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☆ **Spotlight on Special Topics**

THE CARDIONERDS CASE REPORT SERIES: CONNECTING THE CARDIOLOGY COMMUNITY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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Background: The COVID-19 pandemic has introduced numerous challenges to graduate medical education, including virtual recruitment. Cardiology fellowship programs were faced with the immense task of virtually highlighting their training programs. The CardioNerds podcast, in collaboration with the American College of Cardiology (ACC) Fellows in Training (FIT) Section, introduced the CardioNerds Case Report (CNCR) series to bridge this gap.

Methods: CardioNerds is an online platform with the mission of democratizing cardiovascular education. The CNCR series included a wide range of case-based episodes involving FITs, content experts, and program leadership from participating programs. Every accredited general cardiology fellowship program in the United States was invited. Each episode highlighted the training opportunities and the culture within the training program.

Results: 44 cardiology fellowship programs across 23 states and Washington D.C. participated in the CNCR series representing 137 fellows and 80 faculty. From September 1 to November 30, 2020, the CNCR series achieved ~224,200 downloads. Each CNCR episode had on average 4,900 downloads with ongoing daily downloads.

Conclusion: CNCR is an ideal platform for recruitment, medical education, and networking in an increasingly virtual training environment. Future directions include studying the impact of CNCR on virtual recruitment, podcast-based education on fellowship training, and the development of guests as educators.

