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Dear Friends,

We're excited to welcome you to the Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists' premier perioperative echocardiography conference.

In partnership with our Echo Planning Committee and renowned faculty, we've put together a selection of multidisciplinary panels that highlight the key role echocardiography plays in surgical decisions. You'll also find detailed sessions designed to strengthen your skills in advanced imaging techniques and post-processing. To deepen your understanding of echo-anatomic relationships, especially for transcatheter and surgical procedures, we've included hands-on heart dissection of the aortic, mitral and tricuspid valves.

Most sessions will be recorded, so you can revisit them at your convenience after the conference. If you'd prefer not to attend in person, all lectures will be streamed live for virtual participants.

Your registration provides special access to our on-demand Echo Core Series—a set of lectures covering essential echocardiographic topics, from basic physics through complex procedures such as valvular disease management and mechanical circulatory support.

This event is not just about education—it's also a chance to connect with fellow echocardiography professionals. Whether you're meeting new colleagues or reconnecting with old friends, we look forward to the shared learning and community spirit.

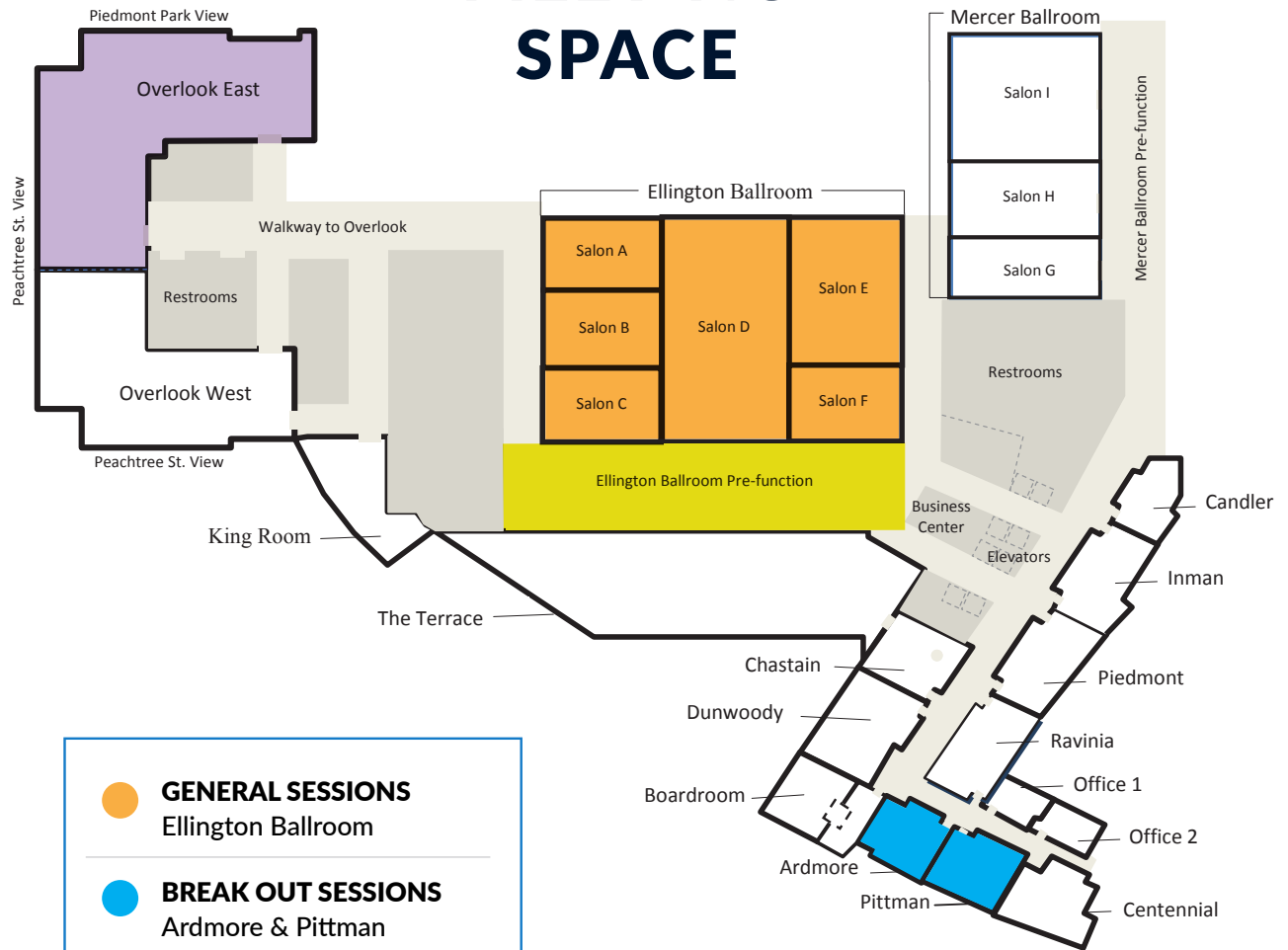
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MEETING SPACE



- **GENERAL SESSIONS**
 Ellington Ballroom

- **BREAK OUT SESSIONS**
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- **REGISTRATION, EXHIBITS
& COCKTAIL HOUR**
 Ellington Pre-Function

- **MEALS**
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AGENDA

All General Sessions in Ellington Ballroom • All times in Eastern Standard Time

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026

10:00 am – 6:30 pm	Registration and Information Desk Open
1:30 pm – 1:35 pm	Meeting Kick-Off Announcements <i>Alina Nicoara, MD, FASE, Charles Nyman MBBCh, FASE and Kimberly Howard-Quijano, MD, MS, FASE</i>
1:35 pm – 3:15 pm	The “How To” 3D Symposium <i>Moderators: Kimberly Howard-Quijano, MD, MS, FASE and Alina Nicoara, MD, FASE</i>
1:35 pm – 1:50 pm	How I Incorporate 3D in My Everyday TEE Exam <i>Jared W. Feinman, MD, FASE</i>
1:50 pm – 2:05 pm	How I Optimize My 3D Imaging <i>Aidan Sharkey, MD</i>
2:05 pm – 2:35 pm	How I Use Multiplanar Reconstruction and 3D Measurements <i>Charles Nyman MBBCh, FASE</i>
2:35 pm – 3:00 pm	Putting It All Together – Rapid Fire Cases <i>Ellen Richter, MD, FASE</i>
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Q&A
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm	The Right Ventricle In Focus <i>Moderators: Fabio de Vasconcelos Papa, MD, MScCH, FASE and Ellen Richter, MD, FASE</i>
3:30 pm – 3:35 pm	Introductions
3:35 pm – 3:55 pm	Right Ventricular Remodeling in Disease <i>Fabio de Vasconcelos Papa, MD, MScCH, FASE</i>
3:55 pm – 4:15 pm	How I Measure Right Ventricular Function? <i>Abimbola Faloye, MD</i>
4:15 pm – 4:30 pm	Echo-Dynamics of the Right Heart <i>Angela Pollak, MD, FASE</i>
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	The Neighbors of the Right Ventricle: Right Atrium and the Pulmonary Artery <i>Alina Nicoara, MD, FASE</i>
4:45 pm – 5:15 pm	When the Right Ventricle is the Systemic Ventricle <i>Ingrid Moreno Duarte, MD</i>
5:15 pm – 5:30 pm	Q&A

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026

6:45 am – 7:20 am	Breakfast
7:30 am – 9:30 am	Echo Anatomy: Aortic Valve – Heart Dissection <i>In Person Only</i> <i>Instructors: Kimberly Howard-Quijano, MD, MS, FASE, Muath Bishawi, MD, PhD and Alina Nicoara, MD, FASE</i>
9:30 am – 9:45 am	Break
9:45 am – 11:15 am	Decision Making in Aortic Valve Surgery <i>Moderators: Angela Pollak, MD, FASE and Charles Nyman MBBCh, FASE</i>
9:45 am – 9:50 am	Announcements and Introductions
9:50 am – 10:10 am	Bicuspid Aortic Valve and Aortopathy <i>Ingrid Moreno Duarte, MD</i>
10:10 am – 10:25 am	The Role of Echo in Aortic Valve Repair <i>Emily J. Mackay, DO, MS, FASE</i>
10:25 am – 10:40 am	Mixed and Multivalvular Disease in Aortic Valve Disease <i>Fabio de Vasconcelos Papa, MD, MScCH, FASE</i>
10:40 am – 11:00 am	Aortic Prosthetic Valves – Rapid Fire Cases <i>Angela Pollak, MD, FASE</i>
11:00 am – 11:15 am	Q&A



10:00 am – 11:00 am	Learning from the Experts: Small Group Stations on 3D Echo
11:15 am – 11:30 am	Break
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Guidelines and Beyond <i>Moderators: Aidan Sharkey, MD and Abimbola Faloye, MD</i>
11:30 am – 11:45 am	2025 ASE Guidelines and Update on Left Ventricle Diastolic Function <i>Samhati Mondal, MD, MS, FASE</i>
11:45 am – 12:00 pm	Everything on Artifacts <i>Himani V. Bhatt, DO, MPA</i>
12:00 pm – 12:15 pm	2025 ASE/EACVI Clinical Consensus on Strain <i>Kimberly Howard-Quijano, MD, MS, FASE</i>
12:15 pm – 12:30 pm	3D Echo in Adults with Congenital Heart Disease <i>Nelson H. Burbano, MD</i>
12:30 pm – 12:45 pm	Does Every Cardiac Case Need a TEE? <i>Emily J. Mackay, DO, MS, FASE</i>
12:45 pm – 1:00 pm	Q&A
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Learning from the Experts: Small Group Stations on 3D Echo
2:00 pm – 3:45 pm	Clinical Dilemmas I <i>Moderators: Alina Nicoara, MD, FASE and Kimberly Howard-Quijano, MD, MS, FASE</i> <i>Panelist: Muath Bishawi, MD, PhD</i>
2:00 pm – 2:05 pm	Introductions
2:05 pm – 2:25 pm	Moderate Mitral Regurgitation... Don't Worry It Will Look Better After Revascularization <i>Laeben Lester, MD</i>
2:25 pm – 2:45 pm	But It Looked Better on the Pre-Op Echo: Discordant Data – What to Believe <i>Stanton Shernan, MD, FAHA, FASE</i>
2:45 pm – 3:05 pm	Aortic Regurgitation in the Setting of Aortopathy – When to Intervene <i>Jared W. Feinman, MD, FASE</i>
3:05 pm – 3:25 pm	Congenital Heart Disease: High-Pressure Decisions <i>Nelson H. Burbano, MD</i>
3:25 pm – 3:45 pm	Q&A
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Learning from the Experts: Small Group Stations on 3D Echo
3:45 pm – 4:00 pm	Break
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Challenge The Echo Experts: Rapid Fire Case Presentations <i>Moderator: Alina Nicoara, MD, FASE</i> <i>Panelists: Stanton Shernan, MD, FAHA, FASE, Feroze-Ud-Din Mahmood, MD and Mark A. Taylor, MD, FASE</i>
4:00 pm – 4:20 pm	Case 1: If You Like It then You Shouldn't Put a Ring on It <i>Amy Yan, MD</i>
4:20 pm – 4:40 pm	Case 2: Made a Wrong Turn Once or Twice <i>Daryl Kerr, MD</i>
4:40 pm – 5:00 pm	Case 3: Hold On, Wait A Minute <i>Gabriela Querejeta Roca, MD</i>
5:00 pm – 5:20 pm	Case 4: A Pull on the Heart Strings <i>Adam Weinstein, MD</i>
5:20 pm – 5:30 pm	Q&A

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026

6:45 am – 7:20 am	Breakfast
7:20 am – 8:50 am In Person Only	Echo Anatomy: Mitral Valve – Heart Dissection Instructors: <i>Douglas C. Shook, MD, FASE, Ashraf Sabe, MD and Charles Nyman MBBCh, FASE</i>
8:50 am – 9:00 am	Break
9:00 am – 10:40 am	Decision Making in Mitral Valve Surgery Moderators: <i>Gabriela Querejeta Roca, MD and Alina Nicoara, MD, FASE</i>
9:00 am – 9:05 am	Announcements and Introductions
9:05 am – 9:25 am	Mitral Valve Disease: Suitability of Repair <i>Douglas C. Shook, MD, FASE</i>
9:25 am – 9:45 am	The Comprehensive Assessment of Mitral Valve Regurgitation <i>T. Robert Feng, MD, FASE</i>
9:45 am – 10:05 am	Comprehensive Assessment After Mitral Valve Surgery <i>Massimiliano Meineri, MD, FASE</i>
10:05 am – 10:25 am	Congenital Mitral Valve Disease <i>Annette Vegas, MD, FRCPC, FASE</i>
10:25 am – 10:40 am	Q&A
10:40 am – 10:55 am	Break
10:55 am – 12:35 pm	Clinical Dilemmas II Moderators: <i>Kimberly Howard-Quijano, MD, MS, FASE and Mark A. Taylor, MD, FASE</i> Panelists: <i>Ashraf Sabe, MD and Muath Bishawi, MD, PhD</i>
10:55 am – 11:00 am	Introductions
11:00 am – 11:20 am	Return to Cardiopulmonary Bypass or Fight the Battle Another Day <i>Gabriela Querejeta Roca, MD</i>
11:20 am – 11:40 am	Post Mitral Valve Repair – It’s Not Perfect but is it Good Enough? <i>Stanton Shernan, MD, FAHA, FASE</i>
11:40 am – 12:00 pm	Critical Calls – Is There Something Wrong with This Valve <i>Kiran Belani, MD, FASE, FACC</i>
12:00 pm – 12:20 pm	New Myocardial Dysfunction <i>Kendra Derry, MD</i>
12:20 pm – 12:35 pm	Q&A
12:35 pm – 1:10 pm	Gather Lunch





1:10 pm – 1:55 pm	Arthur E. Weyman Lecture with Lunch Echocardiography to Echocardiology TEE: A Journey Through Time <i>Feroze-Ud-Din Mahmood, MD</i> <i>Supported by the National Board of Echocardiography</i>
1:55 pm – 2:05 pm	Awards
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Learning from the Experts: Small Group Stations on 3D Echo
2:05 pm – 3:35 pm	Structural Heart Disease Moderator: <i>Charles Nyman MBBCh, FASE</i>
2:05 pm – 2:10 pm	Introductions
2:10 pm – 2:25 pm	Interventional Echocardiography Is a Unique Skill Set <i>Moody Makar, MD</i>
2:25 pm – 2:40 pm	Imaging for LAA Occlusion <i>Jacobo Moreno Garijo, MD, PhD, EDAIC, FASE</i>
2:40 pm – 3:00 pm	I Made The Mistakes So You Don't Have To <i>Massimiliano Meineri, MD, FASE</i>
3:00 pm – 3:20 pm	Mitral TEER: Advanced Intraprocedural Imaging – Rapid Fire Cases <i>Lucy M. Safi, DO, FASE, FACC, FSCAI</i>
3:20 pm – 3:35 pm	Q&A
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Learning from the Experts: Small Group Stations on 3D Echo
3:35 pm – 3:50 pm	Break
3:50 pm – 5:25 pm	Pro/Con: Case-Based Moderators: <i>Richard Sheu, MD, FASE and Lucy M. Safi, DO, FASE, FACC, FSCAI</i> Panelists: <i>Ashraf Sabe, MD and Muath Bishawi, MD, PhD</i>
3:50 pm – 4:10 pm	Mitral Valve Stenosis: Surgery vs. TMVR <i>Enrique Garcia-Sayan, MD, FACC, FASE</i>
4:10 pm – 4:30 pm	Mitral Regurgitation: Surgery vs. Percutaneous Therapies <i>Richard Sheu, MD, FASE</i>
4:30 pm – 4:50 pm	Tricuspid Valve: Surgery vs. Clip vs. Replacement <i>Lucy M. Safi, DO, FASE, FACC, FSCAI</i>
4:50 pm – 5:10 pm	Septal Defects: Surgery vs. Interventional <i>Kiran Belani, MD, FASE, FACC</i>
5:10 pm – 5:25 pm	Q&A
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Learning from the Experts: Small Group Stations on 3D Echo
5:25 pm – 6:25 pm	Cocktail Hour
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	SCA Echo Program Committee Meeting

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SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026

6:45 am – 7:20 am	Breakfast
7:20 am – 8:50 am In Person Only	Echo Anatomy: Tricuspid Valve – Heart Dissection Instructors: <i>Douglas C. Shook, MD, FASE, Ashraf Sabe, MD, Aidan Sharkey, MD and Muath Bishawi, MD, PhD</i>
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9:00 am – 10:30 am	Decision Making in Tricuspid Valve Moderators: <i>Aidan Sharkey, MD and Charles Nyman MBBCh, FASE</i>
9:00 am – 9:05 am	Announcements and Introductions
9:05 am – 9:20 am	How I Grade Tricuspid Regurgitation in the Operating Room <i>Jacobo Moreno Garijo, MD, PhD, EDAIC, FASE</i>
9:20 am – 9:35 am	3D Echo for the Tricuspid Valve: Does It Add Value? <i>Aidan Sharkey, MD</i>
9:35 am – 9:50 am	Mechanisms of Tricuspid Regurgitation: Does It Matter? <i>Moody Makar, MD</i>
9:50 am – 10:05 am	Tricuspid Regurgitation in the OR: When to Intervene – and When to Let It Be <i>Abimbola Faloye, MD</i>
10:05 am – 10:20 am	Congenital Tricuspid Valve Disease <i>Annette Vegas, MD, FRCPC, FASE</i>
10:20 am – 10:30 am	Q&A
10:30 am – 10:45 am	Break
10:45 am – 12:25 pm	Clinical Dilemmas III Moderators: <i>Kimberly Howard-Quijano, MD, MS, FASE and Alina Nicoara, MD, FFASE</i>
10:45 am – 10:50 am	Introductions
10:50 am – 11:10 am	My Patient Needs a VAD – Any Additional Procedures Needed? <i>Mark Robitaille, MD</i>
11:10 am – 11:30 am	Heart Transplant: Echo to the Rescue <i>Sharon L. McCartney, MD, FASE</i>
11:30 am – 11:50 am	Lung Transplant: Echo to the Rescue <i>Ellen Richter, MD, FASE</i>
11:50 am – 12:10 pm	My Patient is Failing on MCS: Echo to the Rescue <i>T. Robert Feng, MD, FASE</i>
12:10 pm – 12:25 pm	Q&A
12:25 pm	Adjourn

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