

New  
Meeting Pattern  
Thursday-Sunday!



SOCIETY OF  
CARDIOVASCULAR  
ANESTHESIOLOGISTS  
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# SCA2026

## ANNUAL MEETING & WORKSHOPS

Thursday, April 23 - Sunday, April 26  
Music City Center • Nashville, Tennessee

# WELCOME!

# *Join Us in Sunny* NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

FOR THE SOCIETY OF CARDIOVASCULAR ANESTHESIOLOGISTS  
**48TH ANNUAL MEETING AND WORKSHOPS APRIL 23-26, 2026**



## **NEW THIS YEAR – NEW SESSIONS!**

- **How Would You Do This Case? Round Table Case Discussions**

Thursday, April 23 | 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

- **International Symposium**

Friday, April 24 | 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

- **Innovation Symposium**

Saturday, April 25 | 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM



# CAN'T MISS EVENTS

## SCA Welcome Reception and Networking Event

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

## Boots & Bling Bash

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

7:00 PM – 11:00 PM (subject to change)

Country Music Hall of Fame

 Ticketed Event

## SCA Trivia Night

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

## Interactive Poster Presentation Sessions

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Scientific Poster Session 1

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Scientific Poster Session 2

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Scientific Poster Session 3

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

## Keynote Speaker: Hannah Wunsch, MD, MSc Lessons in Ventilation from the Past

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

10:45 AM - 11:45 AM

## Live Case

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

6:45 AM - 9:15 AM

## Super Echo

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

## Research Track

### Breaking Research: The Hottest Papers in Anesthesiology-Hot Off the Press or Still in Print

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

### How Much is Enough: What is the Threshold of Evidence to Make Practice Changes?

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

## Best of Meeting Abstract Presentations

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Best of Meeting Session 1

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Best of Meeting Session 2

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

### On the Cutting Edge: Revolutionizing Perioperative Anesthesiology Care Through Application of Multi-Omics Research

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

1:15 PM - 2:30 PM

## Earl Wynands' Lecture Speaker: Alain Deschamps MD, PhD, FRCPC Neuromonitoring for Personalized Cardiac Anesthesia

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

## Business Meeting/Awards

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

11:45 AM - 12:15 PM



Dear Colleagues,

We invite you to join us at the Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists 48th Annual Meeting and Workshops in Nashville, TN, April 23-26, 2026! We're confident that this meeting will provide countless opportunities to improve your practice and celebrate our specialty with your peers.

The educational programming is full of research, recent advancements, and innovative content designed to explore contemporary care and examine the best pathways to advance care. The Scientific Program Planning Committee

created a program that will stimulate ideas, questions, discussion, and friendly debate. The conference features speakers who are anesthesiologists, surgeons, cardiologists, perfusionists, research scientists, and more; content-rich workshops that focus on skill building; daily Problem-Based Learning Discussions for small-group interaction; and scientific abstracts and challenging case presentations.

This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Hannah Wunsch, a physician, and writer in New York City. She currently works as a Professor and Vice Chair for Research in the Department of Anesthesiology at Weill Cornell Medicine. Her research focuses on the delivery and outcomes of critical care using large databases and has been published in *The Lancet*, *JAMA*, *BMJ* and many specialty journals. Dr. Wunsch is the author of the book ***The Autumn Ghost: How the Battle Against a Polio Epidemic Revolutionized Modern Medical Care***. Her timely presentation entitled ***Lessons in Ventilation from the Past*** is expected to be riveting!

We look forward to seeing you in Nashville, TN!

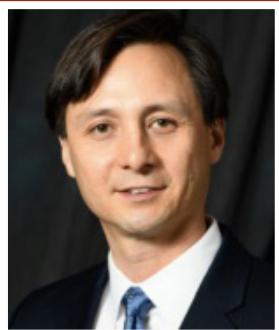
Best wishes,

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Amanda A. Fox, MD, MPH  
SCA President, 2025 - 2027



# message



## from Scientific Program Chairs

Dear Colleagues,

Please join us at the Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists 48th Annual Meeting and Workshops in vibrant Nashville, TN, April 23-26, 2026! Don't miss a first-class educational program and opportunities to congregate with friends and colleagues while surrounded by a vibrant mix of Southern hospitality and world-class music.

Enjoy small group sessions, workshops, and presentations and panel discussions on all the hot topics and developments in our field. The program will address the latest research, as well as clinical controversies in our practice, with experts from the world of cardiology, cardiothoracic surgery, perfusion, critical care medicine, regional anesthesiology, and finance enriching our panel discussions. The workshops are hands-on opportunities to learn cutting edge technology from masters in the field in smaller, more interactive settings. Problem-based learning discussion sessions offer opportunities to learn by working through clinically challenging cases in a focused, small group setting led by experts.

Research focused sessions will have experts presenting and discussing latest trials and cutting-edge work, the work of our SCA members will be presented in the "Best of Meeting" sessions and in abstract presentations. Our Research track will be included in the Annual Meeting and offer high level content for the researchers among us. This includes a Late Breaking Research session, highlighting the work of SCA members, and the Anesthesia and Analgesia workshop taught by journal editors. Echocardiography CME hours will be offered in general sessions and workshops designed for the cardiac anesthesiologist, and the true echo-enthusiasts among us won't want to miss the discussion at the Super Echo session.

As in years past, we have a specific program designed for trainees containing unique sessions geared toward the educational and professional development needs of our medical students, residents, and fellows. This portion of the meeting offers mentoring opportunities and welcomes our newest colleagues into their subspecialty society.

While Nashville will offer plenty of opportunities for visiting with friends and colleagues outside the meeting, we plan to continue expanding in-meeting networking and interactive content. Our SCA Networking Event will offer opportunities to chat with SCA groups (committees, interest groups, councils), meet with vendors, and visit with colleagues in a reception after the first full day of the meeting.

Don't miss out on joining us in Nashville as we come together to share our knowledge and experience in our chosen specialty.

See you there!

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Jonathan Ho, MD, FASE, Chair, Scientific Program Committee 2026

Stephanie Ibekwe, MD, MBA, MPH, MS, Vice Chair, Scientific Program Committee 2026

# CHECK THIS OUT!

## 10 THINGS *to do in* NASHVILLE

From iconic music venues to delicious Southern dishes and unique Nashville experiences, here are ten unforgettable activities that are sure to make your highlight reel.

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### Stand Where your Heroes have Stood

Two of Nashville's most iconic establishments, the [Ryman Auditorium](#) and the [Grand Ole Opry](#) have hosted thousands of artists over the past century, and chances are some of your favorite musicians have performed at one or both places. Both the Ryman and the Grand Ole Opry House offer daytime tours where you can sit in the dressing rooms and stand on the stages where everyone from Johnny Cash, Aretha Franklin, Bob Dylan, and Elvis have performed.

Along the tour, hear the fascinating history of The Ryman, which was originally built as a tabernacle in 1897 and became the home to the famous Grand Ole Opry in 1943, where it remained until 1974 when it moved to the [Grand Ole Opry House](#). Today, it is one of the most renowned music venues in the country, hosting big-name musical acts of all genres. Located in the heart of downtown Nashville, after you've taken their daytime tour, snag tickets to a show in the evening.



The Grand Ole Opry, the country's longest-running radio show that is celebrating 100 years this year, still puts on live shows three nights a week. After your tour, attend the show that still takes place three nights a week as a live radio show, just like it has for a century. You'll hear a dozen performers in one show, from country music greats to newcomers on the scene.

[EXPLORE ALL LIVE MUSIC VENUES](#)

# THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026

## GENERAL SESSIONS

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**1:00 PM - 1:50 PM**

### **Novel Medications for CT Surgical Patients: How They WORK and What They MEAN for Us**

**Moderators:** Ashley Oliver, MD, MA and Jochen Steppan, MD, DESA, D.ABA, FAHA, FASA



**1:00 PM - 1:15 PM**

#### *New Diabetes Medications Taking the World by Storm - Making Sense of GLP1 and SGLT2*

Sophia Poorsattar, MD

**1:15 PM - 1:30 PM**

#### *Targeting the Cardiovascular System with Newly Approved Medications - Do We Know if They Will Change What We Do?*

Sinead Nyhan, MD

**1:30 PM - 1:45 PM**

#### *Remimazolam, A New Short Acting Anesthetic - Will it Change What We Do or Where We are Needed?*

Michael Mazzeff, MD, MPH, FASA

**1:45 PM - 1:50 PM**

Q&A

**1:00 PM - 1:50 PM**

### **Tools for the Busy Clinician: Artificial Intelligence, Guidelines and Precision Medicine**

**Moderator:** Peter Neuburger, MD, FASE and Nirvik Pal, MD

**1:00 PM - 1:15 PM**

#### *Are Guidelines Always the Standard of Care?*

Peter Neuburger, MD, FASE

**1:15 PM - 1:30 PM**

#### *Interpreting Medical Literature: Harnessing Artificial Intelligence*

Benu Makkad, MD

**1:30 PM - 1:45 PM**

#### *Optimal Timing for Surgery: The Battle Between Precision Medicine and Clinical Medicine*

Miklos Kertai, MD, MMHC, PhD

**1:45 PM - 1:50 PM**

Q&A

# THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026

**2:00 PM - 3:30 PM**

## How Would You Do This Case? Round Table Case Discussions

**Moderators:** Mariya Geube, MD, FASE and Jennifer Hargrave, DO

**Panelists:** Nadia Hensley, MD, Michael Mazzeffi, MD, MPH, FASA, Penelope Rampersad, MD and Zhen Yu Michael Tong, MD, MBA

**2:00 PM - 2:30 PM**

**Case Discussion: Functional Mitral Regurgitation Management: MEER or Surgical Approach**

Stanton Shernan, MD, FASE, FAHA

**2:30 PM - 3:00 PM**

**Case Discussion: Ready or Not? Curveball Consults for Non-Cardiac Surgical Interventions: Durable Ventricular Assist Device Patient for Posterior Laminectomy**

Michael Mazzeffi, MD, MPH, FASA

**3:00 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Case Discussion: Aortic Valve and Aortic Replacement (Hemisync) in a Jehovah Witness Patient**

Nadia Hensley, MD

**2:00 PM - 3:30 PM**

## Human Factors Engineering and Patient Safety in Cardiac Anesthesia: Optimizing Workflow, Communication, and Decision-Making

**Moderators:** Miklos Kertai, MD, MMHC, PhD and Trevor Sutton, MD, MBA



**2:00 PM - 2:20 PM**

**Human Factors and the Prevention of Medical Errors in Cardiac Surgery**

Lida Shaygan, DO

**2:20 PM - 2:40 PM**

**Building a Culture of Safety in the Cardiac Operating Room**

Lilibeth Fermin, MD, MBA

**2:40 PM - 3:00 PM**

**Implementation Science in Health Organizations: Agile, CFIR, and Overcoming Barriers**

Miklos Kertai, MD, MMHC, PhD

**3:00 PM - 3:20 PM**

**Systems Thinking Tools and SIEPS: Applying HFE to Improve Workflow and Patient Safety**

James Abernathy, MD, MPH

**3:20 PM - 3:30 PM**

Q&A

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## Get to Know Iconic Artists

### The Musicians Hall of Fame and Museum

celebrates the legendary musicians who have shaped the sound of popular music across all genres. Located in the iconic Nashville Municipal Auditorium, the museum offers fascinating exhibits on stars ranging from Hank Williams, Sr. to the Red Hot Chili Peppers, showcasing their contributions to the world of music.



[\*\*EXPLORE ALL EXPERIENCES\*\*](#)

# THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026

## WORKSHOP

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**2:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

### **3D TEE Workshop**

**Moderators:** Choy Lewis, MD and Nirvik Pal, MD

**Faculty:** Marie-Eve Chamberland, MD, FRCPC; Matthew Fischer, MD, MS; Kimberly Howard-Quijano, MD; Marco Julien, MD, FRCPC; Joseph Kamassai, MD; Laeben Lester, MD; Sawyer Naze, MD; Aidan Sharkey, MD; and Brett Wakefield, MD

**2:00 PM - 2:10 PM**

*Introduction*

**2:10 PM - 2:20 PM**

*3D: Modalities of Acquisition, Advantages, and Disadvantages*

Sawyer Naze, MD

**2:20 PM - 2:30 PM**

*How Do I Incorporate 3D for Percutaneous Interventions?*

Marco Julien, MD, FRCPC

**2:30 PM - 2:40 PM**

*How Do I Incorporate 3D in the Operating Room?*

Sawyer Naze, MD

**2:40 PM - 5:00 PM**

### **Breakout Sessions/Stations**

#### Station 1:

*3D Mitral (Philips TEE machine) and GE Mitral*

#### Station 2:

*3D Tricuspid Valve (Philips TEE and GE)*

#### Station 3:

*RV and LV Quantification (Philips and GE)*

#### Station 4:

*3D Aortic Valve Assessment (Philips and GE)*

#### Station 5:

*Mitral GE and Philips Practice Station*



**3:30 PM - 4:00 PM**

*Coffee Break*



## PLENARY SESSION

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM



### Management of Preoperative Anemia - Is It Really That Important?

**Moderators:** Jacob Raphael, MD, FAHA; Linda Shore-Lesserson, MD, FAHA, FASE; and Agnieszka Trzcinka, MD, FASE

4:00 PM - 4:05 PM

*Introduction*

4:05 PM - 4:25 PM

#### *How Low Should We Go? Physiological Effects of Anemia and Its Impact on Postoperative Surgical Outcomes*

C. David Mazer, MD

4:25 PM - 4:45 PM

#### *Perioperative Anemia vs. RBC Transfusion in Cardiac Surgery: Is There a Lesser Evil?*

Jenny Kwak, MD, FASE, FASA

4:45 PM - 5:05 PM

#### *Transfusion Targets: Restrictive vs. Liberal Triggers in Cardiac Surgery and Acute MI - Are We Asking the Right Question?*

Jacob Raphael, MD, FAHA

5:05 PM - 5:25 PM

#### *My Patient's Postoperative Hemoglobin is Nine: How Important is Postoperative Anemia and Should We Treat it?*

Justyna Bartoszko, MD

5:25 PM - 5:45 PM

#### *How Much Will it Cost Us? How to Get the Hospital's Administration Buy-in in Starting a Preoperative Anemia Clinic*

Miklos Kertai, MD, MMHC, PhD

5:45 PM - 6:00 PM

Q&A

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

*Welcome Refreshments*

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## Stand in the Hall of Fame Rotunda

Of course, the [Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum](#) is a must-do on everyone's list, and for good reason. Offering a deep dive into country music's rich history with its impressive collection of memorabilia and interactive exhibits, the museum guides visitors through the evolution of country music, highlighting its cultural significance and influence on other musical genres. The heart of the museum is the Hall of Fame Rotunda, where all members of the Country Music Hall of Fame are honored. Designed to symbolize the unity and timelessness of country music, the rotunda evokes a sense of reverence and sacredness where visitors instinctively know not to speak above a whisper as a sign of respect.



[EXPLORE NASHVILLE'S MUSIC SCENE](#)

# FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026



**6:30 AM - 8:00 AM**

**Breakfast**

## PBLDS

**6:30 AM - 7:45 AM**

*Thoracic Anesthesia Symposium and Workshops PBLDs 1-8 will be held Thursday, April 23.*

### **Problem-Based Learning Discussions with Breakfast**

- **PBLD 9: Anesthetic Considerations in an Obstetric Patient with Sickle Cell Disease and Dilated Aorta; Maternal Cardiac Arrest and Perimortem C-Section**

Ioannis Angelidis, MD, MSPH and Menachem Weiner, MD

- **PBLD 10: Pulmonary HTN in Non-Cardiac Surgery**

Sinead Nyhan, MD and Jochen Steppan, MD, DESA, D.ABA, FAHA, FASA

- **PBLD 11: Robotic Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery: Challenges and Benefits**



Reed Harvey, MD and Kathirvel Subramaniam, MD, MPH

- **PBLD 12: The Role of MCS in Stabilizing Hemodynamics in Cardiogenic Shock Refractory to Medical Therapy**

Yong Peng, MD, PhD

- **PBLD 13: Transposition of Great Arteries: Challenges and Management During Non-Cardiac Surgery**

Andra Duncan, MD, MS, FASE and Asha Singh, MD

## GENERAL SESSION

**6:45 AM - 9:15 AM**

### **Live Case**

**Moderators:** Kiran Belani, MD, FASE, FACC  
and Himani Bhatt, DO, MPA, FASE



**7:00 AM - 7:10 AM**

*Introduction*

**7:10 AM - 7:25 AM**

*Patient Selection and Imaging Criteria for M-TEER*

Brian Lindman, MD

**7:25 AM - 7:40 AM**

*Clinical Evidence and Outcomes: What Do the M-TEER Trials Tell Us?*

Charles Nyman, MBBCh, FASE

**7:405 AM - 8:40 AM**

*Live Case*

**8:40 AM - 8:55 AM**

*Impact of Post-Procedural Mitral Gradient on Outcomes*

Robert Deegan, MB BCH, PhD, FFARCSI

# FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026

## PLENARY SESSION

**7:45 AM - 9:15 AM**

### **Refresher Course Lectures: Aortic Valve Interventions; Transesophageal Echocardiography Landscape; Right Ventricular Physiology and Monitoring, Impact of Mechanical Circulatory Support on Clinical Practice**

**Moderators:** Jonathan Ho, MD, FASE and Stephanie Ibekwe, MD, MBA, MPH, MS

**7:45 AM - 7:50 AM**

*Introduction*

**7:50 AM - 8:10 AM**

*Aortic Valve Management*

Jacques Neelankavil, MD

**8:10 AM - 8:30 AM**

*Modern Role of TEE in CT Anesthesia*

Stanton Shernan, MD, FASE, FAHA

**8:30 AM - 8:50 AM**

*Right Ventricular Physiology and Monitoring*

Alina Nicoara, MD

**8:50 AM - 9:10 AM**

*Impact of MCS*

Mariya Geube, MD, FASE

**9:10 AM - 9:15 AM**

*Q&A*

**9:15 AM - 10:15 AM**

### **Earl Wynands' Lecture: Neuromonitoring for Personalized Cardiac Anesthesia**

**Moderators:**

Jonathan Ho, MD, FASA  
and Tarit Saha, MD



**Alain Deschamps**  
**MD, PhD, FRCPC**

## WORKSHOPS

**9:15 AM - 12:15 PM**

### **Advanced TEE Workshop**

**Moderators:** Abimbola Faloye, MD, FASE, FASA and Peter Neuburger, MD, FASE

**Faculty:** Kiran Belani, MD, FASE, FACC; Laeben Lester, MD; G. Burkhard Mackensen, MD, PhD; Alina Nicoara, MD; Andrew Notarianni, MD, FASE, FASA; Charles Nyman, MBBCh, FASE; Lisa Rong, MD, MSCE, FASE, FACC; Aidan Sharkey, MD; Stanton Shernan, MD, FASE, FAHA; Richard Sheu, MD, FASE; and Kathirvel Subramaniam, MD, MPH



**10:15 AM - 10:30 AM**

**Coffee Break**



# FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026

## RESEARCH/COR-PM

**10:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

### **Breaking Research: The Hottest Papers in Anesthesiology – Hot off the Press or Still in Print**

**Moderators:** Anne Cherry, MD, FASE and Jochen Steppan, MD, DESA, D.ABA, FAHA, FASA

**10:30 AM - 10:35 AM**

*Introduction*

**10:35 AM - 11:00 AM**

*Manuscript Title #1*

**11:00 AM - 11:25 AM**

*Manuscript Title #2*

**11:25 AM - 11:50 AM**

*Manuscript Title #3*

**11:50 AM - 12:00 PM**

*Q&A*



## FELLOWS/RESIDENTS

**10:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

### **Fellow and Resident Program: Complex Case Presentations “Best in Show”**

## GENERAL SESSIONS

**10:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

### **Everything You Wanted to Know about AKI after Cardiopulmonary Bypass**



**Moderators:** Miklos Kertai, MD, MMHC, PhD; Jacob Raphael, MD, FAHA and Tarit Saha, MBBS, FRCPC

**10:30 AM - 10:35 AM**

*Introduction*

**10:35 AM - 10:55 AM**

*Using Machine Learning and AI for the Diagnosis and Management of AKI*

Michael Mathis, MD

**10:55 AM - 11:15 AM**

*Intraoperative Strategies to Avoid AKI: Things that Work and Things that Don't*

Jacob Raphael, MD, FAHA

**11:15 AM - 11:35 AM**

*Caring for the Kidneys in the ICU*

Amanda Kleiman, MD

**11:35 AM - 11:55 AM**

*Recent Clinical Trials and Novel Therapeutic Strategies That Are On the Horizon to Prevent or Treat CSA-AKI*

David McIlroy, MBBS, MD, MClinEpi

**11:55 AM - 12:00 PM**

*Q&A*

# FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026

**10:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

## **Mixing It Up: Welcome to the Wonderful World of Dynamic and Mixed Cardiogenic Shock**

**Moderators:** Jennifer Hargrave, DO and Michael Mazzefi, MD, MPH, FASA

**10:30 AM - 10:35 AM**

*Introduction*

**10:35 AM - 10:55 AM**

### *Embracing New Times and New Terms: Dynamic Cardiogenic Shock*

Benjamin O'Brien, MD, PhD

**10:55 AM - 11:15 AM**

### *More is Less or Less is More? Understanding Mixed Cardiogenic-Vasodilatory Shock*

Luai Zakaria, MD

**11:15 AM - 11:35 AM**

### *Using the Tools at Hand: Diagnosis of Dynamic and Mixed Cardiogenic Shock States*

Kimberly Howard-Quijano, MD

**11:35 AM - 11:55 AM**

### *Next Steps: Management of Mixed Cardiogenic Shock*

Penelope Rampersad, MD

**11:55 AM - 12:00 PM**

*Q&A*



**12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**

**Lunch Break with Exhibitors**

## **RESEARCH SESSION**

**12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**

**Scientific Poster Session 1**

**10:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

## **STS Session: Mitral Valve Imaging and Surgical Decision-Making: Anatomy, Strategy, and Real-world Cases**

**Moderator:** Douglas Shook, MD, FASE and Abimbola Faloye, MD, FASE, FASA

**10:30 AM - 10:50 AM**

### *Advanced Mitral Valve Anatomy and Imaging for Surgery*

Sharon McCartney, MD, FASE

**10:50 AM - 11:10 AM**

### *Surgical Strategies and Intraoperative Decision-Making*

Speaker to be Determined

**11:10 AM - 11:30 AM**

### *Case 1: Complex Degenerative MR*

MaryBeth Brady, MD, FASE

**11:30 AM - 11:50 AM**

### *Case 2: Functional MR*

Abimbola Faloye, MD, FASE, FASA

**11:50 AM - 12:00 PM**

*Panel Discussion*



## GENERAL SESSIONS



### 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

#### **Aren't you a Little Young for a Redo Sternotomy? What the Adult Cardiothoracic Anesthesiologist Needs to Know About Congenital Heart Disease**

**Moderators:** Jochen Steppan, MD, DESA, D.ABA, FAHA, FASA and Menachem Weiner, MD

##### 1:00 PM - 1:05 PM

###### *Introduction*

##### 1:05 PM - 1:20 PM

###### *Frequently Encountered Lesions, Their Incidence, and How They are Repaired*

Stephanie Fuller, MD

##### 1:20 PM - 1:35 PM

###### *Perioperative Echocardiography Pearls for the Adult with Congenital Heart Disease*

Denise Joffe, MD

##### 1:35 PM - 2:05 PM

###### *Case-Based Management Strategies for Adults with CHD*

Gregory Janelle, MD, FASE, FASA, Jennie Ngai, MD and Tiffany Williams, MD, PhD

##### 2:05 PM - 2:20 PM

###### *The Maternal ACHD Patient*

Katherine Zaleski, MD

##### 2:20 PM - 2:30 PM

###### *Q&A*

**1:00 PM - 2:30 PM**



#### **Contemporary Challenges in Mechanical Circulatory Support**

**Moderators:** Christina Jelly, MD, MS and Kathirvel Subramaniam, MD, MPH

##### 1:00 PM - 1:05 PM

###### *Introduction*

##### 1:05 PM - 1:20 PM

###### *Bedside ECMO Cannulation for Cardiac Arrest in the Post-Cardiac Surgery Patient*

Yang Gu, MD

##### 1:20 PM - 1:35 PM

###### *Challenges of Isolated RV Mechanical Circulatory Support: VV, VA, V-PA and More*

Tao Shen, MD

##### 1:35 PM - 1:50 PM

###### *ECMO in the Catheterization Suite and Electrophysiology Lab*

Asad Usman, MD, MPH

##### 1:50 PM - 2:05 PM

###### *Strategies for the Struggling Right Ventricle in the LVAD Patients*

Yohannes Constable, MD

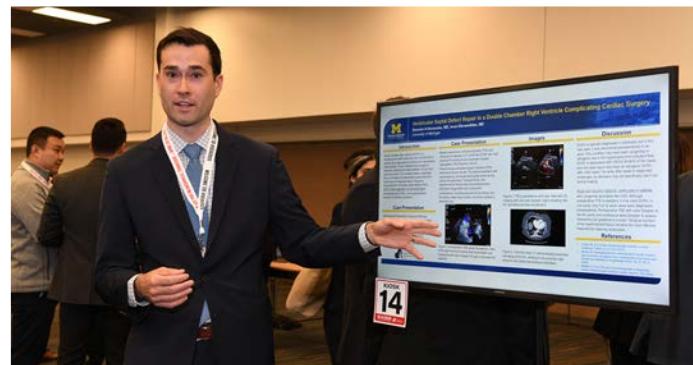
##### 2:05 PM - 2:20 PM

###### *LVAD Challenges in Cardiogenic and Post-cardiotomy Shock: Is ECMO the Better Option?*

Jai Madhok, MD, MSE

##### 2:20 PM - 2:30 PM

###### *Q&A*



# FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026

**1:00 PM - 2:30 PM**

## **How Much is Enough: What is the Threshold of Evidence to Make Practice Changes?**

**Moderators:** Anne Cherry, MD, FASE and Jessica Spence, MD, PhD, FRCPC

**1:00 PM - 1:05 PM**

*Introduction*

**1:05 PM - 1:25 PM**

*Pro: Standards for Making Evidence-Based Practice Change*

Hilary Grocott, MD, FRCPC

**1:25 PM - 1:45 PM**

*Con: Contrary and Cautionary Tales in Changing Practice*

Jonathan Mark, MD

**1:45 PM - 2:00 PM**

*Case Studies: When Should We Change Practice?*

Jessica Spence, MD, PhD, FRCPC



**2:00 PM - 2:20 PM**

*Barriers to Practice Change: Institutional System-Level, Logistical, and Personal Barriers*

Allison Janda, MD

**2:20 PM - 2:30 PM**

*Q&A*

## **EACTAIC Session**

**Moderators:** Massimiliano Meineiri, MD, FASE and Trevor Sutton, MD, MBA



European Association  
of Cardiothoracic  
Anaesthesiology

**1:00 PM - 1:05 PM**

*Introduction*

**1:05 PM - 1:25 PM**

*Global Collaboration in Cardiac Anaesthesia: Advantages and Pitfalls*

Speaker to be Determined

**1:25 PM - 1:45 PM**

*Global Workforce Survey Results - A Look Beyond Your Horizon*

Alexander Mittnacht, MD, FASE

**1:45 PM - 1:55 PM**

*International Academy of Cardiac Anaesthesia - Update and Future Directions*

Chirojit Mukherjee, MD, PhD, FASE, MBA

**1:55 PM - 2:15 PM**

*Minimal Standards for Cardiac Anesthesia - Is There a Role for Global Cardiac Anesthesia Certification*

*(European and SCA View)*

Massimiliano Meineri, MD, FASE and Stanton Shernan, MD, FASE, FAHA

**2:15 PM - 2:30 PM**

*There Is Strength in Numbers - Big Data Research*

Louise Sun, MD

## **FELLOWS/RESIDENTS**

**1:30 PM - 2:30 PM**

**Fellow and Resident: Poster Session 1**

# FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026



**2:30 PM - 3:00 PM**  
*Coffee Break with Exhibitors*

## WORKSHOPS

**2:30 PM - 5:30 PM**

### **ECMO Workshop**

**Moderators:** Mariya Geube, MD, FASE; Christina Jelly, MD, MS and Michael Mazzeff, MD, MPH, FASA

**Faculty:** Yohannes Constable, MD; Jerome Crowley, MD, MPH; Michael Essandoh, MD, FASE; Christina Jelly, MD, MS; Joey Lepore, MMHC, CCP; Jai Madhok, MD, MSE; Michael Mazzeff, MD, MPH, FASA; Kunal Panda, MD; Audrey Spelde, MD; Asad Usman, MD, MPH; Matthew Vanneman, MD, FASE and Brett Wakefield, MD

**2:30 PM - 2:45 PM**

*Introduction and Overview of the Workshop*

**2:45 PM - 3:15 PM**

*A Surgeon's Perspective and Overview of ECMO*

Ashish Shah, MD

**3:30 PM - 5:10 PM**

### **Breakout Sessions/Stations**

#### Station 1:

##### **ECMO Circuits and Pumps**

Michael Mazzeff, MD, MPH, FASA; and Brett Wakefield, MD

#### Station 2:

##### **ECMO Hybrid Cannulation**

Jerome Crowley, MD, MPH and Asad Usman, MD, MPH

#### Station 3:

##### **VA ECMO**

Michael Essandoh, MD, FASE and Matthew Vanneman, MD, FASE

#### Station 4:

##### **VV ECMO**

Christina Jelly, MD, MS and Audrey Spelde, MD

#### Station 5:

##### **PBLD Challenging ECMO Management Cases**

Jai Madhok, MD, MSE and Kunal Panda, MD

**2:30 PM - 5:30 PM**

### **POCUS Workshop**

**Moderators:** McKenzie Hollon, MD, FASE and Ashley Oliver, MD, MA

**Faculty:** Jason Batten, MD, MA; Stephen Brannan, MD; Nicholas Flores-Conner, MD; Marisa Hernandez-Morgan, MD, MPP; Ravi Joshi, MD, FASE; Abirami Kumaresan, MD; Chantal Mercier Laporte, MD, MEHP, FRCPC, FASE; Jacques Neelankavil, MD; Clint Smart, MD; Daniel Tolpin, MD; Albert Tsai, MD; and Benjamin Tuck, MD

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## **Hear the Heroes Behind the Hits**



Nashville songwriters are the backbone of Nashville's music scene. While they typically work behind the scenes, witnessing them perform their own songs is a special experience you won't want to miss. [The Bluebird Cafe](#) is the ultimate destination for songwriters, offering an intimate "in the round" setting where they showcase their original music each night. You can also catch incredible songwriting talent at venues like [The Listening Room Café](#) and [3rd and Lindsley](#).

[EXPLORE NASHVILLE'S MUSIC SCENE](#)

## RESEARCH

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**3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

### **Best of Meeting Oral Abstracts and Early Career Investigator Awards: Session 1**

**Moderators:** Anne Cherry, MD, FASE; Andra Duncan, MD, MS, FASE and Stephanie Ibekwe, MD, MBA, MPH, MS

## FELLOWS/RESIDENTS

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**3:00 PM - 4:30 PM**

### **Fellow and Resident: Echo Essentials – Masterclass for the Emerging Professionals**

## GENERAL SESSIONS

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**3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

### **International Symposium**

**Moderators:** Choy Lewis, MD; Stanton Shernan, MD, FASE, FAHA; and Jochen Steppan, MD, DESA, D.ABA, FAHA, FASA

**3:00 PM - 3:05 PM**

#### *Introduction*

**3:05 PM - 3:25 PM**

#### *Rheumatic Heart Disease: South America*

Eric Lineburger, MD, MSc, PhD

**3:25 PM - 3:45 PM**

#### *Teaching CPR to Billions – How to be Successful: China*

Hushan Ao, MD

**3:45 PM - 4:05 PM**

#### *Managing Limited Access to Care for Cardiovascular Disease: Africa*

Aurence Mladla, MD

**4:05 PM - 4:25 PM**

#### *Anesthetic Management for Awake CABG Surgery: India*

Uday Gandhe, MD, MBBS

**4:25 PM - 5:00 PM**

#### *Q&A*

**3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

### **Joint SCA/Enhanced Recovery After Surgery – Cardiac Society (ERAS® Cardiac) Sponsored Session**

**Moderators:** Michael Grant, MD, MSE; Samhati Mondal, MD, MS, FASE; and Kathirvel Subramaniam, MD, MPH

**3:00 PM - 3:05 PM**

#### *Introduction*

**3:05 PM - 3:25 PM**

#### *Fundamentals of Identifying High Risk Patients Undergoing Cardiac Surgery*

Lee Goeddel, MD, MPH

**3:25 PM - 3:45 PM**

#### *Beyond STS Major Complications: Patient Reported Outcome Measures (PROM)*

Alexander Gregory, MD, FRCPC

**3:45 PM - 4:05 PM**

#### *The Multidisciplinary Team: Improving Quality, Safety and Patient Satisfaction*

Emily Teeter, MD

**4:05 PM - 4:25 PM**

#### *Ultra-Fast ERAS: Identifying Candidates for Intraoperative and Immediate Extubation*

Joshua Knight, MD, FASE

**4:25 PM - 4:45 PM**

#### *Fluids, Vasopressors, Inotropes, Oh My! The Basics of Goal Directed Therapy*

Seema Deshpande, MBBS, FASA

**4:45 PM - 5:00 PM**

#### *Q&A*

# FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026

**3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

## **New Developments in Transcatheter Procedures**

**Moderators:** Tara Brakke, MD, FASE; Ingrid Moreno Duarte, MD; and Richard Sheu, MD, FASE

**3:00 PM - 3:05 PM**

*Introduction*

**3:05 PM - 3:25 PM**

*Current Landscape and Future Perspectives of Transcatheter Procedures*

Kashish Goel, MBBS

**3:25 PM - 3:40 PM**

*Emerging Technology in Transcatheter Mitral Valve Replacement*

Kiran Belani, MD, FASE, FACC

**3:40 PM - 3:55 PM**

*Not Just for Valves: Heart Failure and Structural Interventions*

Mias Pretorius, MBChB

**3:55 PM - 4:10 PM**

*New Frontier: Transcatheter Electrosurgery*

G. Burkhard Mackensen, MD, PhD

**4:10 PM - 4:25 PM**

*Old Dog Learns New Tricks: ICE for Cardiac Anesthesiologists*

Charles Nyman, MBBCh, FASE

**4:25 PM - 4:45 PM**

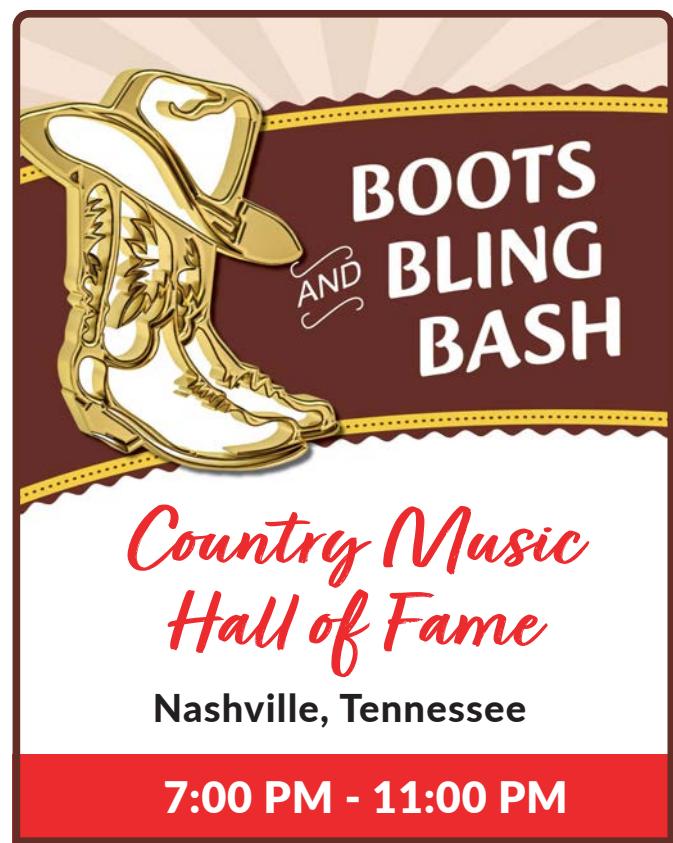
*Thinking Outside the Box: Innovative Use of Existing Devices*

Richard Sheu, MD, FASE

**4:45 PM - 5:00 PM**

*Q&A*

## **JOIN US FRIDAY, APRIL 24!**



# SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026



**6:30 AM - 8:00 AM**  
**Breakfast with Exhibitors**

## PBLDS

**6:30 AM - 7:45 AM**

### **Problem-Based Learning Discussions with Breakfast**

- **PBLD 14: Descending Thoracic Aorta Repair: Spinal Cord Protection Strategies**  
Harendra Arora, MD, MBA, FASA and Choy Lewis, MD
- **PBLD 15: Lung Transplant Management: Strategies Tips and Tricks**  
Daryl Oakes, MD and Brett Wakefield, MD
- **PBLD 16: Perfusion Emergencies**  
Michael Eaton, MD, FASA; Joey Lepore, MMHC, CCP; and Jessica Spence; MD, PhD, FRCPC
- **PBLD 17: Severe Right Ventricular Dysfunction After Cardiac Surgery: Everyone's Nightmare**  
John Augoustides, MD, FASE, FAHA and Andrew Maslow, MD
- **PBLD 18: Unexpected Echo Findings, When the Exam Should Change the Surgical Plan**  
Kiran Belani, MD, FASE, FACC and Anne Cherry, MD, FASE

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### **Say Hello to Athena**

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Who is Athena? We're so glad you asked. Athena Parthenos, the goddess of wisdom, stands 42 feet tall inside the Parthenon at [\*\*Centennial Park\*\*](#). She is the tallest indoor sculpture in the Western World and was created by local artist Alan Lequire (whose studio is just down the road and open to the public.) The Parthenon is the world's only full-scale replica of the ancient Parthenon in Athens. Initially built for the 1897 Centennial Exposition to celebrate Tennessee's 100th anniversary, it was designed to reflect Nashville's intellectual and cultural growth which had earned the city the nickname "Athens of the South." After you tour the Parthenon, enjoy a stroll through Centennial Park. Smack in the middle of downtown, the 132-acre park hosts several festivals throughout the year and is a community gem that includes gardens, a pond, and a large amphitheater.



# SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

## PLENARY SESSION

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**7:45 AM - 9:45 AM**

### **Tri to Keep Up! A Crash Course in the Rapidly Evolving Landscape of Tricuspid Valve Evaluation and Intervention**

**Moderators:** Abimbola Faloye, MD, FASE, FASA and Reed Harvey, MD

**7:45 AM - 7:50 AM**

*Introduction*

**7:50 AM - 8:10 AM**

#### **A Torrent of TV Updates! What Has Changed Since You Were a Fellow?**

Jacques Neelankavil, MD

**8:10 AM - 8:30 AM**

#### **Blame It on the Left: What To Do with Moderate TR in Left-Sided Heart Surgery in 2026?**

Abimbola Faloye, MD, FASE, FASA

**8:30 AM - 8:50 AM**

#### **Break Up the (Tricuspid Annuloplasty) Band! When to Consider Valve Replacement in Severe Tricuspid Regurgitation?**

MaryBeth Brady, MD, FASE



**8:50 AM - 9:10 AM**

#### **Lab Results: The Landscape of Transcatheter Tricuspid Valve Interventions in 2026**

Aidan Sharkey, MD

**9:10 AM - 9:30 AM**

#### **And for Dessert, Echo! 3D Tips and Tricks for the Forgotten Valve Plus Complex Cases**

Charles Nyman, MBBCh, FASE

**9:30 AM - 9:45 AM**

**Q&A**

## FELLOWS/RESIDENTS

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**8:45 AM - 9:45 AM**

### **Fellow and Resident: Poster Session 2**

# SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

## WORKSHOPS

**9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

### **Regional Workshop**

**Moderators:** Himani Bhatt, DO, MPA, FASE and Jessica Brodt, MBBS, FASA

**Faculty:** Dane Doctor, MD; Alexander Gregory, MD, FRCPC; Marta Kelava, MD; Rebecca Klinger, MD, MS; Luca La Colla, MD, MSHI, ABPM-CI; Benu Makkad, MD; Samhati Mondal, MD, MS, FASE; Benjamin Salter, DO; Daniel Tolpin, MD; and Amy Yan, MD

**9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

### **Structural Heart and EP Workshop**

**Moderators:** Michael Boisen, MD and Julie Wyrobek, MD

**Faculty:** Colin Barker, MD; John Bryant, MD; Andrew Disque, MD; Swapnil Khoche, MD; Megan Kostibas, MD; Heather Lander, MD, DFPM; Charles Nyman, MBBCh, FASE; Mias Pretorius, MBChB and Sankalp Sehgal, MD

**9:00 AM - 9:05 AM**

#### *Introduction*

**9:05 AM - 9:25 AM**

#### ***Emerging Technologies and Devices in the Structural Heart Lab***

Richard Sheu, MD, FASE

**9:25 AM - 9:45 AM**

#### ***Emerging Technologies in the Electrophysiology Lab***

Diana Anca, MD

**9:45 AM - 9:55 AM**

#### **Q&A**

**9:55 AM - 10:00 AM**

#### **Break**

**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

### **Small Group Sessions**

#### ***High Risk Lead Extraction: How Bad Can It Get?***

Swapnil Khoche, MD and Sankalp Sehgal, MD

#### ***Transcatheter Mitral Valve Station***

Charles Nyman, MBBCh, FASE and Mias Pretorius, MBChB

#### ***Left Atrial Appendage Occlusion Device Station: Measuring for Success***

Megan Kostibas, MD and Heather Lander, MD, DFPM

#### ***Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation***

John Bryant, MD

#### ***How Well Do You Know Your CIED Settings?***

Andrew Disque, MD



**9:45 AM - 10:15 AM**

### **Coffee Break with Exhibitors**

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## **Tear Up Over Fried Chicken**

Not the emotional kind of tears, more the “my mouth is burning but I have to hold it together” kind of tears that you get when you bite into Nashville’s famous **hot chicken**. This bold, crispy, and flavor-packed dish has been a Nashville staple for generations. For the real deal, visit Prince’s Hot Chicken Shack, the legendary birthplace of this spicy favorite. Other top spots to try include **Hattie B’s**, Party Fowl, and Pepperfire Hot Chicken, though nearly every restaurant in town puts its own spin on this classic.



**TASTE NASHVILLE HOT CHICKEN**

# SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

## FELLOWS/RESIDENTS

**10:15 AM - 12:15 PM**

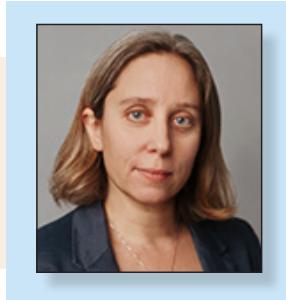
**Mechanical Circulatory Support: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About ECMO, Durable and Non-Durable Ventricular Assist Devices to Know About ECMO, Durable and Non-Durable Ventricular Assist Device**

## PLENARY SESSIONS

**10:15 AM - 10:45 AM**

**ASA Update**

**Moderator: Amanda Fox, MD, MPH**



**Hannah Wunsch  
MD, MSc**

**10:45 AM - 11:45 AM**

**KEYNOTE: Lessons in Ventilation from the Past**

**Moderator: Amanda Fox, MD, MPH**

**11:45 AM - 12:15 PM**

**Business Meeting/Awards**

## RESEARCH SESSION

**12:15 PM - 1:15 PM**

**Scientific Poster Session 2**



**12:15 PM - 1:15 PM**

**Lunch Break with Exhibitors**



## FELLOWS/RESIDENTS

**12:15 PM - 1:15 PM**

**Fellows' PBLDs**

# SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

## GENERAL SESSIONS

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**1:15 PM - 2:30 PM**

### **Breathing Easy: Optimizing the Respiratory Care of Cardiac Surgery Patients (SOCCA)**

#### **Moderators:**

Mariya Geube, MD, FASE  
and Natalia Ivascu Girardi, MD



**1:15 PM - 1:20 PM**

#### **Introduction**

**1:20 PM - 1:40 PM**

#### **Lung Protection in the Operating Room**

Michael Grant, MD, MSE

**1:40 PM - 2:00 PM**

#### **When is Early Extubation Too Early?**

Marguerite Hoyler, MD

**2:00 PM - 2:20 PM**

#### **Extubation Strategies on Mechanical Circulatory Support**

Marisa Hernandez-Morgan, MD, MPP

**2:20 PM - 2:30 PM**

#### **Q&A**

### **History Council Session: The Evolution of Anesthesia for Cardiac Surgery**

**Moderators:** Jonathan Ho, MD, FASE and Robert Sladen, MBChB, MRCP(UK), FRCPC, FCCM

**1:15 PM - 1:20 PM**

#### **Introduction**

**1:20 PM - 1:35 PM**

#### **How I (or Ed Lowenstein) Would Have Anesthetized This Patient in 1970**

Glenn Gravlee, MD

**1:35 PM - 1:50 PM**

#### **How My Dad Would Have Anesthetized This Patient in 1980**

Timothy Stanley, MD

**1:50 PM - 2:05 PM**

#### **How I Would Have Anesthetized This Patient in 1990**

Joyce Wahr, MD

**2:15 PM - 2:30 PM**

#### **How I Would Anesthetize This Patient Today**

Jessica Spellman, MD, FASE



# SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

**1:15 PM - 2:30 PM**

## **Upheavals in the Anesthesia Market: How to Successfully Navigate the Dynamic Landscape**

**Moderators:** Stephanie Ibekwe, MD, MBA, MPH, MS and Matthew Vanneman, MD, FASE

**1:15 PM - 1:20 PM**

*Introduction*

**1:20 PM - 1:35 PM**

**What Do We Want? Staffing. When Do We Want it? Right Away! - Strategies for Retaining a Strong Workforce**

Sasha Shillcutt, MD, MS, FASE

**1:35 PM - 1:50 PM**

**Negotiating Competitive Contracts with Dynamic Reimbursement Rates - What Goes into Contract Negotiation and How to be Successful?**

Christopher Troianos, MD, FASE, FASA

**1:50 PM - 2:05 PM**

**Compensation Trends for the Cardiovascular Anesthesiologist - SCA Salary Survey and Updates**

Matthew Vanneman, MD, FASE

**2:05 PM - 2:20 PM**

**Quality Improvement Methodologies - How to Improve Value by Improving Quality?**

Amanda Rhee, MD, MS

**2:20 PM - 2:30 PM**

**Q&A**

## **RESEARCH**

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**1:15 PM - 2:30 PM**

## **On the Cutting Edge: Revolutionizing Perioperative Anesthesiology Care Through Application of Multi-Omics Research**

**Moderators:** Anne Cherry, MD, FASE and Brittany Williams, MD

**1:15 PM - 1:20 PM**

*Introduction*

**1:20 PM - 1:40 PM**

**Population versus Individualized Medicine: Evolution of Precision Anesthesiology and the Role of Multiomic Profiling**

Joseph Scarpa, MD, PhD

**1:40 PM - 2:00 PM**

**Extracting Mechanisms of CPB Induced Inflammation, Organ Injury, and Outcomes from Multi-Omics Data**

Krzysztof Laudanski, MD, PhD

**2:00 PM - 2:20 PM**

**The Application of Multi-Omics and Precision Medicine in Anesthesiology - What Might the Future Look Like?**

Speaker to be Determined

**2:20 PM - 2:30 PM**

**Q&A**

# SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

## FELLOWS/RESIDENTS

**1:15 PM - 3:15 PM**

### **Keys to Success: A Crash Course of Critical ACA Concepts**

## SKILLS SESSION

**1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

### **Professional Development**

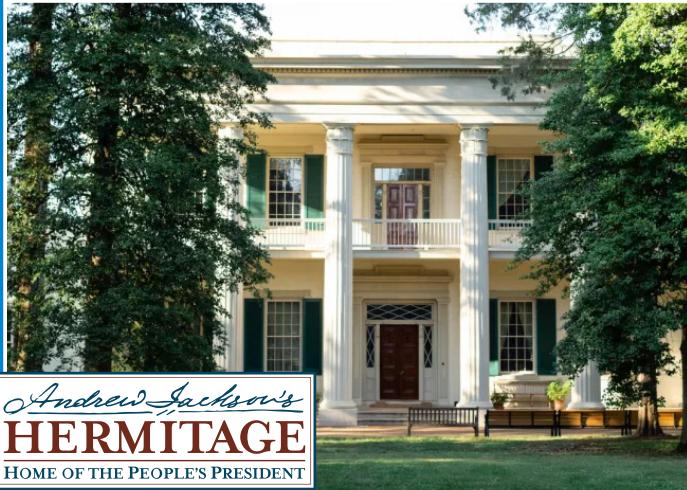
**Moderators:** Dalia Banks, MD, FASE; Sarah Smith, MD, MS and Trevor Sutton, MD, MBA

**Faculty:** Amanda Fox, MD, MPH; Lavinia Kolarcyk, MD, FASA; Jonathan Leff, MD, FASE; Tim Maus, MD;

Emily Methangkool, MD, MPH; Danny Muehlschlegel, MD, MMSc, MBA; Daryl Oakes, MD; Peter Panzica, MD; Andrew Shaw, MB, FRCA, FRCPC; Trevor Sutton, MD, MBA and Annemarie Thompson, MD, MBA

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### Visit the Home of a U.S. President



Step back in time at [Andrew Jackson's Hermitage](#), just outside Nashville, where you can explore the former estate of the seventh President of the United States. The plantation offers guided tours of Jackson's mansion, gardens, and grounds, as well as Jackson's tomb. The tour provides an in-depth look at the life, political career, and legacy of one of the most controversial and influential figures in American history.

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# SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

## WORKSHOP

**1:30 PM - 4:30 PM**

### **Advanced TEE Workshop**

**Moderators:** Abimbola Faloye, MD, FASE, FASA and Peter Neuburger, MD, FASE

**Faculty:** Kiran Belani, MD; Laeben Lester, MD, G. Burkhard Mackensenn, MD, PhD; Alina Nicoara, MD; Andrew Notarianni, MD, FASE, FAS, Charles Nyman, MBBCh, FASE; Lisa Rong, MD, MSCE, FASE, FACC, Aidan Sharkey, MD; Stanton Shernan, MD, FASE, FASA; Richard Sheu, MD; and Kathirvel Subramaniam, MD, MPH

 **2:30 PM - 3:00 PM**

**Coffee Break with Exhibitors**

## GENERAL SESSION

**3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

### **SCA/SATA Combined Session: At the Cutting Edge of Transplantation: The Crucial Role of the Cardiac Anesthesiologist During Transplant in the Modern Era**

**Moderators:** Michael Boisen, MD; Jiapeng Huang, MD, PhD, FASE; and Christina Jelly, MD, MS

**3:00 PM - 3:05 PM**

*Introduction*



**3:05 PM - 3:25 PM**

*Expert Recommendations for ECLS During Lung Transplantation: Discussion of Recently Published ISHLT Expert Recommendations*

Brandi Bottiger, MD

**3:25 PM - 3:45 PM**

*Challenges of Bridge to Heart Transplant from Mechanical Circulatory Support - Strategies and Perioperative Implications*

Yohannes Constable, MD

**3:45 PM - 4:05 PM**

*Echocardiography and MCS During Liver Transplantation: Demonstrating the Crucial Role of the Cardiac Anesthesiologists*

Kara Siegrist, MD

**4:05 PM - 4:25 PM**

*Intraoperative and Post-Operative Support During Combined Heart-Liver Transplantation: Building a Model for Success*

Tiffany Williams, MD, PhD

**4:25 PM - 4:45 PM**

*What's Coming Next in Dual-Organ Transplantation? Combined Heart-Lung, Heart-Liver, Lung-Liver Transplantation*

Ashish Shah, MD

**4:45 PM - 5:00 PM**

**Q&A**



# SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

## RESEARCH

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**3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

### **Best of Meeting Oral Abstracts and Early Career Investigator Awards: Session 2**

**Moderators:** Anne Cherry, MD, FASE; Stephanie Ibekwe, MD, MBA, MPH, MS; and Louise Sun, MD

### **Innovation Symposium**

**Moderators:** Jerome Crowley, MD, MPH and Christoph Nabzdyk, MD

### **Super Echo**

**Moderators:** McKenzie Hollon, MD, FASE and Ingrid Moreno-Duarte, MD

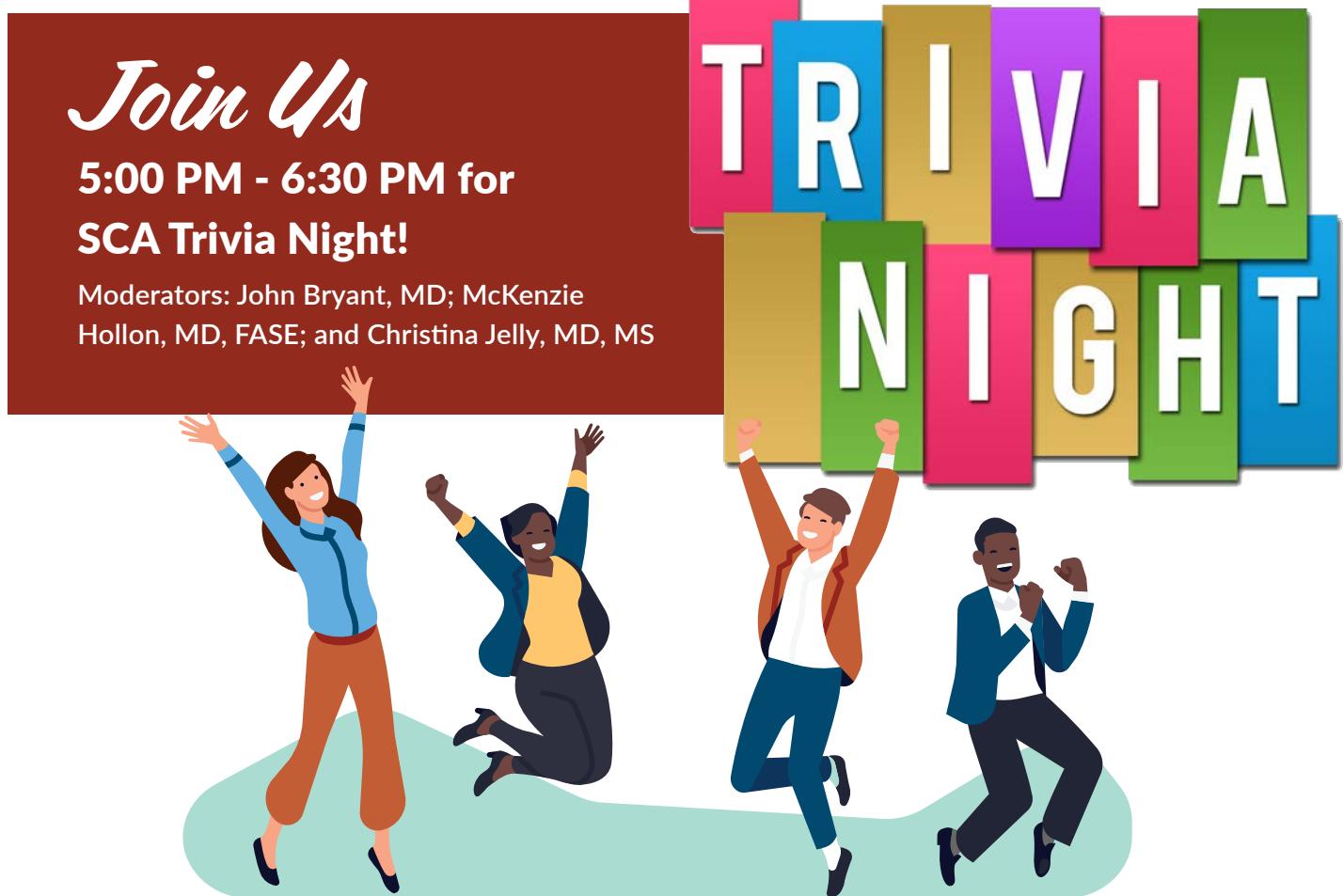
**Panelists:** Himani Bhatt, DO, MPA, FASE and Ravi Joshi, MD, FASE

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**3:30 PM - 4:30 PM**

### **Fellows and Resident: Poster Session 3**



# SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026



**6:30 AM - 8:00 AM**  
**Breakfast with Exhibitors**

## PBLDS

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**6:30 AM - 7:45 AM**

### **Problem-Based Learning Discussions with Breakfast**

- **PBLD 19: Ethics of AI**

Harikesh Subramanian, MD, MS, ABPM-CI and Michele Sumler, MD, MA, FASE

- **PBLD 20: Practice Tools**

Rebecca Aron, MD and Laura Zung, MD

- **PBLD 21: Taking the Mystery Out of the Mitral Valve**

G. Burkhard Mackensen, MD, PhD and Alina Nicoara, MD

- **PBLD 22: The Clot Thickens: Heparin, HIT, Cangrelor and Bypass**

Michael Eaton, MD, FASA and Ayden Zarkhah, MD

- **PBLD 23: Vasoplegia, Vasoactives, and Vitals: Managing Vasoplegia During Cardiac Surgery**

Nikolaos Skubas, MD, DSc, FACC, FASE and Luai Zakaria, MD

## GENERAL SESSION

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**7:45 AM - 9:00 AM**

### **Pulmonary Hypertension in Cardiac Surgery - Key Management Tips and Hot Off the Press Treatment Updates**

**Moderators:** Jochen Steppan MD, DESA, D.ABA, FAHA, FASA and Julie Wyrobek, MD

**7:45 AM - 7:50 AM**

*Introduction*

**7:50 AM - 8:00 AM**

**Why Do We Care? Incidence of PH and Impact on Outcomes**

Samhati Mondal, MD, MS, FASE

**8:00 AM - 8:10 AM**

**It Finally Happened - First PH Medication Approved that**

**Does Not Target Pulmonary Vasoreactivity**

Jochen Steppan, MD, DESA, D.ABA,  
FAHA, FASA

**8:10 AM - 8:20 AM**

**Quantifying RV Function PAPi and Beyond**

Paul Heerd, MD, PhD

**8:20 AM - 8:30 AM**

**Surgical Management: Criteria for Insertion of RV Assist Device**

Jessica Spellman, MD, FASE

**8:30 AM - 8:45 AM**

**Case-Based Management**

Katja Turner, MD

**8:45 AM - 9:00 AM**

**Q&A**



## GENERAL SESSIONS

**7:45 AM - 9:00 AM**

### **Ever-Expanding Research Applications of Registry Data: The SCA/STS Participant User File Research Program and Beyond**

**Moderators:** Vikram Fielding-Singh, MD, JD, MS and Miklos Kertai, MD, MMHC, PhD

**7:45 AM - 7:50 AM**

*Introduction*

**7:50 AM - 8:05 AM**

#### **Understanding the STS Registries for Research - From Idea to Published Paper**

Vikram Fielding-Singh, MD, JD, MS

**8:05 AM - 8:20 AM**

#### **Use of Transesophageal Echocardiography in Cardiac Surgery - Where Are We Headed?**

Emily MacKay, DO, MS, FASE

**8:20 AM - 8:35 AM**

#### **Multimodal Analgesia in Cardiac Surgery - Lessons from the STS and Beyond**

Amanda Kleiman, MD

**8:35 AM - 8:50 AM**

#### **Moving Beyond Single Registries - What We Can Learn When We Link Up!**

Michael Mathis, MD

**8:50 AM - 9:00 AM**

*Q&A*

## **What's New in and Around the Airway – TAS**

**Moderators:** Rebecca Klinger, MD, MS and Peter Neuburger, MD, FASE

**7:45 AM - 7:50 AM**

*Introduction*

**7:50 AM - 8:10 AM**

#### **Minimally Invasive Airway Interventions**

Alessia Pedoto, MD

**8:10 AM - 8:30 AM**

#### **Advances in Airway Surgery**

Speaker to be Determined

**8:30 AM - 8:50 AM**

#### **Thoracic Procedures to Modulate the Nervous System**

Caryl Bailey, MD

**8:50 AM - 9:00 AM**

*Q&A*

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## **Make Your Own Art**

Nashville's booming art scene may come as a surprise to first-time visitors, but as a city that fosters creativity of all kinds, Nashville has become an art destination of depth and diversity. The heart of the city's art scene is the [Frist Art Museum](#) housed in a beautiful 1930s Art Deco building downtown. The Frist does not have a permanent collection but instead curates and hosts a diverse lineup of exhibitions, ranging from classical and contemporary art to photography and sculpture. While you're there, pop into Frist ArtQuest, an interactive space designed for kids, families, and art lovers of all ages to create your own piece of art. Other art hubs include [OZ Arts Nashville](#) and the [Wedgewood-Houston district](#), as well as [Cheekwood Estate & Gardens](#). Attend one of the city's monthly [Art Crawls](#), where you can explore multiple galleries in one evening. With its ever-evolving art scene, Nashville provides an enriching cultural experience that is a must for anyone visiting the city.

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# SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

## GENERAL SESSION

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**7:45 AM - 9:15 AM**

### **HEPAC Session: Professionalism in the Workplace – How to Navigate as a Cardiothoracic Anesthesiologist?**



**Moderators:** Mary Arthur, MD, FASE, FASA; Abimbola Faloye, MD, FASE, FASA and Bantayehyu Sileshi, MD

**7:45 AM - 8:10 AM**

#### **High Stake Work Environment in CT Anesthesiology – Patient Factors, Disease Factors, Multidisciplinary Team Giving Rise to Conflicts**

Adam Milam, MD, PhD, FASE

**8:10 AM - 8:35 AM**

#### **Role of Implicit Biases in the Workplace Leading to Unprofessionalism**

Sasha Shillcutt, MD, MS, FASE

**8:35 AM - 9:00 AM**

#### **Strategies to Resolve Professional Issues – Role of Leadership and Mentorship**

Susan Eagle, MD

**9:00 AM - 9:15 AM**

#### **Discussion and Q&A**

## SKILLS SESSION

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**7:45 AM - 9:45 AM**

### **A&A**

**Moderator:** Lee Goeddel, MD, MPH

**Faculty:** Anne Cherry, MD, FASE; Nikolaos Skubas, MD, DSc, FACC, FASE; and Roman Sniecinski, MD, MSc



## WORKSHOP

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**7:45 AM - 10:45 AM**

### **3D TEE Workshop**

**Moderators:** Choy Lewis, MD and Nirvik Pal, MD

**Faculty:** Marie-Eve Chamberland, MD, FRCPC; Matthew Fischer, MD; Kimberly Howard-Quijano, MD; Marco Julien, MD; Joseph Kamassai, MD; Laeben Lester, MD; Sawyer Naze, MD; Aidan Sharkey, MD; and Brett Wakefield, MD

**7:45 AM - 7:55 AM**

*Introduction*

**7:55 AM - 8:05 AM**

**3D: Modalities of Acquisition, Advantages, and Disadvantages**

Sawyer Naze, MD

**8:05 AM - 8:15 AM**

**How Do I Incorporate 3D for Percutaneous Interventions?**

Marco Julien, MD, FRCPC

**8:15 AM - 8:25 AM**

**How Do I Incorporate 3D in the Operating Room?**

Sawyer Naze, MD

**8:25 AM - 8:30 AM**

*Break*

**8:30 AM - 10:45 AM**

### **Breakout Sessions/Stations**

#### **Station 1:**

**3D Mitral** Philips TEE Machine and GE Mitral

#### **Station 2:**

**3D Tricuspid Valve** Philips TEE and GE

#### **Station 3:**

**RV and LV Quantification** Philips and GE

#### **Station 4:**

**3D Aortic Valve Assessment** Philips and GE

#### **Station 5:**

**Mitral GE and Philips Practice Station**



## FELLOWS/RESIDENTS

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**8:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

### **Residents' Workshop – Echo Like an Expert: Foundational Concepts in Transesophageal Echocardiography**



**9:00 AM - 9:30 AM**

**Coffee Break with Exhibitors**

## RESEARCH SESSION

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**9:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

### Scientific Poster Session 3

## GENERAL SESSIONS

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**9:30 AM - 10:45 AM**

### **Endovascular Treatment in Acute Aortic Diseases – A Newer Frontier**

**Moderators:** Samhati Mondal, MD, MS, FASE and Wanda Popescu, MD



**9:30 AM - 9:35 AM**

*Introduction*

**9:35 AM - 9:55 AM**

*Acute Aortic Disease – Historical Background, Complications, Evolution of Therapeutic Intervention Over the Last Decade*

Emily Mackay, DO, MS, FASE

**9:55 AM - 10:15 AM**

*Endovascular Treatment for Acute Aortic Disease – A Surgeon's Perspective*

Mehrdad Ghoreishi, MD

**10:15 AM - 10:35 AM**

*Anesthetic and Perioperative Management of Endovascular Cases of Acute Aortic Diseases*

Seema Deshpande, MBBS, FASA

**10:35 AM - 10:45 AM**

*Q&A*

**9:30 AM - 10:45 AM**

### **Girls Just Want to Have...Better Clinical Outcomes: A Focus on the Female Cardiac Surgery Patient**

**Moderator:** Emily Methangkool, MD, MPH and Sarah Smith, MD, MS

**9:30 AM - 9:35 AM**

*Introduction*

**9:35 AM - 9:50 AM**

*Sex Disparities in Clinical Outcomes After Cardiac Surgery*

Richa Dhawan, MD, MPH

**9:50 AM - 10:05 AM**

*The Effect of Anemia on Female Cardiac Surgery Patients*

Lisa Rong, MD, MSCE, FASE, FACC

**10:05 AM - 10:20 AM**

*Oh Baby! When Pregnant or Post Partum Women Present for Cardiovascular Interventions*

Marie-Louise Meng, MD

**10:20 AM - 10:35 AM**

*Left Out in the Cold: The Underrepresentation of Female Subjects in Cardiovascular Trials. vs Impact of Gender on Surgical Decision Making*

Annemarie Thompson, MD, MBA

**10:35 AM - 10:45 AM**

*Q&A*

**9:30 AM - 10:45 AM**

## **Moving from Moral Injury to Envisioning Systemic Change: Reimagining Cardiac Anesthesiology for Better Patient Care and Clinician Well-Being**

**Moderators:** Ashley Oliver, MD, MA and Agnieszka Trzcinka, MD, FASE



**9:30 AM - 9:35 AM**

*Introduction*

**9:35 AM - 9:55 AM**

### *Moral Distress and Career Sustainability in Cardiac Anesthesia*

Tjorvi Perry, MD, MMSc, MBE

**9:55 AM - 10:15 AM**

### *Optimizing Informed Consent: A Systems-Based Approach to Patient Understanding*

Jason Batten, MD, MA

**10:15 AM - 10:30 AM**

### *Improving Team Coordination in High-Risk Cardiac Surgery: Lessons from Tumor Boards*

Michael Nurok, MBChB, PhD

**9:30 AM - 10:45 AM**

## **What's New in EP Lab: Most Recent Updates**

**Moderators:** Dalia Banks, MD, FASE and Menachem Weiner, MD

**9:30 AM - 9:35 AM**

*Introduction*

**9:35 AM - 9:50 AM**

### *Cardiac Implantable Electronic Devices (CIED), Wired and Ready!*

Rebecca Lee, MD, FASA

**9:50 AM - 10:05 AM**

### *Anesthetic Management and TEE Requirements for Left Atrial Appendage Exclusion Procedures*

Swapnil Khoche, MD

**10:05 AM - 10:20 AM**

### *When Ablation Goes Wrong: Key Lessons and Precautions for Ablation Technologies*

Reed Harvey, MD

**10:20 AM - 10:35 AM**

### *Evolving Needs in EP: Expanding Services, Practice Management, and Emergency Preparedness*

Diana Anca, MD

**10:35 AM - 10:45 AM**

*Q&A*

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## **Stroll Through Bicentennial Mall**

**Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park** is a scenic and historical park in downtown Nashville, sitting at the base of the Tennessee State Capitol. Spanning 19 acres, this park offers stunning views of the city skyline. Along the path, there is a 1,400 ft. granite wall detailing significant events in Tennessee's history, a splash fountain representing Tennessee's major rivers, a WWII Memorial, and the Carillon Bell Tower consisting of 95 bells that chime every hour to Tennessee-themed music. Across the street is **Nashville's Farmers' Market**, with a food court of regional and international restaurants as well as local products and artisan goods.



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# SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

## PLENARY SESSION

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**10:45 AM - 12:15 PM**

### **Help! Can You Stop This Bleeding? Management of Complex Coagulation Issues in Cardiac Surgery**

**Moderator:** Jacob Raphael, MD, FAHA



**10:45 AM - 10:50 AM**

*Introduction*

**10:45 AM - 11:05 AM**

*My Patient Just Had Their Morning Dose of Apixaban and Now is Coming Emergently for Type A Dissection!*

Ashley Budd, MD

**11:05 AM - 11:25 AM**

*Techniques to Limit Hemodilution on Cardiopulmonary Bypass: Why Does it Matter and What's the Benefit?*

Jenny Kwak, MD, FASE, FASA

**11:25 AM - 11:45 AM**

*Acute Normovolemic Hemodilution – Pro*

Kenichi Tanaka, MD, MS

**11:45 AM - 12:05 PM**

*Acute Normovolemic Hemodilution – Con*

Nadia Hensley, MD

**12:05 PM - 12:15 PM**

**Q&A**



# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Meeting Location

### Music City Center

201 Rep. John Lewis Way South  
Nashville, TN 37203

## *Important* Dates to Remember

### February 13, 2026

Early Bird Registration Deadline

### March 23, 2026

Last day to cancel registration in order to receive a full refund, less a \$100 administrative fee.

### March 27, 2026

Housing Deadline

## Program Agenda and Faculty

Agendas are subject to change. As we strive to improve the quality of your educational experience, the SCA may substitute faculty with comparable expertise when necessary.

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## Order the Recession Special at Robert's Western World



You'll feel like a local when you pony up to the bar at [Robert's Western World](#) for their famous "recession special," which includes a bologna sandwich, chips, a moon pie, and pbr. While you're there, take a swing around their dance floor before you hit some of the other famous honky tonks on Lower Broadway, aka [Honky Tonk Highway](#). From staples like [Tootsie's Orchid Lounge](#) to newer spots like Garth Brooks' [Friends in Low Places](#), there's a reason Lower Broadway is world-famous! Great live music is playing all day, every day, with no cover charge. Be sure to support these local musicians and drop a little something in the tip jar on your way out.

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## Annual Meeting Only

Member Type	Early Bird Rate (ends 2/13/26)	Regular Rate	On Demand
Member Physician	\$825	\$1035	\$349
Member Fellow	\$375	\$580	\$149
Member Resident	\$375	\$580	\$149
Member Medical Student	\$0	\$50	\$149
Non-Member Type	Early Bird Rate (ends 2/13/26)	Regular Rate	On Demand
Non-Member Physician	\$1,310	\$1,520	\$449
Non-Member Resident	\$425	\$635	\$199
Non-Member Fellow	\$425	\$635	\$199
Non-Member Allied Health	\$620	\$825	\$225
Non-Member Medical Student	\$200	\$250	\$199
Day Pass (Annual Meeting only)	\$425		

## Annual Meeting and TAS Only

Member Type	Early Bird Rate (ends 2/13/26)	Regular Rate
SCA Member	\$1,235	\$1,550
Member Fellow	\$580	\$895
Member Resident	\$580	\$895
Member Type	Early Bird Rate (ends 2/13/26)	Regular Rate
Non-Member Physician	\$1,985	\$2,300
Non-Member Resident	\$685	\$995
Non-Member Fellow	\$685	\$995

## Housing Information

### **The Omni Nashville (Headquarters)**

250 Rep. John Lewis Way S, Nashville, TN 37203

\$349.00 room rate

Cut-off date: Friday, March 27, 2026

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### **The Westin Nashville**

807 Clark Pl, Nashville, TN 37203

\$339.00 room rate

Cut-off date: Friday, March 27, 2026

[Book Hotel](#)

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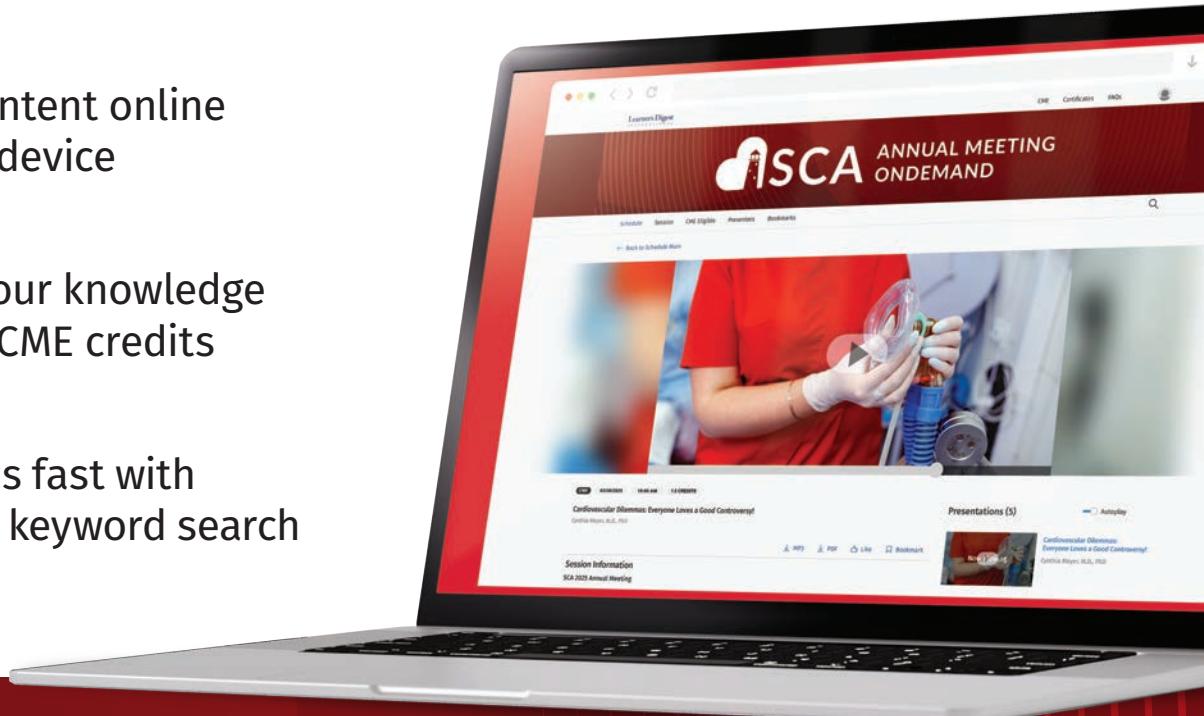
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