



# IDEXX Telemedicine Consultants

## Cardiology

### **Allison Adams, DVM, DACVIM (Cardiology)**

Dr. Adams received her DVM from the University of Tennessee in 2004. She completed a rotating internship in 2005 at the University of Pennsylvania and her cardiology residency in 2008 at North Carolina State University. She began her career in a private specialty practice in Charleston, South Carolina, where she enjoyed life on the beach with a fishing pole in hand. But 2 years of sand, salt, and the occasional flounder couldn't hold Dr. Adams back from her professional pursuits, and she headed west. It wasn't only the cooler temperatures and low humidity of Colorado that excited Dr. Adams. The real draw was joining the cardiology department at Colorado State University and then, in 2010, joining IDEXX as the manager of cardiology for IDEXX Telemedicine Consultants. She now spends her professional time advancing the IDEXX telemedicine business and her free time hiking, skiing, cooking, fishing, and spending time with her better half, Gaetan. However, her free time is fairly limited recently as she started her MBA at Colorado State this year. She has three dogs (Mars, Jupi, and Junior) and five chickens (Omelet, Grits, Sausage, Josh, and Lydia).

### **Jason Arndt, DVM, DACVIM (Cardiology)**

Dr. Arndt attended the University of California, Davis, College of Veterinary Medicine, earning his DVM in 2004. He then pursued a rotating internship at the University of Illinois in 2005 and a 3-year residency in cardiology at the University of Pennsylvania, after which he obtained board certification in 2009. In his spare time, he enjoys stand-up paddleboarding and spending time with his wife and daughter. He also enjoys time with his beautiful chocolate Labrador retriever, Jimmy-Dean, and other pets.

### **Darlene Blischok, DVM, DACVIM (Cardiology)**

Dr. Blischok graduated from Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, and then completed a 1-year internship at Garden State Veterinary Specialists in New Jersey. She was a staff consultant for IDEXX during her cardiology residency in northern New Jersey and continued that work part-time for 11 years. She practiced cardiology for 11 years at a private referral hospital in Atlanta before joining the IDEXX team again full-time in 2012. She lives in Roswell, Georgia, with her husband, Skip, and a plethora of four-legged and finned pets. She enjoys creating pottery on her wheel, road biking, and gardening in her spare time.

### **Andrea Eriksson De Rezende, DVM, DACVIM (Cardiology)**

Dr. Eriksson De Rezende is a native of Eugene, Oregon, and completed her undergraduate studies at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon. She received her veterinary degree from Oregon State University in 2005, which was followed by a 1-year rotating small-animal and surgical internship at Oregon State University. She then completed a 3-year residency in cardiology at North Carolina State University. She became a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (Cardiology) in 2009. Until 2011, she was an assistant professor of cardiology at Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine. She then moved to Brooklyn, New York, to join the Veterinary Emergency and Referral Group. Her research and clinical interests include management of congestive heart failure with particular interest in the renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system, management of cardiac arrhythmias, novel therapies, and surgical options for chronic degenerative mitral valve disease in dogs, as well as advanced cardiac imaging. Outside of her professional life, she enjoys spending time with her husband and daughter, singing, learning a new language (Portuguese), travel, and weekend visits to relax in Greenport, New York.

### **Amara Estrada, DVM, DACVIM (Cardiology)**

Dr. Estrada is a professor of cardiology and the associate chair for instruction in small animal clinical sciences at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine. She is board certified in veterinary cardiology by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. She graduated from the University of Florida before completing an internship at the University of Tennessee and a residency in comparative cardiology at Cornell University. She has been on the faculty at the University of Florida since 2003 and has recently joined the IDEXX team to oversee quality control for the cardiology services. Dr. Estrada is actively involved in all 4 years of veterinary student education and has won numerous teaching awards, as well as awards for her clinical research, from the University of Florida and nationally. She has authored many peer-reviewed research publications on veterinary cardiology and has contributed to numerous veterinary textbooks, including *Current Veterinary Therapy*, *Textbook of Veterinary Internal Medicine*, *Clinical Veterinary Advisor*, and she more recently coauthored the book *The ABCDs of Veterinary Cardiology*. She frequently speaks at continuing education meetings on both a national and international

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level. She enjoys collaborations with her colleagues within the veterinary cardiology and pediatric cardiology disciplines. When she is not working to advance veterinary student education or cardiology in clinical practice, Dr. Estrada enjoys spending time with her husband and three incredible children.

### **Nonya N. Fiakpui, VMD, DACVIM (Cardiology)**

### **Gemma Fraga Veloso, DVM, MSc, DECVIM (Cardiology), MRCVS**

### **Andrew Francis, BVSC, Cert VC, DECVIM (Cardiology), MRCVS**

### **Crystal Hariu-Damore, DVM, DACVIM (Cardiology)**

### **Anthony Ishak, DVM, DACVIM (Cardiology)**

Originally from Massachusetts, Dr. Ishak studied chemical engineering at the University of Virginia prior to obtaining his veterinary degree from the University of Florida in 2002. He completed a small-animal rotating internship at North Carolina State University in 2003 followed by an MS degree and small-animal internal medicine residency at Colorado State University in 2006. He completed his cardiology residency at BluePearl Veterinary Partners in 2013 and currently practices in Florida with BluePearl Veterinary Partners as a cardiologist and internal medicine specialist.

### **Ian Harris “Jake” Jacobson, DVM, DACVIM (Cardiology)**

Dr. Jacobson was born and raised in Charleston, South Carolina. He attended Clemson University for his undergraduate degree and then earned his DVM from the University of Georgia. Dr. Jacobson completed an internship in small-animal medicine and surgery at Colorado State University, followed by a cardiology internship in Tampa at Florida Veterinary Specialists. He continued his education with a 3-year cardiology residency at the Animal Medical Center in New York City. Outside of work, he likes to take advantage of the ever-growing cultural and recreational activities the Low Country of South Carolina has to offer.

### **Mandi Kleman, DVM, DACVIM (Cardiology)**

Dr. Kleman received her DVM from the University of Florida and completed an internship in small-animal medicine and surgery at the Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital at the University of Pennsylvania. She completed her cardiology residency at the University of Florida and became a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine in cardiology in 2010. After completing her residency, Dr. Kleman established the cardiology services at the Cornell University-affiliated satellite hospital, Cornell University Veterinary Specialists, in Stamford, Connecticut, and Pacific Veterinary Specialists in Capitola, California. Dr. Kleman lives in Atlanta, Georgia, with her husband, two daughters, and “Baby Kitty.” She joined IDEXX

Telemedicine Consultants in 2015 and has a special interest in novel interventional procedures for congenital heart disease.

### **Danielle Smith Laughlin, DVM, DACVIM (Cardiology)**

Dr. Laughlin was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. She attended Miami University for her undergraduate education in zoology and The Ohio State University for veterinary school. After finishing her veterinary degree, Dr. Laughlin stayed at The Ohio State University for a 1-year small-animal medicine and surgery internship. She then moved to Philadelphia to complete a 3-year cardiology residency at the Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital at the University of Pennsylvania. After finishing her residency, Dr. Laughlin moved from the City of Brotherly Love to the warmer temperatures of Atlanta, Georgia. In addition to telemedicine consulting, she works as a cardiologist at BluePearl-Georgia Veterinary Specialists. Dr. Laughlin also frequently presents continuing education lectures around the country in the management of chronic cardiac disease in small-animal patients. Outside of work, she loves traveling, photography, cooking, and exploring Atlanta with her husband and their two four-legged children, a terrier named Rudy and a handsome cat named Rascal.

### **Stacey Leach, DVM, DACVIM (Cardiology)**

Dr. Leach received his DVM from Texas A&M University in 2007 and completed his residency in cardiology at the University of Missouri in 2012. He is currently an assistant professor of cardiology at the University of Missouri. In his free time, he can be found at the gym or enjoying the outdoors.

### **Damon Leeder, BVSc, DACVIM (Cardiology)**

Dr. Leeder originally hails from Australia, where he received his veterinary degree with first-class honors at the University of Sydney. He completed a small-animal medicine internship at the Veterinary Specialist Centre in Sydney before moving to the United States to undertake a rotating internship in small-animal medicine and surgery at the University of Minnesota Veterinary Medical Center. He remained at the University of Minnesota to complete a 3-year residency in veterinary cardiology. At the completion of his residency, he successfully obtained board certification in the specialty of veterinary cardiology. His special interests include degenerative valve disease, electrocardiography, congenital heart disease, and the management of congestive heart failure. In his spare time, he can be found swimming, biking, and running in training for his next triathlon.

### **Jordi López-Alvarez, LtVet, PhD, DECVIM-CA (Cardiology), MRCVS**

Dr. López-Alvarez graduated from the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) in Spain after having spent the prior 2 years as a visiting student at the École Nationale Vétérinaire d'Alfort in Paris, France. He completed a rotating internship at the UAB

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referral hospital in 2003 and then worked in private practice for more than 3 years. In 2011, he completed his cardiology residency at the University of Liverpool and, in 2014, his PhD at the Royal Veterinary College in London, United Kingdom. He then worked as a private practice cardiology specialist. He is interested in the clinical management of cardiovascular diseases of small animals, and he enjoys research in the most common cardiovascular diseases in the dog and cat. He is the author of a number of articles published in international veterinary journals and regularly reviews manuscripts for these journals as well. In his spare time, he loves spending time with his wife and child, hiking in the Pyrenees and swimming and sailing in the Mediterranean.

### **Marco Margiocco, DVM, MS, DACVIM (Cardiology), DECVIM (Cardiology)**

Dr. Margiocco is originally from Italy and grew up in a small town at the foot of the Alps. He was born and raised in a house full of all sorts of animals, due to his father being a wildlife photographer. He started his adventure in veterinary medicine in 1985, as an unpaid veterinary assistant. He graduated from the University of Pisa, preparing for many examinations in the shade of the Leaning Tower. Dr. Margiocco worked in general practice for a few years, immediately developing an interest and focus in cardiology. He completed a long internship in cardiology at the University of Turin under the mentorship of Dr. Michele Borgarelli and started working as a mobile consultant offering echocardiograms and cardiology consultations. Dr. Margiocco left Italy in 2004, heading to the University of Illinois for a combined master's degree program and cardiology residency. He soon followed his mentor to Oregon State University, where he completed his residency and master's degree. He then headed to Kansas State University, where he taught cardiology for 3 years. Dr. Margiocco moved to Vancouver, British Columbia, where he has lived for the last several years, working initially at a local busy multispecialty practice. Dr. Margiocco joined the IDEXX team as an independent contractor in 2016 and then became a full-time IDEXX employee in April 2017. When he is not at work, Dr. Margiocco likes to study and play fingerstyle acoustic guitar, and he also enjoys exploring beautiful British Columbia on his bicycle or paddleboard. He is owned by an adorable yellow Labrador retriever named Luna. He lives in North Vancouver with his wife and two explosive teenagers.

### **Reid Nakamura, DVM, DACVEC (Cardiology), DACVIM (Cardiology)**

Dr. Nakamura was born in Honolulu, Hawaii. After obtaining a DVM at Tufts University in Boston, he went on to complete an internship at the Animal Medical Center in New York. He has completed residencies in both emergency and critical care at Tufts University and in cardiology at Advanced Veterinary Care Center in California. He obtained board certification in both specialties. His professional interests include thromboprophylaxis, pericardial effusion, and interventional cardiology. In his spare time, he enjoys running, attending sporting events, and trying to make his shih tzu, Yuki, stop scratching.

### **Augusta Pelosi, DVM, DACVS, DACVIM (Cardiology)**

Dr. Pelosi was born and raised in Italy. She attended the College of Veterinary Medicine at Università di Pisa and the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (Erasmus program) and earned her DVM degree from Università di Pisa. Upon moving to the U.S., she obtained the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) certification. Dr. Pelosi completed a small animal rotating internship at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. She continued her education with a surgery and cardiology residency at Michigan State University, where she remained as an assistant professor in cardiology until 2016. She has since relocated to southern Florida to work in a private practice. She has worked as both a surgery and cardiology consultant for several companies. Her primary focus is cardiac and cardiovascular surgery. She is actively involved in several committees within the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine and American College of Veterinary Surgeons. Outside of work, she is a certified yoga instructor, loves teaching and practicing yoga, and enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, cooking, and learning languages.

### **Nicole Piscitelli, DVM, DACVIM (Cardiology)**

Dr. Piscitelli is originally from Buffalo, New York. She received her DVM from the Atlantic Veterinary College at the University of Prince Edward Island in 2006. She met her husband Christopher, a veterinary criticalist, in veterinary school, and in 2006 they moved to Tampa, where Dr. Piscitelli completed her rotating internship at Florida Veterinary Specialists. She stayed on to complete a specialty internship in cardiology, followed by a 3-year residency in cardiology. Currently they live in Atlanta, Georgia, and practice at Georgia Veterinary Specialists. They have two dogs (a Cavalier King Charles spaniel and a mixed-breed dog—both with heart disease!) and three cats.

**Jessica M. Solomon, DVM, MS, DACVIM (Cardiology)**

Dr. Solomon was raised in northern New Jersey and attended Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She then went on to complete a cardiology residency at the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine. Following her residency, Dr. Solomon established the cardiology service at a large specialty and emergency hospital in New York City and was there for 3 years before joining IDEXX Telemedicine Consultants. Dr. Solomon made a move west to California and currently lives with her husband, his bullmastiff, her golden retriever, and “their” cat.

**Ivan Sosa, DVM, DACVIM (Cardiology)**

Dr. Sosa received his DVM at the University of Zaragoza in Spain in 2007. He then went on to complete a small-animal rotating internship in medicine and surgery at the University of Bristol in the United Kingdom. After working as a general practitioner for 4 years, he moved to the United States in 2012 for a residency in cardiology at the University of Florida. He became a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine in cardiology in 2016, the same year he established the cardiology service at a busy referral hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. Although he enjoys challenging cardiology cases in both dogs and cats, he has a special interest in interventional cardiology procedures. When not at work, Dr. Sosa and his wife enjoy sailing with his golden retriever.

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