



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINEE

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It is a sincere honor to be nominated for the AABIP Board of Directors. My journey as an interventional pulmonologist began with the completion of IP fellowship at Mayo Clinic in 2015, with a clinical practice exclusively devoted to IP. For the past four years I have served as the IP Fellowship Program Director and will assume the role of Director of Interventional Pulmonology this summer. I represent the AABIP as a member of the Joint AABIP/AIPPD Accreditation Committee and am excited for the opportunity to bring my experience and passion for IP to the AABIP board.

In 2015, we launched an interventional pulmonary inpatient consult service. At the time the abbreviation “IP” had minimal recognition to referring services, and we were concerned there would be minimal utilization of our services. In the past year, the inpatient IP consult team did over 1,500 thoracenteses, 450 chest tubes, and 5,000 visits with numbers still rising. Simultaneously the demand for complex bronchoscopic services has grown by over 30%. “Consult IP” is now a familiar expression to any medical or surgical trainee. IP has arrived, the technology is evolving rapidly, and we are able to help more patients today than ever.

Remarkable progress has been made in our field, yet nationwide disparities persist in securing essential resources such as procedural space, time, IP technicians, anesthesia, and equipment. I propose that the AABIP establishes comprehensive standards for IP suites, akin to cardiac cath labs, to enhance quality and support programs for resource advocacy. With ACGME accreditation and ongoing efforts towards ABIM board certification, national recognition and growth will continue. As a Board of Directors member, I aim to help expand access to quality IP fellowship training and establish robust procedural standards that will benefit programs and patients. I am grateful for your consideration.