

# CLI GLOBAL SOCIETY

Our mission is to improve quality of life by preventing amputations and death due to critical limb ischemia worldwide through patient advocacy, education, and awareness.

## CRITICAL LIMB ISCHEMIA GLOBAL SOCIETY

# 2025 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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## BOARD LEADERSHIP UPDATES

The CLI Global Society welcomes Dr. Bret Wiechmann to its Board of Directors. A vascular and interventional radiologist in Gainesville, Florida, Dr. Wiechmann brings over 30 years of clinical and leadership experience. He is a University of Florida graduate, Past President of OEIS, and holds leadership roles with SIR, JVIR, and JCLI.

We extend our sincere thanks and recognition to Dr. Robert A. Lookstein, MD, FSIR, for his expertise and dedicated service as a CLI Global Society Board Member from 2017 to 2024. We wish him continued success in his current role as President of the Society of Interventional Radiology.

## EXPANDING GLOBAL EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS

In 2025, the CLI Global Society partnered with leading educational conferences to expand member benefits, offering exclusive discounts for ISET, AMP and AMP Europe, DLS, SAWC, and international programs including Paris Vascular Insights Course, Imendoforum, and CLI Kongress.

## EUROPE CHAPTER UPDATES

In 2025 the EU Chapter collaborated co-developed sessions at AMP Europe, IMENDOFORUM, CLI Kongress, and PVI, uniting vascular surgeons, interventional radiologists, and other specialists in the global CLI effort.

The EU Chapter has contributed to the Irish Medtech Skillnet research program with the WIFOR Institute, assessing CLTI's economic impact in Germany (as a pilot study). A scientific publication based on this 2025 report is under development. The WOUNDSinCLTI study, planning to enroll 701 patients at 15 European sites to examine wound infection and outcomes in CLTI, has started enrollment in April 2025 and thus far 89 patients have been included.

Professor Alberto Piaggese joined the Board of the European Chapter of the CLI Global Society. He is an internationally recognized expert in diabetic foot care, founding the multidisciplinary diabetic foot programme at the University of Pisa Hospital. He is founder of the Association of Diabetic Foot Surgeons and past President of the European Wound Management Association.

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## THANK YOU COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Kevin Herman, MD (Chair), David Alper, DPM, Lorie Henderson, NP,  
Kym McNicholas, and Zola N'Dandu, MD

The Communications Committee launched the Society's WhatsApp Community and an initiative to partner with referring physician meetings, successfully delivering CLI-focused content at the 2025 Annual Conference of the American Society of Podiatric Surgeons and co-developing a webinar with the Ohio Foot & Ankle Medical Association.

### PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Fadi A. Saab, MD (Chair), Khanhan Nagarsheth, MD (Vice-Chair), Mahmoud Abdelghany, MD, Larry Diaz-Sandoval, MD, Mario D'Oria, MD, Matthew Finn, MD, Mazin Foteh, MD, Arnaud Kerzmann, MD, Pradeep Nair, MD, Sameh Sayfo, MD, Zola N'Dandu, MD

The Publications Committee completed four manuscripts this year, with two published in JCLI and two currently under journal review. Three additional manuscripts are in development, and the Committee is collaborating with the Board of Directors and partner societies on four position papers and a real-world CLI data study.

### STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

John Rundback, MD (Chair), Caroline Fife, MD,  
Richard Neville, MD, Gabriela Velazquez, MD

The Strategic Planning Committee developed a comprehensive five-year strategic plan, approved by the Board in Q4, focused on growing membership, expanding education, advancing research, strengthening international outreach, and increasing corporate engagement through a Corporate Advisory Strategic Planning Committee.

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