

## NEWS FROM THE ECHO WEEK PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

### SUMMARY OF GROUP PROJECT OR ACTIVITIES – JUNE 2025

Name of Project	Description	Status
SCA Echo Feb 20-23	32 faculty including 3 cardiologists and 2 surgeons. Registration numbers: 201 virtual and 107 virtual. Out of them 105 international.	Complete.
SCA Echo program committee meeting	The Program Committee met on 02/21/24. The incoming and outgoing members of the committee were announced. Immediate feedback was received on the program of the SCA Echo 2025. Ideas and suggestions for SCA Echo 2024 were solicited.	
SCA Echo Board Review June 2025	Registration is open	

### SUMMARY OF GROUP MEETINGS

Date	Action Items from Meeting
2/21/2025	<p>Participation at EACTA-ECHO by representatives of SCA ECHO program committee members (Kim Howard-Quijano, Kiran Belani, and Ingrid Moreno- Duarte)</p> <p>Increase virtual registration by better international marketing and tiered discount registration to low- and medium-income countries</p> <p>Change the format of the hands-on workshop to parallel sessions ongoing throughout the days</p> <p>Continue adding to Core Series</p>

### COMMITTEE BENCHMARKS

#### 2024 Committee Benchmarks Status Report

Review and update core series- this benchmark has been accomplished but it is also ongoing. Most of the presentations have been edited, a couple need to be updated.

Formulate a plan of continuity for SCA Echo Board Review- ongoing

Establish a formal process and system for leadership terms and turnover- this has been accomplished

Finalize preliminary schedule by end of annual meeting- ongoing

Establishment of 2 webinars to be presented in 3rd and 4th quarter of 2024 – ongoing

Re-explore the format of the SCA Echo conference for the future meetings- this has been accomplished. Survey deployed to the audience, for now the format will remain hybrid, meeting location next year Atlanta. We are exploring other venues, but likely to remain in Atlanta.

**SUMMARY OF GROUP PROJECT OR ACTIVITIES – POSTED DECEMBER 2024**

Name of Project or Activity	Description	Project Status
SCA Echo Board Review 2024	2 Day virtual board review course, the meeting was successful with 159 attendees.	Complete
SCA Echo Webinars	SCA Echo Webinars in 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> quarters – see below	Ongoing
SCA Echo 2025	Program Finalized, Registration opens 10/24/24, EACTA and ASE collaboration continues	Ongoing
SCA Echo Board Review 2025	The 2025 program will be held May 31 – June 1, 2025.	Ongoing

**SUMMARY OF GROUP MEETINGS**

Date	Action Items from Meeting
2/16/2024	Review of SCA Echo 2024 meeting with regards to registration and expectations. Committee solicited for session ideas and specific lecture titles, speakers, workshops and Weyman Lecture awardee. Additionally, proposal was made to include a new session collaborating with EACATA.
4/28/2024	Review of proposed preliminary schedule for SCA Echo 2025, discussed the core series need for update vs elimination. Review of budget projections

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTS****Action / Request for BOD Consideration #1:**

SCA Echo plans to provide quarterly educational content for members: SCA Echo in Q1, SCA Echo Board Review in Q2, and SCA Echo Webinars in Q3 and Q4. We propose that the SCA Echo program committee oversee this initiative, with designated members responsible for delivery. This has been on hold pending the education committee's response to align with the broader society's needs and other committees offering webinars. We respectfully ask that the board provide direction either to move forward with 1 or 2 webinars in 2025 or task our committee to come up with alternative methods to engage with members on topics related to echo.

### Summary of Group Project or Activities – Posted June 2024

Description	Project
SCA Echo Feb 15-18	31 faculty, 17 male and 14 female. Exhibitors: GE, Philips, NBE, and IAC The conference was extended this year to 3 days and one half (Thursday afternoon starting at 1pm) in order to accommodate an extended program on adult congenital heart disease based on feedback from participants in the previous years.
SCA Echo program committee meeting	The Program Committee met on 02/16/24. Dr. Kim Howard Quijano was announced as the incoming Vice-Chair. The incoming and outgoing members of the committee were announced. Immediate feedback was received on the program of the SCA Echo 2024. Ideas and suggestions for SCA Echo 2025 were solicited.
SCA Echo Board Review June 1-2 2024	Ongoing

### Summary of Group Meetings – Posted June 2024

Date	Action Items from Meeting
02/16/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The ongoing format of the conference (hybrid versus in-person only)</li><li>• Proposals for SCA Echo 2025</li><li>• Status of the Core Series: lectures to be reviewed by the Program Committee with recommendations for editing or re-recording</li></ul>

### Requests for Board of Directors Consideration

As described in previous Chairs' reports we would like to propose the development of a series of webinars specifically related to education in perioperative echocardiography (TEE, TTE, critical care echo). These webinars would be developed by the SCA Echo Program Committee under the brand of SCA ECHO.

### POSTED NOVEMBER 2023

#### Board Action Request

• Action / Request 1: For 2023 Echo Week returned to an in-person meeting with a live-stream for virtual attendees. This abridged format allowed for a focus on the more state of the art and clinical decision making, however has required the separation of the board review content to a separate offering in June Echo Board Review. It remains in the opinion of the Echo program committee that a return to a full 5-day meeting with a re-incorporation of Board Review would be sub-optimal. The Echo Program Committee has considered and approved an extension to a 3.5 day meeting for SCA Echo 2024, as this will facilitate shorter conference days and the option of additional sessions which have not been covered in the abridged format. While the name of the conference has changed with the approval of the Board of Directors to SCA Echo, we would like to restate our proposal of instituting a series of webinars with topics on echo for an SCA Echo presence in all four quarters of the year: SCA Echo in the first quarter, SCA Echo Board Review in the second quarter and SCA Echo Webinars in the third and fourth quarters. We propose that the educational content and delivery of these platforms falls on the SCA Echo program committee and that specific members of the committee will be identified to deliver on these products.

#### Summary of Group Meeting 1: Date: 05/07/2023

New committee member introduction. Review of SCA EchoWEEK 2023 registration for in person and virtual which met projections. Review of proposed preliminary schedule for SCA Echo 2024. Outline of prioritized session and lecture topics. Entire committee solicited for session ideas and specific lecture titles and speakers. Discussion was made with regards to consideration for alternative venues for 2025 given long history in Atlanta and no longer being constrained by requirements to store pig hearts previously used by attendees for dissection. The Veritas team will be looking into possible alternative venues. So far, no venues have been identified that would satisfy criteria and would be viable alternatives for Atlanta. Dr Aiden Sharkey has taken the lead in SCA Echo Board Review scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> 2023. Discussion was made of the potential for SCA Echo Webinars for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters 2023.

#### Upcoming Event:

#### Echo Board Exam Review Course

Dates: June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

CME hours: 10 hours

Faculty: 7 (2 female:5 male)

Cost structure Board Review: Echoweek 2023 participants qualify for a \$100 discount at registration.

#### **COLLABORATION**

3 Faculty for the Structural Heart Disease Symposium were cardiologists recommended/placed by ASE leadership for Echoweek 2023 as part of continuation of the ASE @ SCA program. The Echoweek Program Committee remains committed to continue the relationship with ASE@Echoweek and plans for multiple multidisciplinary panels for EchoWEEKend 2024.

#### **FUTURE PROJECTS- SCA Echo 2024**

The Echo Program Committee is committed to an in-person meeting (with a hybrid virtual livestream) at Loews Atlanta February 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will start Thursday afternoon at 1 pm and end Sunday at noon 12:30 pm. We will continue with the “learning from the expert” which is a hybrid of the hands-on workshop allowing for direct on-platform demonstration by faculty. Continuing on the success of previous meetings, we will continue to prioritize multidisciplinary panels, with a strong focus on clinical dilemmas and real-world examples of challenges or complications. The “learning from the experts” will not be streamed live or recorded. Agenda has been finalized, and registration will open soon. We are planning on continuing the collaboration with ASE and include 3 cardiologists in the program.

#### **POSTED JUNE 2023**

We would like to propose the brand of "SCA Echo" which would offer educational content to the membership Quarterly. Namely, SCA EchoWEEKend in the first quarter, SCA Echo Board Review in the second quarter and SCA Echo Webinars in the third and fourth quarters. We propose that the educational content and delivery of these platforms falls on the EchoWeek program committee and that specific members of the committee will be identified to deliver on these products.

#### **Summary of Group Meeting 1: Date: 2/17/2023**

- New committee member introduction. Review of SCAEchoWEEK 2023 registration for in person and virtual which met projections. Review of format of EchoWEEKend 2023 and proposed changes for 2024. Outline of prioritized session and lecture topics. Entire committee solicited for session ideas and specific lecture titles and speakers with plan for finalization of EchoWEEKend program at the SCA Annual Meeting in Portland.
- Discussion was made with regards to consideration for alternative venues for 2025 given long history in Atlanta and no longer being constrained by requirements to store pig hearts previously used by attendees for dissection. The Veritas team will be looking into possible alternative venues.
- Dr Aiden Sharkey will be taking the lead in SCA Echo Board Review scheduled for June 3rd - 4th 2023
- Discussion was made of the potential for SCA Echo Webinars for 3rd and 4th quarters 2023

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#### **FUTURE PROJECTS**

The Echoweek Program Committee is committed to an in-person meeting (with a hybrid virtual livestream) at Loews Atlanta February 16th-18th. We will continue with the “learning from the expert” which is a hybrid of the hands-on workshop allowing for direct on-platform demonstration by faculty. Continuing on the success of previous meetings, we will continue to prioritize multidisciplinary panels, with a strong focus on clinical dilemmas and real-world examples of challenges or complications.

## **POSTED NOVEMBER 2022**

### **Summary of Group Meeting 1: 5/15/2022**

- New committee member introduction. Review of format of EchoWEEK 2023. Outline of prioritized session and lecture topics. Entire committee solicited for session ideas and specific lecture titles and speakers.

### **COLLABORATION**

2 Faculty for the Structural Heart Disease Symposium were cardiologists recommended/placed by ASE leadership for Echoweek 2022 as part of continuation of the ASE @ SCA program. The Echoweek Program Committee remains committed to continue the relationship with ASE@Echoweek and has multiple multidisciplinary panels planned for EchoWeek 2023.

## **POSTED JUNE 2022**

Echoweek 2022 occurred virtually on 18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> 2022. This was a change made from the planned hybrid meeting in light of the omicron surge and concern for faculty, attendees and quality of the meeting.

### **Highlights of the meeting are as follows:**

Registrants/Attendees: 451

Number of countries represented: 21 (Australia>Canada>United Kingdom>Korea)

Number of Echoweek Faculty: 33

Gender Composition of Echoweek Faculty: 14 Females / 19 Males (42% Female/58% Male)

Number of Underrepresented Minority Faculty: 4 (12%)

Number of all male panels – 0%

Number of panels with representation of both males and females as moderators/speakers: 100%

Core Series CME Hours: 11.5

Interactive Series CME Hours: 19 hours

Total Echoweek Series Hours: 30.5 hours

### **Upcoming Event:**

#### **Echo Board Exam Review Course**

Dates: June 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

CME hours: 13 hours

Faculty: 8 (3 female:5 male)

Cost structure Board Review:

Member Physician \$400 (nonmember \$500)

Member Fellow/Resident \$200 (nonmember \$300)

Echoweek 2021 participants qualify for a \$100 discount at registration.

### **COLLABORATION**

2 Faculty for the Structural Heart Disease Symposium were cardiologist recommended/placed by ASE leadership for Echoweek 2022 as part of continuation of the ASE @ SCA program.

Echoweek Planning Committee remains committed to continue the relationship with ASE@Echoweek and to build multidisciplinary panels to foster future multidisciplinary collaboration.

### **FUTURE PROJECTS**

Echoweek Program Planning Committee meeting is planned for Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> 2021, to discuss structure and format for Echoweek 2023.

The Echoweek Program Committee is committed to an in-person meeting (with a hybrid virtual livestream) at Loews Atlanta February 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> due to preexisting contract.

The final schedule remains to be determined however, there remains a commitment to continuation of the core on demand series with lectures periodically updated. For in-person attendees, the return of workshops in the morning between 7 am and 10 am will allow for the return of hands and interactive sessions with faculty. The interactive meeting will be livestreamed for those not able to attend in person. Based on feedback from past two meetings will continue to prioritize multidisciplinary panels, with a strong focus on clinical dilemmas and real-world examples of challenges or complications.

## **POSTED OCTOBER 2021**

### **DESCRIPTION & GOALS**

Echo Week 2021 occurred virtually on February 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> 2021. This meeting was the SCA first all virtual meeting as well as the first meeting conducted by Veritas management company.

Highlights of the meeting are as follows:

Registrants/Attendees Echo Week 2021: 791 (Budgeted 672) Variance +119 individuals

Registrants/Attendees Echo Board Review 2021: 228 Registrants (156 had attended Echo Week (68%) / 72 for Board Review Only)

### **COLLABORATION**

At Echo Week 2021- Weyman Lecture - ASE President Dr. Judy Hung. 3 Faculty for the Structural Heart Disease Symposium recommended/placed by ASE leadership in 2019 for Echo Week 2020.

In 2021, Two SCA speakers (Mahmood/Shernan) will present at Echo Florida October 2021 as part of preexisting reciprocal arrangement of SCA @ ASE program.

In 2022, will continue ASE@SCA at Echoweek2022, awaiting word on ASE sponsored reception at Echo Week 2022

### **FUTURE PROJECTS**

Echo Week 2022: February 18- February 22, 2022

Live Meeting with Streaming Option: Loews Atlanta

Unique Offerings: Deep Dive Track for attendees at the live event only, every morning and evening; Clinical Decision Making and Dilemma Based Symposium Structure; Structural Heart (ASE@SCA), Transplant and MCS and State of the Art Symposiums also featured; MOCA and Patient Safety Credit designation

17.5 hrs of Virtual CME, Plus Core Series; 25 hrs of In-Person CME

## **POSTED JUNE 2021**

Echo Week 2021 occurred virtually on February 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> 2021. This meeting was the SCA first all virtual meeting as well as the first meeting conducted by Veritas Association Management Company.

Highlights of the meeting are as follows:

Number of countries represented: 36

Number of Echo Week Faculty: 45

Gender Composition of Echo Week Faculty: 21 Females / 24 Males (46% Female/54% Male)

Number of Underrepresented Minority Faculty: 4 (9%)

Number of all male panels – 0% (0/20)

Number of panels with representation of both males and females as moderators and speakers: 100% (20/20).

Core Series CME Hours: 9 hours

Interactive Series CME Hours: 19.75 hours

Total Echo Week Series Hours: 28.75 hours

At Echo Week 2021- Weyman Lecture was given by ASE President Dr. Judy Hung. 3 Faculty for the Structural Heart Disease Symposium were cardiologist recommended/placed by ASE leadership in 2019 for Echo Week 2020 as part of initial ASE @ SCA program. In 2021, two SCA speakers will present at Echo Florida proposed for fall 2021 as part of preexisting reciprocal arrangement of SCA @ ASE program. Echo Week Planning Committee would like to focus moving forward on a relationship with ASE@Echoweeek and vice versa to build multidisciplinary panels. Echo Week continues to explore MOCA and Patient Safety Credit designation.