

Chowdhury H. Ahsan, M.D., Ph.D., FACC

Dr. Ahsan was appointed to the Board effective July 1, 2021.

A native of Bangladesh, Dr. Ahsan received his medical degree from Dhaka Medical College and was awarded the Gold Medal in Medicine. He received the prestigious Commonwealth Scholarship and completed a Ph.D. in Clinical Pharmacology/General Medicine at the University of Southampton in the United Kingdom for his research on the ethnic variation of the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of calcium channel blockers. Dr. Ahsan completed postgraduate training in Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Disease at the University of Pennsylvania and Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia, and did his Interventional Cardiology Fellowship at the Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York. He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Medicine, Nuclear Cardiology, and Interventional Cardiology.

Dr. Ahsan was awarded the Young Investigators' Award by the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology in 2001, and American Society of Echocardiography in 2004. He was Associate Professor and the Director of Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at the University of California, Irvine Medical Center before joining Nevada Heart & Vascular Center. Dr. Ahsan has recently been appointed as Clinical Professor of Medicine by the University of Nevada School of Medicine (UNSON) and is currently the Director of Cardiac Catheterization Laboratories and Cardiovascular Research at the University Medical Center (UMC). Under his leadership, the Cardiology Fellowship program of University of Nevada School of Medicine at University Medical Center, Nevada Heart and Vascular Center and VA Medical Center was established July 1, 2014. Dr. Ahsan is the Director of this Cardiology Fellowship Program. This is a significant achievement for the state of Nevada and the Las Vegas community to bring academia in Nevada and overall quality of care to a higher level as this is the only cardiology fellowship program in the state.

Dr. Ahsan started work for the community when he was a student. He contributed significantly to the establishment of Shandhani, a voluntary organization of the medical and dental students of Bangladesh to promote blood donation and posthumous eye donation. He became the Secretary General of this organization. He did collaborative research work between Southampton University, UK and the local cardiovascular institute in Dhaka, Bangladesh when he was a student at Southampton. As a cardiologist, he started undertaking the mission of helping and growing a major teaching hospital in cardiovascular care in Bangladesh. Dr. Ahsan takes special interest in building Cardiovascular Interventional clinics and research programs in developing countries, and has led teams of U.S. Physicians, Technologists and Nurses to exchange work experiences there. He makes these trips on his vacation time and has taken cardiologists, nurses, cardiac cath lab technical personnel, and cardiovascular surgeons to do workshops, lectures, and hands-on training. Dr. Ahsan has championed the cause of treating acute coronary syndrome patients early and for a better outcome. He is on the editorial board of the journal of World Heart Federation, Global Heart.

Dr Ahsan has done several community programs to make people aware of cardiovascular care. He has done this in Orange County, California, when he was on the faculty at the University of California, and also in Las Vegas. In 2024, he volunteered to make the seniors aware of cardiovascular care in the initiative taken by the Las Vegas Review Journal for the first time. Dr. Ahsan was awarded the prestigious Las Vegas HEALS award for his services to the community. He is named in Who's Who and also is listed in World Leaders in Medicine. He is an Honoree of Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honors Society for his leadership and contribution in Cardiovascular Medicine. He served as the Governor of the American College of Cardiology Nevada Chapter from 2021-2023.

Dr. Ahsan is Chairman of one of the Board's three Investigative Committees.