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PROF POH KIAN KEONG IS SINGAPORE'S ONLY RECIPIENT OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CARDIOLOGY'S 2026 DISTINGUISHED AWARDS

*The Awards were presented at the American College of Cardiology's
75th Annual Scientific Session in New Orleans*

NEW ORLEANS, USA — The American College of Cardiology (ACC) has named 20 recipients of its [2026 Distinguished Awards](#), recognising individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the cardiovascular profession.

Of the 20 awardees, **Professor Poh Kian Keong**, Director of Research and Senior Consultant, Department of Cardiology, National University Heart Centre, Singapore (NUHCS), and Associate Chairman Medical Board, National University Hospital, is the distinguished recipient of the **2026 Navin C. Nanda International Service Award**.

Prof Poh is the first and only Singaporean cardiologist to have received an ACC Distinguished Award.

The Navin C. Nanda International Service Award – named in honour of [Dr Navin C. Nanda](#) – recognises outstanding contributions to cardiovascular medicine and international service, honouring individuals who have made enhanced cardiovascular care throughout the world.

“I am honored to recognise Kian Keong Poh, MBBCH, MA, MMed, FACC, with the Navin C. Nanda International Service Award,” said ACC President Christopher M. Kramer, MD, FACC. “Kian Keong Poh has demonstrated remarkable work that will bolster the ACC’s mission to transform cardiovascular care and improve heart health for all.”

“I am privileged and humbled to receive this special award, which is close to my heart,” said Prof Poh. “Through cardiology efforts across Singapore, Asia, the United States and beyond, we are able to collectively improve cardiovascular outcomes internationally. At NUHCS, this commitment to advancing cardiovascular care through research, education and collaboration underpins our contributions to global cardiology.”

“The ACC has enormous resources and determination within its DNA in transforming cardiovascular health around the world. The [Assembly of International Governors](#) is a unique platform that pivots these aims through science, education and initiatives tailored to local needs worldwide,” added Prof Poh.

Awardees were recognised during the Convocation at the American College of Cardiology's Annual Scientific Session (ACC.26), held from 28 to 30 March 2026, in New Orleans.

Editor's Note:

ACC.26 brought together cardiologists and cardiovascular specialists from around the world to share the newest discoveries in treatment and prevention.

The American College of Cardiology (ACC) is the global leader in transforming cardiovascular care and improving heart health for all. As the preeminent source of professional medical education for the entire cardiovascular care team since 1949, ACC credentials cardiovascular professionals in over 140 countries who meet stringent qualifications and leads in the formation of health policy, standards and guidelines. Through its world-renowned family of JACC Journals, NCDR registries, ACC Accreditation Services, global network of Member Sections, CardioSmart patient resources and more, the College is committed to ensuring a world where science, knowledge and innovation optimize patient care and outcomes. Learn more at www.ACC.org.

Chinese Glossary

National University Heart Centre, Singapore (NUHCS)	新加坡国立大学心脏中心 (国大心脏中心)
National University Hospital (NUH)	国立大学医院 (国大医院)
American College of Cardiology	美国心脏病学会
Navin C. Nanda International Service Award	Navin C. Nanda 国际服务奖
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About the National University Heart Centre, Singapore (NUHCS)

The National University Heart Centre, Singapore (NUHCS) is an academic, national specialist centre under the National University Health System (NUHS). NUHCS brings together the resources, expertise and capabilities in the areas of Cardiology, Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery to better meet the needs of the growing number of patients with heart disease and raise the future generation of medical professionals.

As one of two national heart centres in Singapore for the treatment and management of complex cardiovascular diseases, NUHCS offers six core clinical programmes including Heart Failure & Cardiomyopathy, Structural Heart Disease, Acute Coronary Syndrome, Heart Rhythm, Congenital & Structural Heart Disease and Women's Heart Health. The centre has been awarded two institutional Peaks of Excellence for its Minimally-invasive Cardiothoracic Surgery and Aortic Centre Programme, and has been ranked top in Singapore for three consecutive years in 2022, 2023 and 2024 for the specialty of Cardiac Surgery in Newsweek's "World's Best Hospital" Award.

Comprising a team of internationally-recognised cardiologists and surgeons from the cardiothoracic and vascular specialties, NUHCS serves as a referral national centre for cardiothoracic and vascular conditions and provides a comprehensive approach to the treatment of these patients. The holistic patient-care approach is backed by leading translational research at the Cardiovascular Research Institute (CVRI) and Cardiovascular Metabolic Translational Program, all of which complements these advanced quaternary clinical services to deliver state-of-the-art treatment solutions to the most challenging heart, lung and circulatory diseases.

NUHCS services span across four locations to serve the western and central locations in Singapore:

- NUHCS at National University Hospital (NUH), Kent Ridge - Main Operations
- NUHCS Heart Clinic @ Ng Teng Fong General Hospital (NTFGH)
- NUHCS Heart Clinic @ Jurong Medical Centre (JMC)
- NUHCS Heart Clinic @ Alexandra Hospital (AH)

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