



LEARNER NOTIFICATION

Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists

Activity Title: 2026 SCA Echo

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Format: Live, In-person

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Description:

The course will feature live lectures addressing a wide range of topics, including congenital heart disease, valvular pathology, transplantation, mechanical circulatory support, 3D echocardiography, clinical dilemmas, perioperative decision-making, and structural heart disease. Additionally, participants will benefit from 2 anatomical dissections led by surgeons and anesthesiologists, focusing on anatomical considerations relevant to surgical and structural cardiac imaging and interventions.

Educational Information**Physician Practice Gap:**

Many practitioners lack the advanced knowledge and technical skills required to acquire, optimize, and interpret 2D and 3D transesophageal echocardiographic images, especially in the evaluation of complex valvular and structural cardiac pathologies. There is a need for enhanced competence in synthesizing 3D echocardiographic findings with clinical and other imaging data to guide perioperative and interventional decision-making for both surgical and transcatheter procedures. Ongoing advances in echocardiography, evolving best practices, and emerging guidelines may not be sufficiently incorporated into everyday clinical practice, limiting evidence-based management of patients undergoing cardiac surgery or structural interventions.

Needs that Underlie the Gap

Clinicians need up-to-date and comprehensive knowledge of advanced echocardiographic modalities, especially the technical principles and clinical uses of 2D and 3D transesophageal echocardiography in assessing complex valvular and structural heart conditions, as this area continues to develop with new procedural and echocardiographic technologies. There is a need for focused training to improve practitioners' ability to acquire, optimize, and interpret high-quality 2D and 3D echocardiographic images, as well as to integrate these findings effectively into procedural planning for both surgical and transcatheter interventions. Learners need targeted education on synthesizing echocardiographic data with clinical information and other imaging modalities to inform perioperative and interventional decision-making and risk stratification. Ongoing education is required to address knowledge deficits regarding the latest evidence, technological innovations, and evolving guidelines in echocardiography, ensuring clinicians apply current best practices to improve patient outcomes.

DESIGNED to Change/Outcome: Following this activity, learners will develop competence by increasing their knowledge through a combination of hands-on learning, case-based presentations, and online lectures. Knowledge will be assessed with a pre-test and post-test.

The combination of in-person demonstrations, didactic lectures, case-based panel discussions and clinical dilemmas which demonstrate the broad clinical utility of perioperative echocardiography, participants will be able to improve on all the competencies mentioned above by gaining

knowledge on new practice guidelines and new technologies, as well as observing and participating at discussions in multidisciplinary panels with case -based presentations.

Educational Objectives

After completing this activity, the participant should be better able to:

- interpret 3D echocardiographic acquisitions relevant to common and complex cardiac procedures
- critically evaluate 3D images to inform diagnosis, risk stratification, and procedural planning for both surgical and transcatheter interventions
- integrate 3D echocardiographic findings with clinical and other imaging data for optimal perioperative decision-making
- apply the latest research, guidelines, and technological innovations in 3D echocardiography to everyday clinical practice

Satisfactory Completion

Learners must complete an evaluation form to receive a certificate of completion. Partial credit of individual sessions is not available.

Contact Information

If you have questions regarding your CME certificate, please contact Natalie Baus nbaus@veritasamc.com.

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