

## Award Recipients to Be Honored at ACC '04

**Raymond J. Gibbons, MD**, of Rochester, Minn., will receive the *Distinguished Fellowship Award*. Dr. Gibbons has held numerous important College positions, including key posts chairing the Cardiovascular Imaging Committee, the Task Force on Practice Guidelines, the Committee to Revise the Exercise Testing Guidelines, and the Committee to Write Guidelines for the Management of Stable Angina. His contributions as a clinical investigator have been widely acclaimed in the field of cardiovascular imaging.

**Francois M. Abboud, MD**, of Iowa City, Iowa, will receive the *Distinguished Scientist Award (Basic Domain)*. Under his leadership, the University of Iowa Cardiovascular Research Center has become one of the most prestigious cardiovascular training centers in the world. Through his discovery of evolutionary conserved mechanosensitive molecules and his work on the effects of gene transfer and transgenic mutations on the baroreflex mechanism, he has contributed basic scientific discoveries with enormous potential for effectively battling cardiovascular disease.

**Robert M. Califf, MD**, of Durham, N.C., will receive the *Distinguished Scientist Award (Clinical Research)*. One of the pioneers of the Duke Database for Cardiovascular Disease, Dr. Califf significantly contributed to the creation of an observational database at the foundation of what is now known as the Duke Clinical Research Institute. Dr. Califf also has served as a key advisor to the National Institutes of Health and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and has aided public-private partnerships in gaining a better understanding of cardiovascular therapeutics.

**George A. Diamond, MD**, of Los Angeles, will receive the *Distinguished Service Award*. Among Dr. Diamond's most profound contributions to health care delivery is his work in the area of Bayesian analysis and its application to diagnostic testing. His seminal work in the clinical diagnosis of coronary artery disease advanced the concept that a test's diagnostic accuracy depended on the prevalence of disease conditions. Subsequently, this concept was incorporated into general health care diagnostic testing far beyond the confines of cardiovascular medicine.

**Joseph S. Alpert, MD**, of Tucson, Ariz., will receive the *Gifted Teacher Award*. As head of the Department of Medicine at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center and a professor of medicine, Dr. Alpert has mentored and supervised many fellows in cardiology at home and abroad. Many of his fellows have distinguished themselves as directors or chairs of Divisions of Cardiology. He continues setting teaching standards as a member

of the ACC Publications Committee and the ACC/AHA Consensus Conference on Ethics.

**Keyur H. Parikh, MD**, of Ahmedabad, India, will receive the *International Service Award*. Born of Indian heritage in East Africa, Dr. Parikh set his sights on becoming a physician so that he could take his skills to India where they might benefit those most in need. His journeyed to the United States, where he acquired his continuing cardiovascular education. After establishing a successful cardiology practice in the San Francisco Bay area, he uprooted himself mid-career to move to Ahmedabad, a city bereft of any cardiology programs. There, he funded a catheterization laboratory and established a hospital with sophisticated cardiology programs. He has lectured and run training courses throughout India and distinguished himself as a philanthropic health care leader in the aftermath of India's recent natural disasters.

**Costas T. Lambrew, MD**, of Scarborough, Maine, will receive the designation of *Master of the American College of Cardiology* in recognition of his long and distinguished career in cardiology and as an ACC Fellow. A former Trustee, Dr. Lambrew served on the ACC/AHA Task Force on Performance Measures and the subsequent writing groups for acute myocardial infarction and congestive heart failure. He championed the concept of the cardiac care team until 2003, when the ACC Board approved ACC membership for qualified nurses and physician assistants.

**William C. Roberts, MD**, of West Haven, Conn., will receive the designation of *Master of the American College of Cardiology*. Known as an extraordinary pathologist and clinical educator, Dr. Roberts has made extensive contributions to the ACC and other leading cardiovascular institutions. He is a leading advocate of aggressive measures to slow the atherosclerotic process.

**David J. Sahn, MD**, of Portland, Ore., will receive the designation of *Master of the American College of Cardiology*. A long-serving Fellow, educator, and thought leader, Dr. Sahn is best known for advancing collaboration between adult and pediatric cardiovascular specialists, and working at the frontiers of physics and engineering to advance diagnostic imaging.

**Samuel L. Wann, MD**, of Milwaukee, Wisc. will receive the designation of *Master of the American College of Cardiology*. In addition to his clinical and academic achievements, Dr. Wann founded the Foundation for International Medical Exchange to improve cardiac care abroad. His leadership in advocacy has increased visibility of key issues and the need for long-term strategies. He also has served as a volunteer in the care of uninsured patients. ■

Ten cardiovascular specialists will be recognized for their outstanding achievements at the 53rd annual Convocation to be held at ACC '04, New Orleans, March 9, 2004.



Dr. Abboud



Dr. Diamond



Dr. Parikh



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