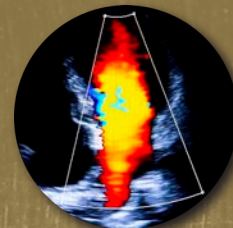




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## Leadership Spotlight



**Christopher A. Troianos, MD, FASE**

**NBE Officer**

**Organization**

Cleveland Clinic and Lerner College of Medicine  
of Case Western Reserve University

**Position**

Professor and Chair of the Anesthesiology Institute

Christopher A. Troianos, MD, FASE is Professor and Chair of the Anesthesiology Institute of the Cleveland Clinic and Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Troianos received his medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He completed a residency in anesthesiology at Mercy Hospital of Pittsburgh (now UPMC-Mercy), followed by a cardiothoracic anesthesiology fellowship at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Troianos has earned a national and international reputation as a cardiac anesthesiologist and participated on several national task forces that required collaboration among multispecialty societies to develop practice guidelines. He was part of the original task force that developed training guidelines in perioperative TEE and subsequently quality improvement guidelines in perioperative TEE. He was the lead author for the SCA/ASE's practice guidelines for ultrasound guided vascular access. He has authored numerous peer-reviewed publications, the textbook, "Anesthesia for the Cardiac Patient," and has been an invited speaker to national and international scientific educational conferences.

Dr. Troianos served as President of the Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists (SCA), 2017-19. He also serves as the President-Elect for the National Board of Echocardiography (2019-2021); and he serves on NBE's Critical Care Echocardiography Certification Committee. In the past, Dr. Troianos served on the NBE's Advanced PTE writing committee and on the American Society of Echocardiography's Council of Perioperative Echocardiography.

## Q&A

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

My favorite subjects going all of the way back to high school were chemistry and math. Although I did not realize it at the time, these subjects were well suited to the daily work of an anesthesiologist. Besides anesthesia, my most favorite rotations in medical school were my cardiology and CCU experiences. I ultimately realized that the perfect career that married all of these interests, was to become a Cardiac Anesthesiologist, with a major focus on transesophageal echocardiography (TEE), which I still enjoy practicing 30 years later!

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

As one of the early adopters of TEE into cardiac anesthesia clinical practice, I realized the importance to establish standards of care. I first joined the NBE to write exam questions for the relatively new Perioperative Transesophageal Echocardiography (PTE) exam and was ultimately asked to join the Board of Directors. I love the collaborative nature and working relation with my cardiology colleagues, who I admire as clinicians and cherish their friendship and collegiality.

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

I love having the great privilege and opportunity to shape our future, which must balance the onerous aspects of exam taking and certification, with the benefits to the individual seeking certification and healthcare institutions acquiring new physicians. It is important for individuals who have spent the extra time and effort to gain expertise in echocardiography, be able to demonstrate their own acquisition of knowledge and expertise to healthcare organizations for credentialing, hospitals appointments, and re-credentialing. Finally, patients are assured that their provider of echocardiography services is qualified to provide that service, having met the NBE's standards. I look forward to evolving testing methods and certification strategies to make it easier for the individual to gain certification and recertification, harnessing the power of new technology to make the process less onerous and more meaningful.

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