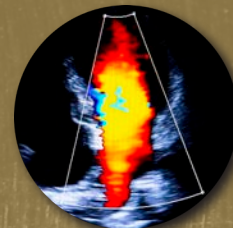




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## Leadership Spotlight



**Allan Klein, MD**

**NBE Board Member**

**Organization**

Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of  
Case Western University

**Position**

Professor of Medicine

Allan Klein, MD is the Director of the Center for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Pericardial Diseases and a staff cardiologist in the Section of Cardiovascular Imaging, the Robert and Suzanne Tomsich Department of Cardiovascular Medicine, at the Sydell and Arnold Miller Family Heart & Vascular Institute. He served as Director of CV imaging Research for 24 years. He is board-certified in internal medicine and cardiovascular medicine. He is also the Course Director for Valve Disease, Structural Interventions and Diastology/Imaging summit—currently his 23rd course. A Canadian by birth, Dr. Klein speaks French and English.

Dr. Klein has been course director and workshop leader at numerous medical specialty conferences focused on clinical trials, imaging modalities and clinical protocols, to name a few. He currently serves as Professor of Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western University. Dr. Klein was a member of the Lerner College of Medicine Admissions Committee. He is on the executive board for the Heart and Vascular Institute at the Cleveland Clinic.

He has been the principal investigator for multicenter clinical trials in atrial fibrillation (ACUTE I, ACUTE II, and CLOTS); studies in diastolic function (ADEPT); valvular heart disease (Anorexigens and Valve Disease); and catheter ablation and pulmonary vein flow (ROTEA). He has published key articles in such prestigious journals such as New England

Journal of Medicine, Lancet, European Heart Journal, Circulation, and the Journal of the American College of Cardiology.

He chaired the Writing Committee for the document entitled “American Society of Echocardiography clinical recommendations for multimodality cardiovascular imaging of patients with pericardial disease: Endorsed by the Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance and Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography.” He is currently the global PI for the RHAPSODY involving Rilonacept for recurrent pericarditis.

Dr. Klein was honored to serve as President of the American Society of Echocardiography (ASE) from June 2016 to June 2017 and now he is a Past-President. He has served on the Board of Directors of the ASE and has been the Chair of the Industry Relations Committee and Chair of the Guidelines and Standards Committee. He is currently chair of the ASE Nominations Committee. Dr. Klein is also on the Board as well as the Writing Committee for the National Board of Echocardiography and served on the Board of Advisors of Cardiovascular Credentialing International. He serves as a peer reviewer for more than 15 professional journals and grades abstracts for the American College of Cardiology, the ASE, the American Heart Association, and the European Society of Cardiology. He is often a guest editor for JACC, JACC imaging and Circulation imaging journals.

He has been an invited lecturer at many national and international symposia and conferences, speaking on topics related to his specialty interests. Dr. Klein has authored or co-authored more than 320 peer-reviewed articles in professional journals, co-authored 40 chapters in medical textbooks and published 430 abstracts. He is a co-editor of 2 books entitled “Diastology: Clinical Approach to Diastolic Heart Failure,” as well as “Clinical Echocardiography Review: A Self-Assessment Tool.” He is also section editor on pericardial diseases for ACC.org and Current Cardiology reports.

## Q&A

### What inspired you to pursue a career in this field?

My inspiration was my parents, Jean, and Sam Klein. My career was shaped by intellectual pursuit and to help patients get better.

### What influenced you to join the NBE Board of Directors?

I was on the writing committee for many years and I enjoyed writing echo questions for the echo boards. By joining the Board of Directors, I could contribute at a strategic level for the NBE to excel nationally and internationally in test taking and credentialing.

### What excites you most about the direction of the NBE, and how will you continue to contribute to it?

I am excited about finding a new partner for the NBE in developing and administering the exams as well as working with our international partners.

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