

## **The Association of Anesthesia Clinical Directors Announces New “Fellow of the AACD Designation”**

**Columbus, OH (August, 2018)** – The Association of Anesthesia Clinical Directors (AACD) recently approved the designation and credential “Fellow of AACD” or FAACD.

This designation indicates the AACD member has demonstrated, “Leadership in the Perioperative and/or Periprocedural Setting”, said Paul St. Jacques, MD, of Vanderbilt University Medical Center and the current President of AACD. “By offering this designation, anesthesiologists will have another tool to display to their colleagues and the medical community the high-quality proficiency of skills that are required in today’s anesthesiology world.” The AACD thoughtfully developed the criteria for this designation, emphasizing the experience and education of the applicant and peer recommendations. With this designation we hope to recognize those individuals around the globe who have excelled in various aspects of periprocedural and/or perioperative management.

Eligibility criteria for FAACD include current active (non-trainee) membership in AACD, a letter of support from a senior level clinician or manager, a minimum of 5 years of perioperative/periprocedural leadership or management experience, a personal statement describing prior experience and qualifications, attendance of at least 1 of the last 3 annual AACD meetings, and a minimum of a Masters degree equivalent.

For more information on the eligibility criteria and application process, please contact the AACD ( [HYPERLINK "http://www.aacdhq.org"](http://www.aacdhq.org) [www.aacdhq.org](http://www.aacdhq.org) or [HYPERLINK "mailto:krc@aacdhq.org"](mailto:krc@aacdhq.org) [krc@aacdhq.org](mailto:krc@aacdhq.org)).

### **About the Association of Anesthesia Clinical Directors**

The Association of Anesthesia Clinical Directors was formed in October 1988, by a group of anesthesia clinical directors who were invited to the ASA annual meeting in San Francisco to discuss clinical anesthesia and O.R. Management. At this meeting, it was obvious that the management problems of each individual were universal to all, and that common solutions could be found through association and dialogue.

The purpose of the society is to provide a forum for anesthesiologists whose primary responsibility is operating room management. We recognize that

given the changing health care environment in which we practice, operating room efficiency, productivity, and cost containment are increasingly vital to our survival. The AACD offers physicians with an interest in the business aspect of operating room management an opportunity to share ideas with colleagues, meet anesthesiologists who have more experience than they in this area, and share in a common forum for the discussion of problems.