

AHN Center for Continuing Medical Education

2026 Annual Cardiovascular Disease Symposium

May 29 – May 31, 2026

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Overview and intended audience

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. This event is ideal for attendees across multiple vascular and cardiac disciplines, including surgeons, across-medicine specialties, PAs/extenders, RNs, residents, PCPs, and cardiologists. We welcome cardiovascular disease fellows and medicine trainees across all subspecialties.

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

Allegheny General Hospital is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Allegheny General Hospital designates this live activity for a maximum of 9.75 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in this activity.

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American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) accepts *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* from organizations accredited by the ACCME.

American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) accepts certificates of participation for educational activities certified for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* from organizations accredited by the ACCME.

Nurses

An application has been submitted for 2.5 nursing contact hours. West Penn Hospital is approved as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by Pennsylvania State Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Non-physicians

Allegheny General Hospital has approved this activity for a maximum of 9.75 contact hours for non-physicians.

Program agenda

Friday, May 29, 2026

- 5:55 – 6 p.m.** Welcome and introduction
Hayah Kassis-George, MD, FACC, and Ramzi Khalil, MD, FACC, FSCAI
- 6 – 6:15 p.m.** Repeat interventions after TAVR, TAVR-in-TAVR case
Alejandro Dominguez, MD, and Ramzi Khalil, MD, FACC, FSCAI
- 6:15 – 6:30 p.m.** Aortic regurgitation therapies and imaging (pure native AR case)
Kyle Simonsen, MD, and Scott Halbreiner, MD
- 6:30 – 6:45 p.m.** AI post LVAD requiring TAVR
Alexander Smith, DO, and Candice Lee, MD
- 6:45 – 7 p.m.** Perioperative Impella 5.5 assisted CABG, Impella management
Cali Clark, DO, and Masaki Tsukashita, MD
- 7 – 7:15 p.m.** PAPVR repair
Joshua Longinow, DO, and Nael Aldweib, MD
- 7:15 – 7:30 p.m.** ASD closure case
Adee Elhamdani, MD, and David Lasorda, DO, FACP, FACC, FSCAI
- 7:30 – 7:45 p.m.** Panel discussion
Moderators: Hayah Kassis-George, MD, FACC, and Venkatraman Srinivasan, MD, FACC
Speakers: Ramzi Khalil, MD, FACC, FSCAI, Scott Halbreiner, MD, Candice Lee, MD, Masaki Tsukashita, MD, Nael Aldweib, MD, and David Lasorda, DO, FACP, FACC, FSCAI
- 7:45 – 8 p.m.** To clip or not to clip the tricuspid valve
Marco Caccamo, DO
- 8 – 8:15 p.m.** A place for renal artery denervation
Andrew Oehler, MD
- 8:15 – 8:30 p.m.** This is how we do it: Rehabbing on MCS
Ilija Klipa, CEP, and Amelia Morgan, MD
- 8:30 – 8:45 p.m.** Panel discussion
Moderator: George Gabriel, DO
Speakers: Ilija Klipa, CEP, Marco Caccamo, DO, Andrew Oehler, MD, and Amelia Morgan, MD

Saturday, May 30, 2026

- 6:30 – 7 a.m.** Registration, breakfast, and visit exhibits
- 7 – 7:50 a.m.** Non-CME accredited product theater – Eisenhower Ballroom
Sponsor: AstraZeneca

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, Matthew Lander, MD, and Hayah Kassis-George, MD, FACC
- 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, Matt Lander, MD, Michael Risbano, MD, and Hayah Kassis-George, MD, FACC
- 9 – 9:15 a.m.** LAAO
Matthew Deicke, DO, and Mati Friebling, 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, and Mati Friebling, MD
- 10 – 10:15 a.m.** Coffee break
- 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
Aamer Ubaid, MD, and Rachel Hughes-Doichev MD, FACC, FASE
- 11:30 – 11:45 a.m.** MRI update: The latest and the greatest
Moneal Shah, MD
- 11:45 – noon** Importance of including females in clinical trials
Anita Radhakrishnan, 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 and visit exhibits
Non-CME accredited product theater
Speaker: Jonathon Leipsic, MD
Sponsor: HeartFlow

NURSING-SPECIFIC BREAKOUT SESSION

EISENHOWER 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
- 3 – 3:25 p.m.** Resurgence of the Ross procedure
Brittany Ziegler, 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

Saturday, May 30, 2026 (continued)

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?
Anu Puttur, MD, and Akshay Khandelwal, MD
- 2:15 – 2:30 p.m.** Panel discussion
Moderator: Ramzi Khalil, MD, FACC, FSCAI
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.** The sexy LHC: LM bifurcation with Impella support
Charles Ebersbacher, DO, MBA, and Ramzi Khalil, MD, FACC, FSCAI
- 3 – 3:15 p.m.** Cardiomyopathy masquerading as HCM
Victor Farah, MD, and Imaging fellows
- 3:15 – 3:45 p.m.** Panel discussion
Moderator: Rachel Hughes-Doichev MD, FACC, FASE
Speakers: Saad Tabbara, MD, Ramzi Khalil, MD, and Victor Farah, MD
- 4:30 – 6 p.m.** Cocktail hour
Research posters/competition announcement
- 6 – 9 p.m.** Dinner (All attendees and guests welcome)

Sunday, May 31, 2026

- 9 – 11 a.m.** Conclusion, breakfast, and checkout

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