


**New
Meeting Pattern
Thursday-Sunday!**

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SCA2026

ANNUAL MEETING & WORKSHOPS

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

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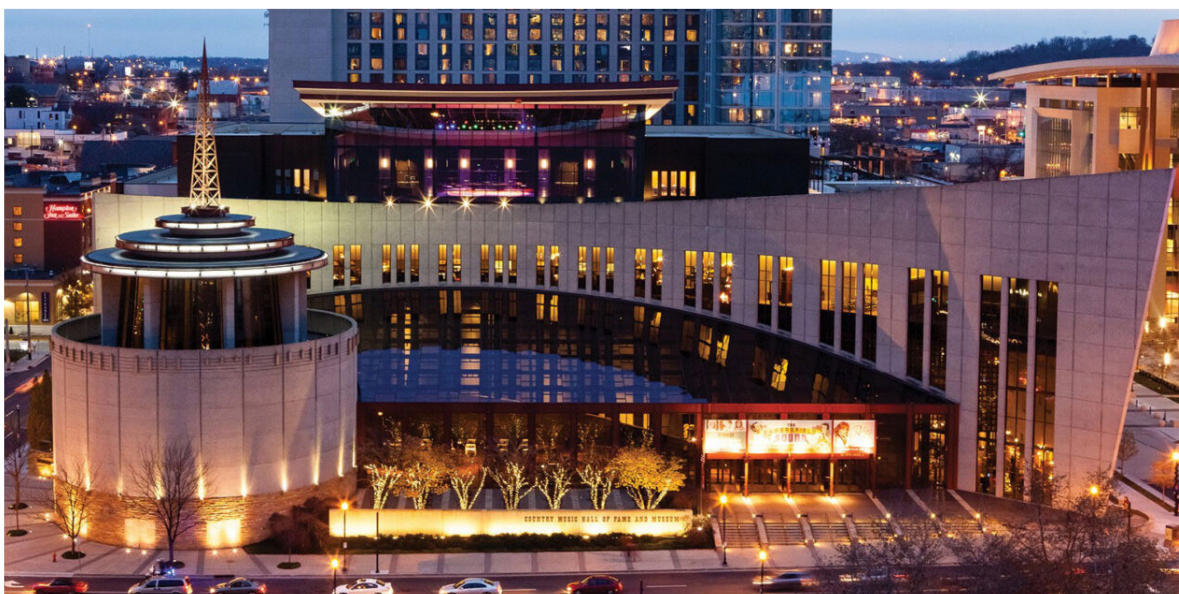
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WELCOME!

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



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

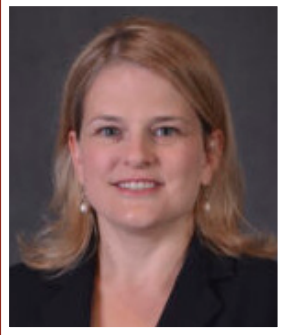
FRIDAY, APRIL 24
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

Business Meeting/Awards

SATURDAY, APRIL 25
11:45 AM - 12:15 PM

message

from the President



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,

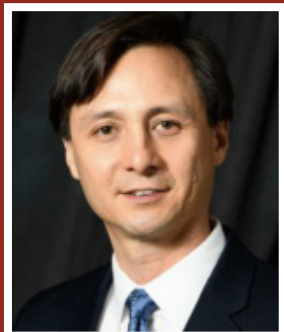
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Amanda A. Fox, MD, MPH
SCA President, 2025 - 2027



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!

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.

1

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](#)

GENERAL SESSIONS

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 Mazzeffi, 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

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 (Hemiarch) 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



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](#)

WORKSHOP

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



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**
Venkat Mangunta, MD and Yong G. 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

7:40 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



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

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

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 Mazzeffi, 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

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

Marc Pelletier, MSc, FRCSC

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



12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Lunch Break with Exhibitors

RESEARCH SESSION

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Scientific Poster Session 1



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

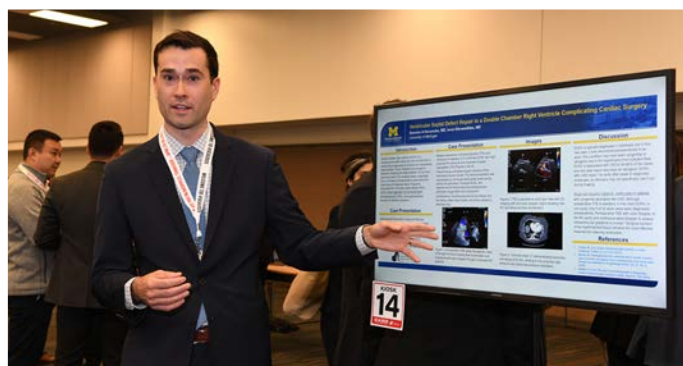
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LVAD Challenges in Cardiogenic and Post-cardiotomy Shock: Is ECMO the Better Option?

Jai Madhok, MD, MSE

2:20 PM - 2:30 PM

Q&A



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

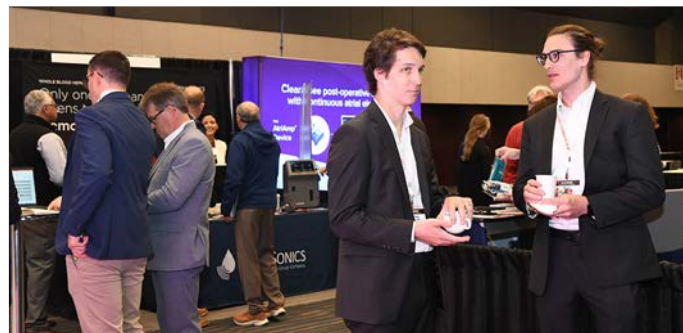
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Barriers to Practice Change: Institutional System-Level, Logistical, and Personal Barriers

Allison Janda, MD

2:20 PM - 2:30 PM

Q&A



EACTAIC Session

Moderators: Joerg K. Ender, MD and Trevor Sutton, MD, MBA



European Association
of Cardiothoracic
Anaesthesiology

1:00 PM - 1:05 PM

Introduction

1:05 PM - 1:30 PM

Updates on the International Academy of Cardiac Anaesthesia - Advantages and Pitfalls of Global Collaboration

Chirojit Mukherjee, MD, PhD, FASE, MBA

1:30 PM - 1:50 PM

Global Workforce Survey Results - A Look Beyond Your Horizon

Alexander Mittnacht, MD, FASE

1:50 PM - 2:10 PM

Minimal Standards for Cardiac Anesthesia - Is There a Role for Global Cardiac Anesthesia Certification (European and SCA View)

Stanton Shernan, MD, FASE, FAHA and Joerg Ender, MD

2:10 PM - 2:25 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

 **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 Mazzeffi, 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 Mazzeffi, 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 Mazzeffi, 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; Klint 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

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

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

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

GENERAL SESSIONS

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

International Symposium

Moderators: Choy Lewis, MD;
Stanton Sherman, 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

Anesthetic Management for Awake CABG Surgery:

India

Uday Gandhe, MD, MBBS

4:05 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!




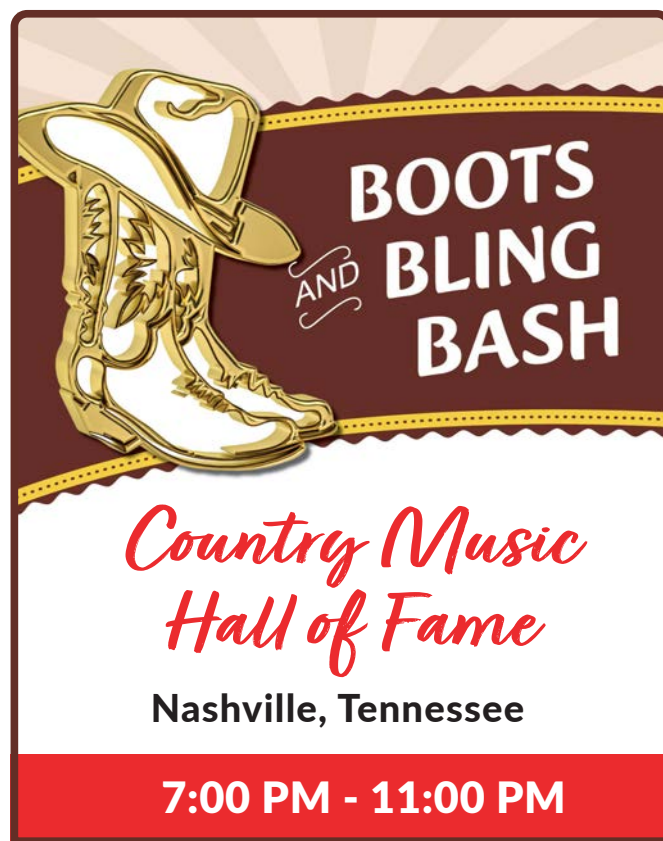
Welcome Reception



and

SCA NETWORKING EVENT

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM



BOOTS AND BLING BASH

Country Music Hall of Fame

Nashville, Tennessee

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM



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

EXPLORE NASHVILLE'S PARKS

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.



PLENARY SESSION

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

8:45 AM - 9:45 AM

Fellow and Resident: Poster Session 2

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

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 Devicesto Know About ECMO, Durable and Non-Durable Ventricular Assist Device

PLENARY SESSIONS

10:15 AM - 10:45 AM

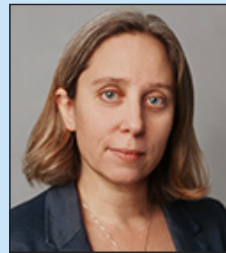
ASA Update

Moderator: Amanda Fox, MD, MPH

10:45 AM - 11:45 AM

KEYNOTE: Lessons in Ventilation from the Past

Moderator: Amanda Fox, MD, MPH



**Hannah Wunsch
MD, MSc**

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



GENERAL SESSIONS

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

2:05 PM - 2:20 PM

How I Would Anesthetize This Patient Today

Jessica Spellman, MD, FASE

2:20 PM - 2:30 PM

Q&A



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

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?

Jochen D. Muehschlegel, MD, MMSc, MBA

2:20 PM - 2:30 PM

Q&A

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; Gregory M. Janelle, MD FASE FASA; Daryl Oakes, MD; Peter Panzica, MD; Andrew Shaw, MB, FRCA, FRCPC; and Trevor Sutton, MD, MBA



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.

[EXPLORE ALL EXPERIENCES](#)

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



RESEARCH

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

FELLOWS/RESIDENTS

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Fellows and Resident: Poster Session 3

Join Us

**5:00 PM - 6:30 PM for
SCA Trivia Night!**

Moderators: John Bryant, MD; McKenzie Hollon, MD, FASE; and Christina Jelly, MD, MS

**TRIVIA
NIGHT**





6:30 AM - 8:00 AM

Breakfast with Exhibitors

PBLDS

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: Beyond the Wires: Perioperative Management of Novel Cardiac Implantable Devices**
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

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 Heerdt, 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

Antonio Chiricolo, MD

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.

EXPLORE ARTS & CULTURE



GENERAL SESSION

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

7:45 AM - 9:45 AM

A&A

Moderator: Adam Milam, MD, PhD, FASE, FAHA, FASA and Nikolaos Skubas, MD, DSc, FACC, FASE

Faculty: Anne Cherry, MD, FASE; Adam Milam, MD, PhD, FASE, FAHA, FASA; Nikolaos Skubas, MD, DSc, FACC, FASE; and Roman Sniecinski, MD, MSc



WORKSHOP

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

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

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Scientific Poster Session 3

GENERAL SESSIONS

9:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Endovascular Treatment in Acute Aortic Diseases – A Newer Frontier



Moderators: Samhati Mondal, MD, MS, FASE and Tarit Saha, 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

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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



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.



EXPLORE NASHVILLE'S PARKS

PLENARY SESSION

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.

[EXPLORE HONKY TONK HIGHWAY](#)



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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 (<i>Annual Meeting only</i>)	\$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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Registrants that provide documentation of a medical emergency/doctor order not to travel are eligible for a refund (less fees) after the cancellation deadline (including following the event). No-shows are not eligible for credit or refund. No refunds will be given for registrations or event add-ons for failure to attend, late arrival or early departure from the meeting. Meeting registration fee and event add-ons are not transferable to another attendee or SCA meeting.

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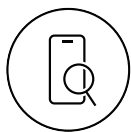
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