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■ MMRI'S KONTARIDIS NAMED VICE CHAIR OF AHA COUNCIL

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Maria Kontaridis

UTICA, N.Y. — Masonic Medical Research Institute (MMRI) Executive Director Maria Kontaridis was recently appointed vice chair of the American Heart Association's Basic Cardiovascular Sciences Council Leadership Committee.

During this two-year term, she will lead colleagues from across the United States including research scientists and cardiologists. The council is a keystone in the national heart-science community and serves as an important guide and intellectual resource for the American Heart Association (AHA), per

an MMRI news release. It sponsors and manages some of the association's most popular conferences and events, which benefit scientists, molecular/cellular biologists, physiologists, clinical trialists, cardiologist, nurses and pharmacists, and executives from pharmaceutical and biotechnology firms.

The MMRI and AHA have a long-standing relationship, and the association has sponsored and funded several studies and projects at MMRI.

The Basic Cardiovascular Sciences Council's leadership line is progressive meaning after Kontaridis completes her term as vice chair, she will serve as chair for two years — beginning in 2024.

The MMRI is a not-for-profit independent research institute founded in 1958. Scientists there specialize in advancing the understanding of cardiovascular, autoimmune, and neurodegenerative disorders.

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