

## Zoom On: Michael Mansour, MD - Chair of the American College of Cardiology Board of Governors



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Disparities in healthcare are a key concern of Michael Mansour, MD, FACC, who began his term as Chair of the American College of Cardiology (ACC) Board of Governors and secretary of the Board of Trustees in March.

Speaking at the ACC's Annual Scientific Session, Mansour said, "The ACC is engaged on a daily basis with a wide range of issues to ensure that our members are navigating the changes in healthcare in ways that protect patients' interests and access to the most appropriate care," adding, "It's particularly important to protect patients' access in areas with high incidence of cardiovascular disease, especially if those areas are also underserved. Many of the challenges we face in Mississippi are also seen in rural areas throughout the United States and in underserved areas around the world. We deal with the issues that affect our members and patients every day in our own practices, but maintain a perspective of our responsibility to advance changes in healthcare around the world."

Dr. Mansour has been a member of the Board of Governors and president of the ACC's Mississippi chapter since 2011. He is an affiliate faculty in the department of medicine at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine and a cardiologist at Delta Regional Medical Center in Greenville, Mississippi.

On taking up his post, he said, "The Board of Governors has the critical task of being the liaison to the College in working with individual states to address the unique challenges each face and also learn from each state's successes in providing the best possible care to cardiovascular disease patients," adding "I'm proud to take the helm of this body of leaders and help to guide the College in what should prove to be both an exciting and challenging year for cardiology." The ACC has 47,000 members in 130 countries, including 10,000 international members.

Dr. Mansour graduated from Millsaps College and the University of Mississippi Medical School and is board certified in internal medicine, cardiovascular diseases, interventional cardiology, nuclear cardiology, and cardiovascular computed tomography. His previous positions include Chief Fellow in Cardiology at the University of Florida, Interventional Fellow in Cardiology at Harvard's Beth Israel Hospital, Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Florida and Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at Emory University. He was founding partner of Cardiovascular Physicians of North Atlanta, was elected to the Board of Directors of Georgia First Healthcare and served on the advisory board at Emory Heart Center for the United Healthcare Network.

He has a keen interest in research into disparities in healthcare. He served as the Medical Site Director for one of 14 nationwide sites from 2004-2006 for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Study on Healthcare Disparities, [Expecting Success: Excellence in Cardiac Care](#). He has been involved with serving indigent and minority populations as a volunteer doctor for the Mercy Mobile Health Unit in Atlanta, Georgia 1994-1998 and as a member of the medical staff of Delta Regional Medical Center in the Mississippi Delta since 1998. Mississippi has the highest incidence of cardiovascular disease and death in the U.S. In addition, he is involved in the ACC's Coalition to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Cardiovascular Disease Outcomes (credo) initiative.

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