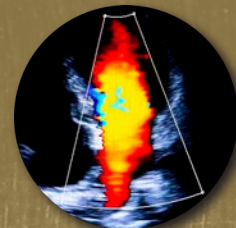




NATIONAL BOARD OF ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY, INC.



Leadership Spotlight



Thomas Ryan, MD, MBA

NBE Board Member

Organization

Richard M. Ross Heart Hospital

Position

Executive Director

Thomas Ryan, MD, MBA, is Executive Director of the Richard M. Ross Heart Hospital and Director of The Ohio State University Heart and Vascular Center. He holds the John G. and Jeanne Bonnet McCoy Chair in Cardiovascular Medicine and leads the Medical Center's Heart Program. Dr. Ryan also serves as a professor of cardiovascular medicine at Ohio State's Medical Center. He was named one of America's Best Doctors in 2009.

Dr. Ryan earned his medical degree from Indiana University School of Medicine and holds an MBA from Duke University Fuqua School of Business in Durham, N.C. He completed an internship and residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in cardiology at Indiana University.

Dr. Ryan has authored or co-authored more than 200 published articles, book chapters and abstracts. He is a national expert on cardiac ultrasound technology, and co-author of Feigenbaum's Echocardiography, the leading textbook in the field of cardiovascular ultrasound.

Dr. Ryan is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Society of Echocardiography, of which he is a former president. Dr. Ryan is currently serving as a member of the Board of Directors for the National Board of Echocardiography.

Q&A

What inspired you to pursue a career in this field?

My advisor during medical school was Dr. Feigenbaum. As a result, I became involved in an echo research project as a medical student. It was a very exciting time in the field and my interest continued during my training and beyond. I never seriously considered any other career options.

What influenced you to join the NBE Board of Directors?

I have always felt an obligation to promote excellence in echo, and to ensure that those of us that practice in the field are providing the highest level of quality. NBE is a very important component of ensuring that this is the case.

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

How we test competency is changing and will continue to evolve over the next decade. I believe that NBE is ideally positioned to guide this evolution.

NBE is thrilled to spotlight leadership for their accomplishments and dedication to the cardiovascular profession.