this past quarter:



The SOPE Education Committee Presents:
SPEED Heart in Focus: Sonographer & Surgeon Perspectives on Epicardial Echo
 October 17, 2023 at 8:00 PM EST | [Click Here to Register](#)

Speakers



Kristine Guleserian, MD
Medical City Children's Hospital
Dallas



Katie Jo Stauffer, BS, RDCS
Lucile Packard Children's Hospital
Stanford, Palo Alto


Moderators



Shivani Patel, MBBS, MS
Ann & Robert Lurie Children's Hospital
Chicago




Shannon Nees, MD
Nemours Children's Health
Delaware




The SOPE Education Committee Presents:
 SPEED: Imaging the Cardiac Surgeries of Another Era
 January 16th, 2024 at 8:00 PM EST | [Click Here to Register](#)


Speakers




Anitra Romfh, MD
Stanford Health



Tony Pastor, MD
New Children's Hospital




May Ling Mah, MD
Nationwide Children's Hospital



Ruchika Karnik, MBBS
New Children's Hospital

Moderators



Nitin Maddan, MD
Children's Mercy Hospital



The SOPE Education Committee Presents:
SPEED: 2V or not 2V: Unraveling Complexities of Single Ventricular and Biventricular Repair
 February 27, 2024, at 8:00 PM EST | [Click Here to Register](#)

Speakers



Deborah Ho, MD, MPH
Lucile Packard Children's Hospital



Nicholas Anderson, MD
Children's Health Dallas

Moderators



Dawn Park, RDCS, RDMS
Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital



Jenna Keelan, MD
UT Southwestern Medical Center

- Upcoming SPEED Topics:
 - Postoperative echo after Norwood/Hybrid
 - INFO on Pediatric Advanced Cardiac Imaging (PACI) Match
 - HCM Stress echo imaging tips
 - Pocus Guidelines, and many more!!!
- Future projects: Question of the Month and many more!
- SPEED talks are loaded in the SOPE website under the Library tab and are available to SOPE members for viewing

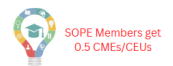
Co-Chairs: Jennifer Co-Vu, MD, FASE, FAAP, FACC & Neha Soni-Patel, MD, BS, RDCS, RCCS, FASE

Members: Seda Tierney, MD, Ray Lorenzoni, MD, Carolyn Wilhelm, MD, Shannon Nees, MD, Jenna Keelan, MD, Nitin Maddan, MD, Shivani Patel, MD, Ruchika Karnik, MD, Dawn Park, RDCS, RDMS, Shubhi Srivastava, MD

Fellows-In-Training Members: Katherine Glover, DO, Samantha Kops, MD, Emily Ribiero, MD, Charles Simpkin, DO


SOPE Online Library

The SOPE Library is birthed from the Education Subcommittee as a repository to house educational materials related to the Pediatric Echocardiography community. The Education Subcommittee has vetted each of the documents housed within the library. We hope this collection of materials, books and media aid in the development of careers and to broaden the scope of knowledge of our community. The library is available to SOPE members: [SOPE Library | SOPE \(sopeonline.org\)](#)




The SOPE Education Committee Presents:
SPEED: Imaging the Interstage: Tips and Tricks
 March 26, 2024, at 8:00 PM EST | [Click Here to Register](#)


Speakers



Samantha Holmes, MD
Children's Hospital of Colorado




Girish Shirali, MBBS, FACC, FASE
Children's Mercy, Kansas City




Karen Texter, MD
Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus

Moderators



Nitin Maddan, MD, FASE
Children's Mercy, Kansas City



Neha Soni-Patel, MD, RCCS
Cleveland Clinic Children's

SOPE IS HOPE
 New Member Drive

50%
 off Dues until March 31!



Discounted Dues Pricing:

- Physician: ~~\$100~~ now **\$50**
- Sonographer: ~~\$50~~ now **\$25**
- Fellow/Student/Resident: ~~\$25~~ now **\$12.50**
- International Members
 - Low Income Country: ~~\$6~~ now **\$2.50**
 - Low/Middle Income Country: ~~\$20~~ now **\$10**
 - Upper/Middle Income Country: ~~\$80~~ now **\$25**



Career Opportunities:

- ⇒ **Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago** is seeking a Pediatric Cardiac Sonographer. For details click here: [Careers \(myworkdayjobs.com\)](#)
- ⇒ **Rady Children’s Hospital—San Diego** is seeking a Pediatric Cardiac Sonographer and an Echo Educator and QI coordinator. For details click here: [Search our Job Opportunities at Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego \(rchsd.org\)](#)
- ⇒ **Seattle Children’s** is seeking a Pediatric Cardiac Sonographer based in Seattle. For details click here: [Echo Sonographer in Seattle, Washington | Careers at Hospital Main Campus \(icims.com\)](#)
- ⇒ **The Children’s Hospital at Montefiore** is seeking a pediatric echocardiography attending. For details click here: [PEDIATRIC ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY ATTENDING \(montefiore.org\)](#)

Do you have a Job Posting you would like advertised in this newsletter and on the SOPE website? It is FREE for SOPE members to advertise. For details follow this link [SOPE | Society of Pediatric Echocardiography \(sopeonline.org\)](#) , or contact Jeanette May and Bailey Nolting at admin@sopeonline.org

Echo Collaborative Subcommittee News

Stay tuned... The Echo Collaborative Subcommittee is just resubmitting the baseline paper, **Improving Diagnostic Accuracy Prior to Congenital Heart Defect Surgery: A Multi-Center Initiative**, and will be meeting to discuss change ideas to start the QI portion of the initiative. More news about this next issue.

Pediatric Advanced Cardiac Imaging (PACI) Match News

We are very excited to announce that, working with pediatric cardiac imaging fellowship program directors around the country, the Society of Pediatric Echocardiography (SOPE) is sponsoring a match for 4th year fellowships in Pediatric Advanced Cardiac Imaging (PACI) for positions to begin in the academic year 2025-2026. These fellowships include those that offer advanced training in echocardiography, fetal cardiology, cardiac MRI, and/or cardiac CT. The goals of the match system are to 1) create a common, standardized process and timeline by which categorical fellows can apply to PACI fellowships, 2) increase transparency in the application process, and 3) make access to applicants more equitable among the fellowship programs and make access to fellowship programs more equitable among the applicants.

The match will be administered through *SF Match* ([SF Match - Residency and Fellowship Matching Services](#)) and will utilize a common application. To be eligible for the PACI match, applicants should have completed or be scheduled to complete a categorical fellowship in pediatric cardiology in the US or a comparable international program prior to the start of the advanced cardiac imaging fellowship. Individual training programs may also have additional requirements. The PACI fellowship application period will start in July 2024 and end in November 2024, with rank lists due in December 2024. The match day will be in December 2024 and positions will begin July 2025.

If you would like to learn more about this new program, please go to our website: [SOPE | Society of Pediatric Echocardiography \(sopeonline.org\)](#)

We will also be having two informational “Town Halls” via Zoom, one for all programs and fellows, and a second specifically geared to potential fellow PACI applicants. Important dates:

Fellow survey launch: 3/11-3/22

Town Hall Meeting for Fellows: Survey Results + QA Session on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 7PM central time

SOPE Meet the Fellows: May 16, 2024



SOPE Board Member Spotlight - Jennifer Acevedo, ACS, RDCS

Meet Jennifer Acevedo, ACS, RDCS, our SOPE Board Sonographer Chair.

Where do you currently live and work?

Cue the music, Sweet Home Chicago! I live and work in the Windy City. I'm nestled in the Humboldt Park neighborhood of the city, which is known for its rich Puerto Rican heritage. Living in this part of the city feels nostalgic for visiting the island and my family growing up. I've



been a part of the Lurie community since 2009, a journey that began when it was still known as Children's Memorial Hospital.

Do you have kids/family you'd like to tell us about?

My life is filled with joy thanks to a poodle, two incredible daughters, and a granddog. My miniature poodle, Sir_Remington_Acevedo (shameless plug, give him a follow on IG), has made cameos during our meetings. He came into my life right before the pandemic, so he is essentially a pandemic pup, replacing my shadow. My daughters, Jade and Jailee, are adults, so our weekends have transitioned from sports tournaments to



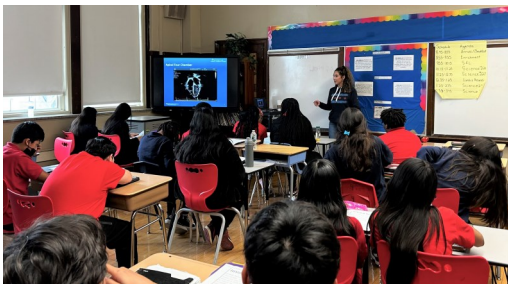
nice dinners out paired with great conversations. Our newest addition is Jade's mini dachshund, Bentley. He has added more love to our home, and Remi thinks we got him a pet. Having my daughters home is a blessing; I'm cherishing every moment before they embark on their new adventures in fall 2025.



"It has been a privilege to mentor the students I work with, educating, guiding, and, most importantly, affirming that you can achieve your dreams, Si Se Puede!"

What do you do to relax?

Yoga is my sanctuary. It was a staple in my pre-pandemic life, but I fell out of practice during the pandemic and have struggled to regain my commitment. This year, I'm embracing consistency with my yoga practice while learning to extend grace to myself when I don't make it to the mat.



What is your latest passion?

I work closely with a division in our hospital called Mentorship & Workforce Development. The department collaborates with under-resourced communities to help students dis-

cover the unlimited possibilities in healthcare. My volunteer work ranges from career fairs to speaking engagements and personalized mentoring sessions.

As a Latina in the healthcare industry, speaking to my community and encouraging the next generation is important. It has been a privilege to mentor the students I work with, educating, guiding, and, most importantly, affirming that you can achieve your dreams, **Si Se Puede!** I am proud to say, two of my mentees are currently enrolled in cardiac sonography school!

How did you choose pediatric cardiology (or how did it choose you)?

My journey started, like others, in an adult lab. One day, I tagged along with a sonographer to the NICU to observe a pediatric echocardiogram, and I

immediately knew this was what I wanted to do. I was amazed by all the structures you could see. A year later, I applied for a position at the University of Chicago, Wyler Children's Hospital. Over twenty years later, I still work with Dr. Peter Koenig, who gave me an opportunity to join the team and learn pediatric cardiac sonography in 2003. Throughout the years, I've had the opportunity to work alongside great people. This journey has been more than a career; it's been a pathway to lifelong friendships.

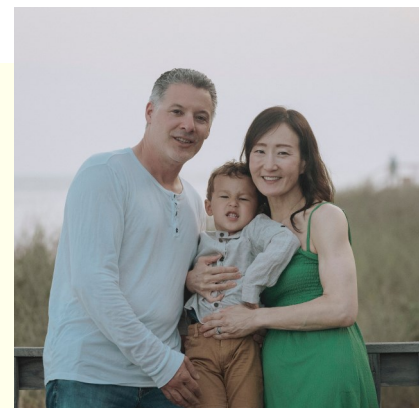


On My Days Off... Featuring: Elena Kwon, MD

The SOPE communications committee is inspired to continue this segment in our newsletter highlighting the hobbies and talents of our fellow imagers. Elena Kwon is a member of SOPE, an active member of the SOPE communications subcommittee, and a busy physician in New York – how does she find the time for hobbies? We hope you enjoy getting to know Elena a little better in this exclusive **On My Days Off** Q&A.

Where do you currently practice and what is your current position?

The Children's Hospital at Montefiore, Bronx, NY. I just started in February as the Director of Echocardiography after being at Cohen Children's Medical Center for almost 11 years. We are recruiting imagers if anyone is interested in moving to New York!



What are your talents/hobbies outside of medicine?

I love to travel & love foreign languages & am fluent in French & Korean & basic Italian. I love yoga & practice Ashtanga yoga. I have been an Instagram influencer for several years. I also love photography, especially candid photos of families & children.

When did you start your hobbies/talents?

I majored in French & minored in Art in college & studied abroad for my last year of college. As for yoga, I started doing it in residency to help with tension headaches. I have always loved art, which is what drew me to pediatric echocardiography. I became interested in photography about 12 years ago after being exposed to a friend who was a professional photographer. I took some classes to learn to use a professional camera & edit pictures & enjoy taking Christmas pictures for close friends & family. This has allowed me to develop

an eye for composition & take my own photos for Instagram or edit pictures that my friends or family take for me. As an imager I've become a geek about knobology & image optimization.

What intrigued you about your hobbies/talents in particular?

I went to France for the first time on an Art field trip in high school to England & France. I fell in love with France & vowed to come back after learning the language & ended up majoring in French. I love the culture, language, food, art, architecture & landscape.

I loved how yoga was a practice in slowing the breath down & shifting your focus away from the mind. It was something I didn't have to mentally prepare for since it eases into harder poses & I liked how I felt afterwards - I was getting strong and building muscle. I also found it to be beautiful & fun to make shapes with the body.

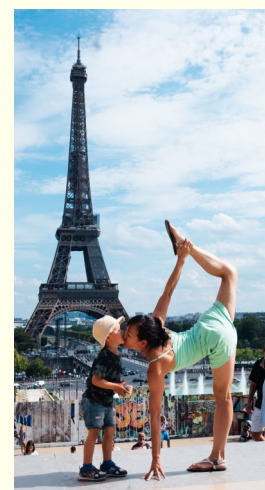
Photography intrigued me because there was more immediate satisfaction than painting and drawing, and I love capturing candid moments or expressions because memories fade but a photo lasts forever. There are also some really cool ways to capture the light.

When do you find time for your hobbies amid your busy schedule as an imager?

I try to travel when I can but make the most of conferences. I often end up going to France to visit my friends or other places where I know people so can save money. Before having a family I always tried to live near a yoga studio but since then I have come to practice on my own. Since Ashtanga has sequences that are memorized & my practice is advanced I alternate & do them. I usually try to practice in the morning a few times a week whether at home or in my office. I used to try & shoot on vacations or holidays but now I mainly shoot when friends or family ask for photos around the holidays.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of having a hobby? Was it beneficial to you?

I have always felt that it's good to have outlets and for me my yoga practice is therapy & exercise in one. It has healed & comforted me during stressful times in my life and it helps prevent my tension headaches. The advantage of being fluent in French is that I can speak when I go to France & have met so many wonderful people outside of medicine through my travels & through Instagram. The advantage of being into photography is that I save money on photos of my family. The disadvantage of the hobbies is making time for them but I try my best. There isn't enough time in the day for everything I want to do!



Winners...



... of the 2023
SOPE Halloween
Costume Contest!

Thank you to all the
participating labs!



Celebrating Women's History Month



Some interesting facts and some meaningful ones, shared by Shubi.

The Journey in America started with Elizabeth Blackwell (1821-1910) First Woman in America to receive a medical Degree: [Biography: Elizabeth Blackwell \(womenshistory.org\)](https://www.womenshistory.org/biography/elizabeth-blackwell)

Pediatric Cardiology as a field emerged as the result of two pioneering women Maude Abbott and Helen B Taussig: [Women in Pediatric Cardiology: Where We Have Been and Where We Are Going - American College of Cardiology \(acc.org\)](https://www.acc.org/where-we-have-been-and-where-we-are-going)

The first African American Woman to become a board certified cardiologist – Dr Josephine Isabel-Jones: [Feature | Leading With Grace: The Story of Dr. Josephine Isabel-Jones - American College of Cardiology \(acc.org\)](https://www.acc.org/leading-with-grace)

In honor of March being Women's History Month, and with the exciting current status of all of our Executive Board members being women, we thought it would be fun and interesting to include photos of our Board, and to ask them to name a woman in American history they would like to have met and a few sentences saying why.



Physician Chair Beth Printz, MD, PhD I would like to meet Ms. Gertrude Elion. Born to immigrant parents in NYC, she graduated with highest honors in 1937 from Hunter College with a major in chemistry, but initially could not find a job in a research lab or as a PhD student because she was a woman. Through tenaciousness and hard work, she ultimately was hired in a pharmaceutical lab and in 1988 was one of the first women to win the Nobel Prize for Medicine (with George Hitchings) for her pioneering work designing drugs that have been used to treat cancer, fight infection, and for immunosuppressive agents that have made solid organ transplantation possible.



Sonographer Chair Jennifer Acevedo, ACS, RDCS Harriet Tubman is an example of courage and selflessness. I would ask her: What inspired you to risk your life repeatedly to lead others to freedom? What advice would you give women fighting for justice and freedom today?



Physician Chair Elect, Sujatha Buddhé, MD I would have loved to meet many and one of them is Rosa Parks. Rosa Louise McCauley Parks (1913 – 2005) is known as the “mother of the civil rights movement.” She is truly inspiring, and I love reading her books to my kids. Her bravery in standing up to oppression encourages us all to stand firm for our rights and not give in to unfairness. It's a strong reminder that achieving progress often demands unyielding determination and resolve.



Treasurer, Seda Tierney, MD I would have loved to have met RBG and thanked her for all her work for women in the workforce.



Secretary, Jennifer Co-Vu, MD I wish I have met Dr. Helen Taussig. It would be fascinating to hear about the early history of the field of Pediatric Cardiology! I also have a cutting of her Night Blooming Cereus flower and would love to let her know that her legacy lives on in more ways than one!



Sonographer at Large, Sarah Hayson, RDMS Clara Barton was a selfless and compassionate caregiver who discovered a passion for nursing. She worked with the international Red Cross, and when she returned to the states, she successfully created The American Red Cross, founded in 1881, with Clara becoming the first president.

Celebrating Women's History Month... continued



Immediate Past Physician Chair, Shubhika Srivastava, MD

The woman I would like to celebrate is my Mentor Dr. Rica Arnon – Who went to Med School 1967- Downstate – 10 girls in a class of 200.

She was inspired to go into pediatric cardiology by Dr. Torres Ramon Rodrigues – the then Chief of Pediatric Cardiology at Downstate.

She was dissuaded by many – asking her why she would do this- as "she would get pregnant" and not be able to work anyway.

She persisted and at the 50 year reunion noted that most of the men in her class of medicine had retired and the women were still working – and Inspiring – other women like me.

When she took the written boards in 1972 in Philadelphia - Dr. Rashkind was overseeing- she with other women were asked to be in another room!

She shared how she was the only woman in peds cardiology at Sinai from 1976 until 1996- until the "three Indian origin fellows" joined the fellowship! She was promoted and sponsored to stay on by Dr. Kirk Hirshorn – the then Chair of Pediatrics at Mount Sinai.

It is amazing how care was delivered with no Prostin, Oxygen assessment, and BP assessment in infants! – babies had to be held near a window and sunlight to observe for cyanosis- cut downs and Cath needed to be done in the middle of the night.

She is a proud mother of two very successful individuals – and is a loving and supporting wife- and a phenomenal cook! Singer! Can speak multiple languages fluently! Amazing dancer- the life of the party!

I owe so much to her- my clinical skills... and love for what I do without being intimidated or influenced what others around me could do differently! She was never allowed to learn echocardiography and then very soon was asked to not be in the Cath lab. But she has inspired women physicians such as myself to be and do our best!



Introducing MaySquare

We are SOPE is now partnering with a new management company, May-Square. Jeanette May is the company president & CEO. We interviewed Jeanette to learn more about MaySquare and about Jeanette as well.



ask any questions that you may have as well!

What is your role with MaySquare?

I am the President and CEO of MaySquare and I have an entire team to help support SOPE. Bailey Nolting is the Manager of Member Engagement and Communications and I have support staff to help with financials and other work as needed.

Where are you located, and do you want to share info about your background, what got you interested in your line of work, family etc.?

What is MaySquare, and how will the company be working with SOPE?

MaySquare is a boutique healthcare focused non-profit support firm. We work with small to midsize healthcare non-profits at the state and national level. We will be supporting the SOPE board, members and sponsors.

How (and why) do SOPE members contact MaySquare?

We always want to hear from members and sponsors - you can reach us directly through the main SOPE email - admin@sopeonline.org. Reach out and say hi, share feedback, and

My team is located all over the United States but I live in Madison, WI, with my husband who is in the Air-force and stationed at the fighter wing in Madison. We are a military family so we do move around a lot. I have been in healthcare as a health services researcher and strategic planner for my entire career. I still teach at the University of Maryland and really enjoy supporting healthcare providers!

Thank you for the interview, Jeanette! We look forward to working with you and your team.



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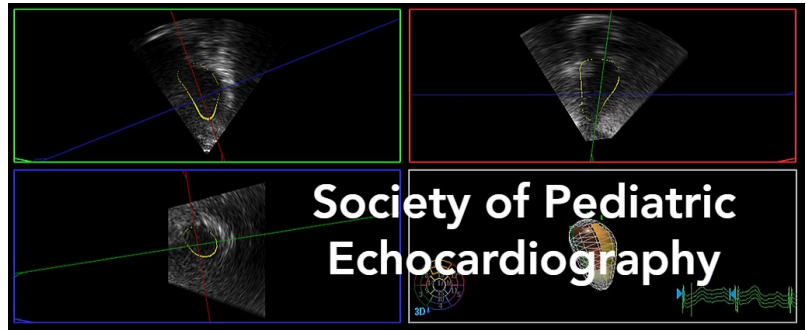
What's on the SOPE Website?!

Who Are We?

Since its formation in 1975, the Society of Pediatric Echocardiography (SOPE) has provided a forum for education, collaboration, and networking to the community of pediatric and adult cardiologists, fellows, and sonographers with a specific interest in the practice of pediatric and congenital echocardiography.

SOPE is an independent organization whose mission is to maintain and promote excellence in the echocardiographic examination of every fetus, infant, child, and adolescent as well as the adult with congenital heart disease. In addition, SOPE is committed to optimizing the training of pediatric echocardiographers and sonographers, having participated in the development of guidelines and standards for the nomenclature of cardiac septal structures as well as physician training in pediatric, fetal, and transesophageal echocardiography.

In collaboration with the American Society of Echocardiography, the American Heart Association, the American College of Cardiology, and the IAC Echocardiography, SOPE assists in the establishment and promotion of universal standards for the nomenclature and orientation of two-dimensional transthoracic and transesophageal echocardiography as well as contrast and fetal echocardiography.



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Did you know that as a SOPE member you can add a FREE job posting on the website? Contact admin@sopeonline.org.

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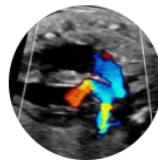
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