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- [Western Pennsylvania Cardiogenic Shock](#) | August 29, 2026 | Fairmont Pittsburgh
- [AHN Anesthesia Institute Fall Symposium: Beyond the OR](#) | September 12, 2026 | West Penn Hospital
- [6th Annual Pulmonary and Critical Care Symposium](#) | September 13 - 14, 2026 | Omni Bedford Spring Resort
- [AHN Physician's Wellness Conference](#) | September 18, 2026 | Renaissance Pittsburgh Hotel
- [Glomerulonephritis-Autoimmune Kidney Disease Symposium](#) | October 3, 2026 | RLA Learning & Conference Center
- [Women's Institute Fall Conference](#) | October 16 - 17, 2026 | Omni Bedford Springs Resort [Great Lakes](#)
- [Regional Headache Society 7th Annual Meeting: Bridges in Headache Medicine](#) | October 17, 2026 | Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square
- [Vascular Surgery & Interventional Radiology Symposium](#) | October 29 - 31, 2026 | Omni Bedford Springs Resort
- [3rd Annual Western Pennsylvania Sleep Symposium](#) | November 6, 2026 | RLA Learning and Conference Center
- [Orthopaedic Update 2026](#) | November 13 - 15, 2026 | Omni Bedford Springs Resort
- [8th Annual AHN IBD Summit](#) | November 14, 2026 | Fairmont Hotel Pittsburgh
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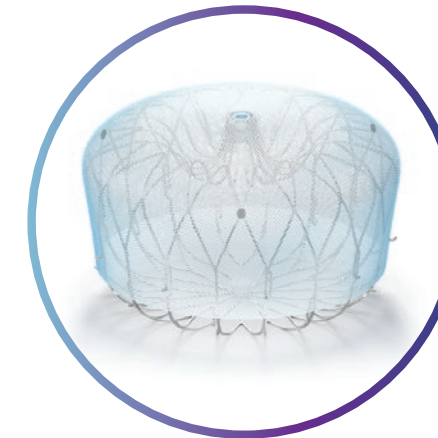


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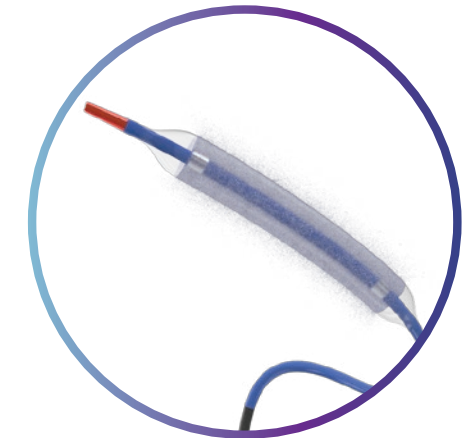
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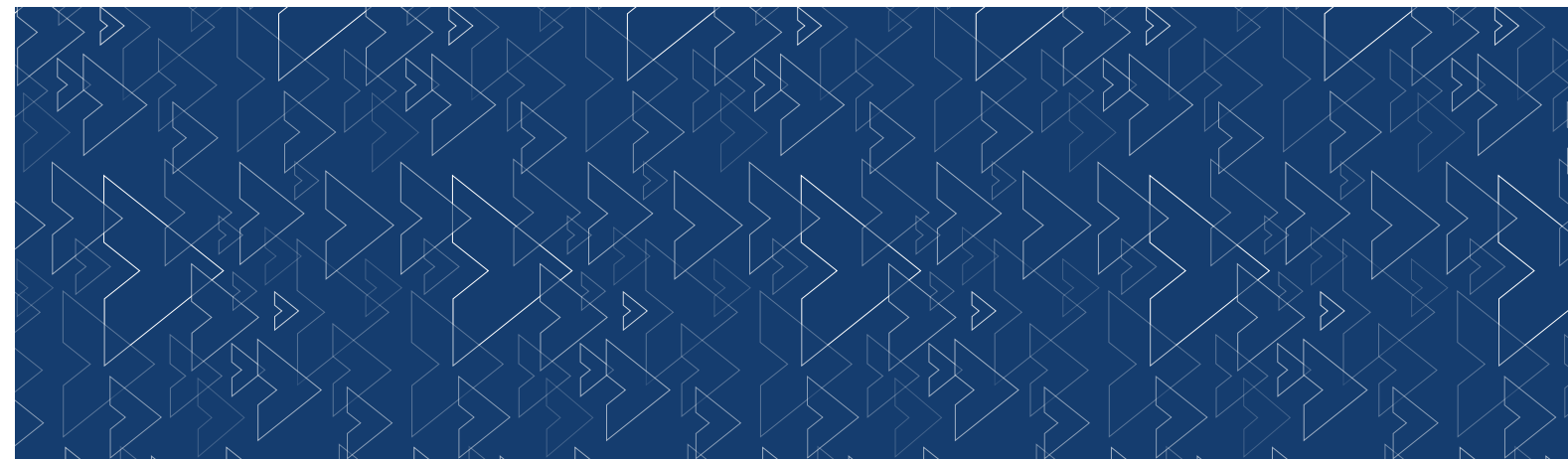
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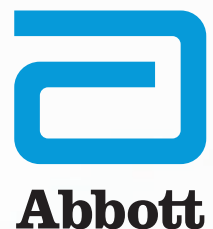


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A review of the mechanism of action, Phase 3 data, and ongoing long-term extension trials for cardiac myosin inhibition in adult patients with symptomatic obstructive hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

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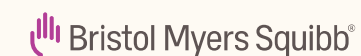
Sunday, May 31st  
9:00 AM EST  
Breakfast Session

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## Overview

This comprehensive conference focuses on Cardiovascular Medicine Updates in 2026, covering a wide array of topics from advanced interventional cardiology procedures to heart failure management, arrhythmias, and cardiac imaging. The conference is structured with parallel sessions, including dedicated tracks for nursing professionals.

## Objectives

- Integrate current best practices and emerging technologies in the diagnosis and management of various cardiovascular conditions.
- Critically evaluate recent research and clinical trial data to inform patient care decisions.
- Discuss the multidisciplinary approach to complex cardiovascular cases.

## CME accreditation

This conference will provide a total of 9.75 hours of education.

Friday: 3.0

Saturday: 6.75

## Physicians

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## Non-physicians

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## Program agenda

### Friday, May 29, 2026

5 – 5:55 p.m.	Cocktail Reception <b>Constitution Hallway</b>
5:55 – 6 p.m.	Welcome and introduction <b>Hayah Kassis-George, MD, FACC, and Ramzi Khalil, MD, FACC, FSCAI</b>
6 – 8:30 p.m.	Dinner (buffet will stay open during welcome and presentations) <b>Colonnade Ballroom</b>
6 – 6:15 p.m.	Repeat interventions after TAVR, TAVR-in-TAVR case <b>Alejandro Dominguez, MD, and Ramzi Khalil, MD, FACC, FSCAI</b>
6:15 – 6:30 p.m.	Aortic regurgitation therapies and imaging (pure native AR case) <b>Kyle Simonsen, MD, and Aryan Meknat, MD</b>
6:30 – 6:45 p.m.	AI post LVAD requiring TAVR <b>Alexander Smith, DO, Candice Lee, MD, and Andy C. Kiser, MD</b>
6:45 – 7 p.m.	Perioperative Impella 5.5 assisted CABG, Impella management <b>Cali Clark, DO, and Masaki Tsukashita, MD</b>
7 – 7:15 p.m.	PAPVR repair <b>Joshua Longinow, DO, and Nael Aldweib, MD</b>
7:15 – 7:30 p.m.	ASD closure case <b>Adee Elhamdani, MD, and David Lasorda, DO, FACP, FACC, FSCAI</b>
7:30 – 7:45 p.m.	Panel discussion <b>Moderators: Ryan Zuzek, MD, and Venkatraman Srinivasan, MD, FACC</b> <b>Speakers: Ramzi Khalil, MD, FACC, FSCAI, Aryan Meknat, MD, Candice Lee, MD, Masaki Tsukashita, MD, Andy C. Kiser, MD, Nael Aldweib, MD, and David Lasorda, DO, FACP, FACC, FSCAI</b>
7:45 – 8 p.m.	To clip or not to clip the tricuspid valve <b>Marco Caccamo, DO</b>
8 – 8:15 p.m.	A place for renal artery denervation <b>Andrea Caudill, DO, and Ramzi Khalil, MD, FACC, FSCAI</b>
8:15 – 8:30 p.m.	This is how we do it: Rehabbing on MCS <b>Ilija Klipa, CEP, and Amelia Morgan, MD</b>
8:30 – 8:45 p.m.	Panel discussion <b>Moderator: George Gabriel, DO</b> <b>Speakers: Ilija Klipa, CEP, Marco Caccamo, DO, Ramzi Khalil, MD, FACC, FSCAI, and Amelia Morgan, MD</b>

## Saturday, May 30, 2026

- 6:30 – 7 a.m.** Registration, breakfast (Eisenhower Ballroom), and visit exhibits
- 7 – 7:50 a.m.** Non-CME accredited product theater (Eisenhower Ballroom):  
Addressing unmet needs in hypertension management:  
Clinical evidence for targeting aldosterone production  
**Sponsor: AstraZeneca**  
**Speaker: Khaled Nashar, MD**

### SESSION 1: COLONNADE BALLROOM

- 7:50 – 8 a.m.** Introduction  
**Ramzi Khalil, MD, FACC, FSCAI, and Hayah Kassis-George, MD, FACC**
- 8 – 8:15 a.m.** Top 5 most important research trials at AGH for HFREF  
**Matthew Lander, MD**
- 8:15 – 8:30 a.m.** From index hospitalization to durable LVAD: A patient-physician journey  
**Ibraiz Bilal, MD, and Matthew Lander, MD**
- 8:30 – 8:45 a.m.** Importance of CPET in PH/CTEPH and diagnosis of HFpEF  
**Michael Risbano, MD**
- 8:45 – 9 a.m.** Panel discussion  
**Moderator: Ramzi Khalil, MD, FACC, FSCAI**  
**Speakers: Marco Caccamo, MD, Matthew Lander, MD, Michael Risbano, MD, and Hayah Kassis-George, MD, FACC**
- 9 – 9:15 a.m.** LAAO  
**Matthew Deicke, DO, and Mati Friehling, MD**
- 9:15 – 9:30 a.m.** PVI? Why not, and no biggie  
**Ali Ibrahim, MD, and Joshua Silverstein, MD, FHRS**
- 9:30 – 9:45 a.m.** Arrhythmias in pregnancy  
**Valentyna Ivanova, MD, FACC**
- 9:45 – 10 a.m.** Panel discussion  
**Moderator: Akshay Khandelwal, MD, MBA, FACC, FSCAI**  
**Speakers: Joshua Silverstein, MD, FHRS, Mati Friehling, MD, Valentyna Ivanova, MD, FACC, Matthew Deicke, DO, and Ali Ibrahim, MD**
- 10 – 10:15 a.m.** Coffee break and visit exhibits
- 10:15 – 10:30 a.m.** Pulse field ablation  
**Namratha Meda, MD, and George Shaw, MD, FACC, FHRS**
- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m.** The bionic man: Leadless and self-charging pacers  
**Colby Shanafelt, MD**
- 10:45 – 11 a.m.** Sports cardiology (Remote virtual presentation)  
**Amit Thosani, MD**
- 11 – 11:15 a.m.** Panel discussion  
**Moderator: Riaz Rahman, MD**  
**Speaker: George Shaw, MD, FACC, FHRS**

## Saturday, May 30, 2026 (continued)

- 11:15 – 11:30 a.m.** ASE update: The latest and the greatest  
**Rachel Hughes-Doichev MD, FACC, FASE**
- 11:30 – 11:45 a.m.** MRI update: The latest and the greatest  
**Moneal Shah, MD, and Francis Ezekwueme, MD**
- 11:45 – noon** Hyperlipidemia: review of the 2026 guidelines  
**Andrew Oehler, MD**
- Noon – 12:15 p.m.** Panel discussion  
**Moderator: Andrew Oehler, MD**  
**Speakers: Rachel Hughes-Doichev MD, FACC, FASE, and Moneal Shah, MD**
- 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.** Lunch (Eisenhower Ballroom) and visit exhibits  
Non-CME accredited product theater  
**Speaker: Allen Taylor, MD**  
**Sponsor: HeartFlow**

### NURSING-SPECIFIC BREAKOUT SESSION

#### REAGAN BALLROOM

#### CARDIOVASCULAR MEDICINE UPDATE 2026: NURSING TOPICS

- 1:30 – 1:55 p.m.** Atrial fibrillation – An update on ablation technology  
**Aaron Kyluck, BSN, RN**
- 1:55 – 2:20 p.m.** Cutting edge technology in the cath lab  
**Andrew Gagliardi, BSN, RN**
- 2:20 – 2:45 p.m.** Closing the gap on cardiogenic shock: Utilizing tele-monitoring for cardiogenic shock team calls  
**Debra Camp, MSN, RN**
- 2:45 – 3 p.m.** Break and visit exhibits
- 3 – 3:25 p.m.** Resurgence of the Ross procedure  
**Diane Berger, BSN, RN**
- 3:25 – 3:50 p.m.** The silent threat: Thoracic aortic aneurysms and dissections explained  
**Kileigh Barnes, BSN, RN**
- 3:50 – 4 p.m.** Evaluations

### GENERAL CONFERENCE

#### SESSION 2: COLONNADE BALLROOM

- 1:30 – 1:45 p.m.** The mitral valve is always the problem  
**Aakash Tuli, MD, and Walter E. McGregor, MD**
- 1:45 – 2 p.m.** TAVR is for everyone: Lower-risk patients deserve a TAVR  
**Stephen H. Bailey, MD**
- 2 – 2:15 p.m.** Does that valve calcification deserve a statin?  
**Divya R. Patel, MD, and Akshay Khandelwal, MD**

## Saturday, May 30, 2026 (continued)

- 2:15 – 2:30 p.m.** Panel discussion  
**Moderator: Andy C. Kiser, MD**  
**Speakers: Walter E. McGregor, MD, Stephen H. Bailey, MD, and Akshay Khandelwal, MD, MBA, FACC, FSCAI**
- 2:30 – 2:45 p.m.** The not so sexy LHC: Assessment of coronary physiology  
**Amr Mohamed, MD, Mohamed Salah Mohamed, MD, and Saad Tabbara, MD, FACC, FSCAI**
- 2:45 – 3 p.m.** Complex PCI with impella support  
**Charles Ebersbacher, DO, MBA, and Adnan Khalif, MD**
- 3 – 3:15 p.m.** Management of pericarditis  
**Victor Farah, MD, and Imaging fellows**
- 3:15 – 3:30 p.m.** HCM masqueraders  
**Daniel Davies, MD**
- 3:30 – 4 p.m.** Panel Discussion  
**Moderator: Rachel Hughes-Doichev, MD, FACC, FASE**  
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**Announcement/Draw of Sponsor Table Raffle**
- 4 – 4:15 p.m.** Losing weight, winning hearts: surgical and medical treatment options for obesity  
**George M. Eid, MD, FACS, FASMBS**
- 4:15 – 4:30 p.m.** Beyond silos: understanding the cardiometabolic-kidney syndrome  
**Khaled Nashar, MD**
- 4:30 – 6 p.m.** Cocktail hour – Eisenhower Ballroom  
**Research posters/competition announcement**  
**Impella wet lab**  
**Adnan Khalif, MD, Masaki Tsukashita, MD, and Matthew Lander, MD**
- 6 – 9 p.m.** Dinner – Colonnade Ballroom (All attendees and guests welcome)

## Sunday, May 31, 2026

- 9 a.m.** Conclusion and breakfast (Colonnade Ballroom)
- 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.** Non-CME accredited product theater:  
Groundbreaking pivotal trial and growing real-world experience with CAMZYOS® in patients with symptomatic NYHA class II–III obstructive HCM  
**Sponsor: BMS**  
**Speaker: Sabahat Bokhari, MD**
- 11 a.m.** Checkout

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