

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## Home Address

11158 Explorer Road  
La Mesa, CA 91941

## Education

1989-1993

**Columbia University**, New York, New York  
B.A. in Chemistry with pre-medical concentration

1994-1998

**Dartmouth Medical School**, Hanover, New Hampshire  
M.D.

## Internship

1998-1999

**University of Colorado Health Sciences Center**, Denver, CO  
Internship in Internal Medicine

## Residency

1999-2001

**University of Colorado Health Sciences Center**, Denver, CO  
Residency in Internal Medicine

## Fellowship

2001-2004

**Yale University School of Medicine**, New Haven, Connecticut  
Fellowship in Cardiovascular Disease

2003-2004

**Yale University School of Medicine**, New Haven, Connecticut  
Fellowship in Nuclear Cardiology

2004-June 2005

**Yale University School of Medicine**, New Haven, Connecticut  
Fellowship in Cardiovascular and Peripheral Interventions

**Board Certifications**

2015	ABIM, Interventional Cardiology-MOC
2014	ABIM, Cardiovascular Disease-MOC
2013	Certification Board of Nuclear Cardiology
2012	ABIM, Internal Medicine-MOC
2005	ABIM, Interventional Cardiology
2004	ABIM, Cardiovascular Disease
2001	ABIM, Internal Medicine

**Honors/Awards**

2017	Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award
2017	America's Most Honored Professionals-Top 1% American Registry
2012-present	<b>Healthgrades Honor Roll</b>
2013-2017	<b>Castle Connolly Top Doctors</b> , Interventional Cardiology Voted as regional Top Doctor Castle Connolly
2013-2017	<b>America's Top Cardiologists</b> , Consumer Research Council of America
August 2014	<b>America's Top Cardiologists</b> , Consumer Research Council of America
2016	<b>Top Doctors 2016</b> , Cardiovascular Medicine Voted by peers as best cardiologist in San Diego San Diego Magazine, October 2016
2015-2016	Leading Physician's of the World Top Interventional Cardiologist, California

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- October 2015 California Hero Award: awarded by Senator Joel Anderson.
- September 2015 Center of Recognized Excellence (CORE) Award  
TAVR program-Sharp Health Care
- 2009-2015 Top Doctor-Health Tap: Distinguished Founding Medical Expert
- October 2014 **Top Doctors 2014**, Interventional Cardiology  
Voted by peers as best Interventional Cardiologist in San Diego  
San Diego Magazine, October 2014
- August 2014 [Vitals.Com](http://Vitals.Com) Patient Choice Award
- April 2014 Chair-Congenital Heart Disease Track  
International Conference on Clinical and Experimental  
Cardiology-Cardiology 2014  
San Antonio, Tx.
- January 2014 **National STEMI Champion**  
Top Operator, High Volume 2010-2013  
Sharp Healthcare, San Diego, CA
- October 2013 **Top Doctors 2013**, Interventional Cardiology  
Voted by peers as best Interventional Cardiologist in San Diego  
San Diego Magazine, October 2013
- 2005-20014 Guardian Angels--35 time honoree
- 2008 Fastest Door to Balloon Time at SGH
- 1996-1998 Mertens-Huber Scholarship, Merit and need based award
- 1996 Outstanding Medical Student Research Award, Awarded of  
research presentation: The Effectiveness and Cost-Effectiveness  
Analysis in Containing Health Care Costs
- 1996 American College of Physicians Summer Research Fellowship

**Private Practice**

August 2005

**La Mesa Cardiac Center**, a Medical Group  
 Cardiologist specializing in Cardiovascular Medicine, Nuclear  
 Cardiology and Cardiac and Peripheral Interventions as well as  
 Structural Heart Interventions.

**Hospital Affiliations**

2005-present

Sharp Grossmont Hospital

2012-present

Scripps Chula Vista

2012-present

Scripps Mercy Hospital

2006-present

Sharp Metropolitan Hospital

2006-2014

Alvarado Hospital Medical Center

**Leadership**

2017

Vice Chair of Cardiology Department-SGH

2017

Organizing Committee: 21st International Conference on Clinical  
 and Experimental Cardiology, Las Vegas, NV

2016-Present

Chair Endovascular committee, SGH

2016-present

Editor, Journal of Cardiology and Cardiovascular Therapeutics  
 Juniper Publishing

2015-present

Chair-Public Relations Committee for California ACC

2015-present

Reviewer Journal of Invasive Cardiology

2013-present

Contributor to the "Vascular Access" clinician Blog for the  
 Vascular Disease Management journal.

2013-present

Peer Reviewer for the Vascular Disease Management Journal

2012-present

Board of Governors- District 13 Councilor for California ACC

2011-present

San Diego County Cardiology Advisory Council

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2011-present	Distinguished Founding Medical Expert-Healthtap
2009-present	Alumni Recruiting Council-Columbia University
2007-present	Cardiovascular Steering Committee SGH
2007-Present	Medical Supervisory Committee SGH
2007-Present	Cardiovascular Supervisory Committee SGH
2008-2016	Endovascular Committee SGH
2015-2016	Chief Department Internal Medicine, Sharp Grossmont Hospital.
2015-2016	Medical Executive Committee, Sharp Grossmont Hospital
2015-2016	Peer Review Oversight Committee-Sharp Grossmont Hospital
2012-2016	Lead Faculty: Cardiology. Webmedcentral.com
2009-2016	Clinical Outcomes Committee SGH
2007-2016	Sedation Oversight Committee SGH
2014-2015	Chair-San Diego County Cardiovascular Advisory Council
2014-2015	Vice-Chair: Endovascular Committee, Sharp Grossmont Hospital
2007- 2015	STEMI Committee SGH
2014	Chair of Congenital Heart Disease Track: 4th International Conference on Clinical and Experimental Cardiology-Cardiology 2014 meeting San Antonio, Tx
2014	Organizing Committee: Cardiology 2014 meeting San Antonio, Tx
2014	Reviewer: Catheterization Cardiovascular Interventions.
2014	Reviewer and Editorial Board: American Journal of Science and Technology
2013-2014	Vice Chairman Department Internal Medicine, SGH.
2013	Editorial Board: Journal of Cardiology and Vascular Medicine
2013	Organizing Committee: Cardiology 2013 meeting Chicago II

2013-	SGH Heart and Vascular Fund Advisory Council
2006-2012	Chair—Biomedical Ethics Committee SGH
2007-2012	San Diego County Biomedical Ethics Commission

**Work Experience**

2005 to Present	La Mesa Cardiac Center, a Medical Group Cardiologist specializing in Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease, Nuclear Cardiology and Cardiovascular, Peripheral and Structural Heart Interventions
2015-present	Director: Nuclear Cardiology Laboratory at La Mesa Cardiac Center. An ICANL certified Laboratory
2015-present	Radiation Safety Officer-La Mesa Cardiac Center Nuclear Cardiology Laboratory
2015-present	Daiichi Sanyo National Speaker for Savaysa Brand
2013 to present	Janssen National Speaker for Xarelto Brand
2014-present	Co-Lead, Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement Program Sharp Grossmont Hospital.
2012-present	Astra-Zeneca Speaker for Brilinta Brand
2017	Janssen National Speaker for Invokana Brand
December 2016	Advisory Panel for Savaysa Brand-Daiichi Sankyo, Orlando, FL
2015-2016	Gilead—Curriculum steering committee for Ranexa brand

2014-2016	Gilead Speaker for Ranexa Brand
2016	Faculty-Ranexa Brand Speaker Training April 2016 in Dallas, Tx and Miami, Florida.
2010-2016	Boehringer Ingleheim Speaker for Pradaxa Brand
2009 to 2014	Daiichi-Sankyo and Lilly National Speaker for Effient Brand
2010	GSK: Speaker for Coreg CR Brand
2003- June 2005	Emergency Room Physician, West Haven VAMC ER
2003- June 2005	Urgent Care Physician, Yale University Health Services
2003- June 2005	Medical Intensive Care Unit Advisor, West Haven VAMC
2003- June 2005	Hospitalist, Cardiology Service, Yale- New Haven Hospital
2002- 2003	Stress Lab, Yale- New Haven Hospital, Nuclear Cardiology Department

### Research and Active Protocols

2014	RE-DUAL Trial--Principal Investigator
2013-present	DECLARE Trial--Principal Investigator
2011-Present	PEGASUS Trial
2009-Present	ROCHE ACS Darapladib
2009-Present	ARISTOTLE Trial Apixaban Bristol Myers Squibb
2008-2009	EXCEED Trial Abbott Vascular

2008-Present	TRA2P TIMI 50 Schering Plough
2006-2009	RELY Trial Boehringer Ingleheim
2005- Present	Improve It Trial
2005 - Present	A Comparison of study drug and Clopidogrel in Acute Coronary Syndrome Subjects who are to Undergo Percutaneous Coronary Intervention, (Phase III).
2005 - Present	A comparison of study drug and placebo to evaluate reduction in hospitalizations for cardiovascular reasons and the risk of death in subjects with a history of Atrial Fibrillation or Atrial Flutter who are 70 years of age or older and/or with additional risk factors, (Phase III).
2005 - Present	Safety and Efficacy trial of a combination study drug versus a mono therapy study drug for Reduction of Outcomes in High-Risk Subjects Presenting with Acute Coronary Syndrome, (Phase IV).
2005 - Present	Evaluation of Long-Term, anticoagulant therapy, comparing the Efficacy and Safety of two blinded doses of a study drug with open-label warfarin in the Prevention of Stroke and Systemic Embolism in patients with Non-Valvular Atrial Fibrillation.
2003-2004	Outcomes in Intravascular Brachytherapy
2003-2004	Intravascular Ultrasound Follow Up of Plaque Regression in Patients Under Treatment with Novel CEPT Inhibitor to Raise HDL
2003-2004	The Molecular Basis of Premature Coronary Artery Disease
1996	The Role of Cost Effectiveness Analyses in Controlling Health Care Costs
1994	Ascorbic Acid Prevents Porphyria Cutanea Tarda Cause by Dioxins
1992-1993	A Novel Tridentate Molecule in Host-Guest Chemistry



**Publications**

- 2017 Sherev, D., Azizi, K., **Azimi, N.**, Van Nordheim, S., Moreno-Cabral, R. Delayed Management of Partial Aortic Valve Avulsion After Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement. *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery* , Volume 104 , Issue 1 , e17 - e18.
- 2015 Holden, A., Azimi, N., Forest, C. New oral anticoagulants for patients with non-valvular atrial fibrillation. *Journal of the American Academy of Physician Assistants* 2015; 28(11): 28-34.
- 2006 **Azimi, N.**, Selter JG, Abbott JD, Acbin HS, Copel J, Setaro JF. Angiosarcoma Presenting as Pericardial Tamponade in pregnancy. A Case Presentation and review of the literature. *Angiology* 2006;57(2):251-7.
- 2005 Bader, F. Upadya, S., Sokol, S., Azimi, N., Katz, S. Large-vessel vasculitis in a cardiac allograft. *Can J Cardiol* 2005: 21(9):745
- 2004 **Azimi, N.**, Singh HS, Robert KB, Son HJ, Khosravi S, Pfau S. Do Device Type and Angiographic Patterns of In-Stent Restenosis Predict Long Term Outcomes in Patients Treated with Intravascular Brachytherapy. Submitted for publication *Catheterization and Cardiovascular Interventions* 2004.
- 2004 Singh HS, Roberts KB, Yue N, Nath R, Song HJ, **Azimi N**, Pfau S. Brachytherapy for In-Stent Restenosis in General Interventional Practice: A Single Institution's Experience Using Four Radiation Devices. *Cardiovascular Radiation Medicine* 2004;(3):126-132
- 2006 **Azimi, N.**, Selter JG, Abbott JD, Acbin HS, Copel J, Setaro JF. Angiosarcoma Presenting as Pericardial Tamponade in pregnancy A Case Presentation and review of the literature. *Angiology* 2006;57(2):251-7.
- 2003 Singh HS, Yue N, **Azimi N**, Nath R, Roberts KB, Pfau S, Dose Threshold for Clinical Success in Coronary Brachytherapy: A Nested Case Control Study. Under Review
- 1997 **Azimi N.**, Welch HG. The Effectiveness of Cost Effective Analyses in Containing Health Care Costs. *JGIM* 1998; 13:664-669.

**Abstracts:**

- 2014                    **Azimi, NA.**, Sherev, DA, Kumar K, Pfahler, C. Platypnea Orthodeoxia Syndrome, The Consequential Inconsequential PFO: A look at 4 cases cured by PFO closure. Cardiology 2014: San Antonio, Tx.
- 2013                    **Azimi, NA.**, Sherev, DA. Transcatheter Coil Embolization of Congenital Coronary Artery Fistula In a Patient with Severe Dyspnea Since Childhood. Cardiology 2013: Chicago, IL.
- 2008                    Jovin, IS., Lei, L., Zhengrong, H., Curtis, J., Brennan, JJ., Setaro, JF, Remetz, M., Sokol, S., Portnay, E., **Azimi, NA.**, Pfau, S., Clancy, J., Cabin, HS. Cleman, MW., Giordano, FJ. Cellularity and Structure of Fresh Human Coronary Thrombectomy Specimens: Presence of Cells with Markers of Progenitor Cells and Differentiation into Various Cell-Type Populations. AHA: Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology Annual Conference, 2008.
- 2004                    **Azimi, N.**, Setaro JF. Management of the Aspirin Sensitive Patient in the Modern Interventional Era. Presented at SCAI National Meeting, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL May 2005.
- 2004                    **Azimi NA.**, Singh HS, Robert KB, Song HJ, Khosravi S, Pfau S. Intravascular Brachytherapy and Angiographic Patterns of In-Stent Restenosis: Classification and Implications for Long Term Outcomes. Presented at the SCAI National Meeting, San Diego, California May 2004.
- 2003                    Singh HS, Yue N, **Azimi NA.**, Roberts KB, Nath R, Pfau S, Dose Threshold for Clinical Success in Coronary Brachytherapy: A Nested Case Control Study. Presented at American College of Cardiology Scientific Sessions March 2004.

- 1997                    **Azimi N**, Welch HG. The Effectiveness of Cost Effectiveness Analyses in Containing Health Care Costs. *JGIM* 1997;12(Suppl1):59  
Presented at SGIM national meeting, May 1997  
Presented at the Xth Annual Innovations in Primary Care Forum, Burlington, VT, Nov 96  
Presented at the regional ACP meeting, Hanover, NH, October 1996
- 1994                    Sinclair P, Gorman N, Walton H, **Azimi N**, Sinclair J, Role of Vitamin C in Preventing Porphyria Cutanea Tarda Caused by Dioxin. VA Healthcare:Research Make the Difference, Research and Development. Chautauqua, WRJ VA: May 23, 1994.

**TEACHING:**

- 2015-2016            Curriculum development for Ranexa brand—on behalf of Gilead pharmaceutical
- 2013-Present        Midwestern College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Clinical Faculty
- 2011-2014            Preceptor-USC-Keck School of Medicine.  
Precepted outpatient course for PA students.
- 2002-2003            Instructor, Yale University School of Medicine.  
Cardiovascular Pathophysiology Module for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Medical Students
- 2002-2003            Instructor, Yale Physicians Assistants Program.  
Mechanism in Disease Module for Second Year Physicians Assistants Students

2002	Instructor, Yale University School of Medicine Cardiovascular Clinical Electrocardiography Tutorial for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Medical Students
1995	Prosector, Department of Anatomy, Dartmouth Medical School
1994-1995	Tutor, Organic Chemistry, Dartmouth College
1992-1993	Instructor, Introduction to General Chemistry Laboratory Course, Columbia University
1992-1993	Counselor and Teacher, Upward Bound Summer Residential Program, Double Discovery Center, Columbia University
1992-1993	Tutor, Higher Education Opportunity Program, Columbia University

**INVITED LECTURES and TEACHING MODULES**

Nassir Azimi, MD	“Modern Anticoagulants— A focus on Factor Xa Inhibitors” UC-Davis Cardiology Grand Rounds, February 2017
Nassir Azimi, MD,	“Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement” Mended Hearts, San Diego Ca- March 2017
Nassir Azimi, MD,	“Savaysa” presented to National Sales Force for Daiichi Sankyo San Diego, Ca, June 2016
Nassir Azimi, MD,	“Modern ERA management of valvular heart disease: TAVR and MitraClip” SGH Grand Rounds, January 18, 2016
Nassir Azimi, MD,	Debate with Professor Noel Bairey-Merz on “Stents versus Meds” at the Gilead IHD Mid Year Meeting-Manchester Hyatt, SD, CA

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- Nassir Azimi, MD, “Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement”  
SGH-Grand Rounds April 2015.
- Nassir Azimi, MD, “Cardiocentricity: Fence on the Cliff or Ambulance in the Valley-  
Preventative Cardiology” Mended Heart Programs, San Diego  
Cardiac Center. 03/14/2015.
- Nassir Azimi, MD, “The Consequential Inconsequential Patent Foramen  
Ovale” Sharp Grossmont Hospital Cardiovascular  
Symposium 11/02/2014
- Panelist Digital Health: The Future of Wearable Technologies in  
Healthcare. UCSD, RADY School of Management. June 3, 2014
- Nassir Azimi, MD, Community Lecture:  
Sharp Grossmont Hospital 03/23/2014
- Nassir Azimi, MD, “The Consequential Inconsequential Patent Foramen Ovale”  
Grand Rounds, Sharp Grossmont Hospital 01/23/2014
- Nassir Azimi, MD, “Cool Case Clan: Amyloidosis” 09/19/2013
- Nassir Azimi, MD, “Heart Attacks: A prevention Guide” 3/2/2013
- Nassir Azimi, MD, “Chronic Total Occlusions” October 27, 2012
- Nassir Azimi, MD, “Acute ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction” September 17, 2012
- Nassir Azimi, MD, “Grand Rounds: A Cardiocentric Approach to PAD” March 2012
- Nassir Azimi, MD, “Cardiocentricity” November 2011
- Nassir Azimi, MD, “Grand Rounds: Modern Anticoagulants.” February 2011
- Nassir Azimi, MD, “PAD: the heart in the middle” November 2010
- Nassir Azimi, MD, “Cardiac Pharmacology.” March 2010

- Nassir Azimi, MD, "Medical treatment of PAD." February 2010
- Nassir Azimi, MD, "A cardiocentric approach to PAD. November 2009
- Nassir Azimi, MD "Modern Applied Thrombocytology." December 2009
- Nassir Azimi, MD, "A Cardiocentric approach to PAD. February 2009
- Nassir Azimi, MD, "Grand Rounds: Platypnea Orthodeoxia Syndrome." 09/2009

**MEDIA APPEARANCES:**

- 2016 FINE Magazine, "Doctor Azimi of Sharp Grossmont Hospital" by Jess Yacovelle
- 2016 FINE Magazine, "Medical Musings" by Robert Morey
- 2016 Presentation of a TAVR patient, CN channel, San Diego Living show February 1, 2016
- 2014 SD Union Tribune-health section
- 2014 ABC10 San Diego 1/22/2014
- 2013 Sharp Experience: Episode 12
- 2013 KUSI-Heart Disease in young people
- 2013 SD Union Tribune-health section
- 2012 SD Union Tribune-health section
- 2010 Youtube-PFO closure

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2009-2011	KYXY--Heart month
2008	FOX SD
2007	NBC San Diego
2007	CBS San Diego
2009-2011	Sharp Grossmont Hospital--commercial
2009	Sharp Experience: Episode 8
1995	Dartmouth Medicine

Professional Affiliations

American College of Cardiology (Fellow)  
American Society of Nuclear Cardiology (Fellow)  
Society of Coronary Angiography and Interventions (Fellow)  
California Medical Association  
San Diego County Medical Association  
American College of Physicians  
American Heart Association  
American Society of Echocardiography

Languages:                   Fluent in Farsi, Urdu, Pashto; Four Years of Latin;  
Medical Spanish Course