

# South Atlantic Cardiovascular Society



## SACS ANNUAL MEETING

July 15-18, 2021 • Wild Dunes Resort • Isle of Palms, South Carolina

### SACS CONFERENCE FEATURES THE BEST OF THE BEST

Join us for the South Atlantic Cardiovascular Society (SACS) 2021 Annual Meeting July 15 – 18th at Wild Dunes Resort, Isle of Palms, SC. This dynamic conference brings together the leading professionals in cardiac healthcare.



Our 2021 program is designed to promote lively interaction between cardiologists, cardiovascular surgeons, advanced practice providers and our industry partners. Thanks to the hard work of our Steering Committee, we have lined up the finest speakers from the Southeast to discuss the most critical and pressing

issues in cardiac care today. The meeting is very interactive, featuring a case study format that promises to keep the audience engaged debating the pros and cons of the latest treatment options, technologies, and procedures in our industry today—all while earning CME Accreditation.

There are also social events planned for each evening, which provide wonderful networking opportunities in relaxed settings. A family favorite is the beachfront BBQ Friday night, with beach breezes, food, music and entertainment for all ages. The Saturday night adult-only dinner will be held on the outside terrace at Wild Dune's new Sweetgrass Inn Hotel, featuring lovely sunset views of the ocean. The kids can enjoy their separate Youth Party nearby! We encourage you to bring your family and enjoy a weekend at the beach with your peers. Register today!

See you in July!



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### COVID-19 UPDATE

**All Conference Participants must be fully vaccinated and show a COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card. (PDFs of the cards sent via email are acceptable.) PLEASE NOTE: Spouses, children, and guests do NOT have to provide proof of vaccination.**

**Chairman**  
Vinod H. Thourani, MD, FACS, FACC

## 2021 STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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### ABOUT OUR LEADERSHIP



#### CHAIRMAN, SACS 2021

**VINOD H. THOURANI, MD, Piedmont Heart Institute, Atlanta, GA**

*"This is one of the best conferences I attend each year. The dynamic interactions among surgeons, cardiologists, APPs, and our industry colleagues make this meeting special and signifies the true definition of a heart team."*

The SACS 2021 Steering Committee Chair is Atlanta-based Vinod H. Thourani, MD. He is the Bernie Marcus Chief of the Department Cardiovascular Surgery for Piedmont Healthcare and the Marcus Heart Valve Center. Dr. Thourani is a national cardiovascular thought leader with an expertise in minimally invasive and transcatheter valvular disease.

Dr. Thourani has been involved with SACS for over ten years and 2021 marks his third year as Chairman.

He is the principal national investigator of five clinical trials on surgical and transcatheter valve surgery and is on the executive committee of four other valve-related national trials.

Dr. Thourani's passion for advancements in cardiac care and providing optimal care for patients with a multi-disciplinary approach shape the 2021 SACS agenda, making it a "not to be missed" program for cardiac care professionals throughout the Southeast.



#### CO-CHAIRMAN, SACS 2021, INCOMING CHAIRMAN, SACS 2022

**JORGE R. ALEGRIA, MD, Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute, Charlotte, NC**

Jorge Alegria, MD, serves as Medical Director of the Atrium Health –Sanger Heart and Vascular Institute Program, and co-Director of the Marfan and Aortopathy Clinic. Dr. Alegria's practice is based on the care of adults with congenital heart diseases. He is also Director of the Adult Congenital Heart Disease Echocardiography Laboratory.

Dr. Alegria is an active member of the North Carolina ACC Chapter as a councilor and leads the NC-ACC-Chilean Cardiovascular Society Twinning Program. His clinical interests include lifestyle intervention in adult congenital heart diseases and echocardiographic imaging.



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### ACCREDITATION

In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by MedStar Health and South Atlantic Cardiovascular Society. MedStar Health is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.



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### CREDIT DESIGNATION

This activity was planned by and for the healthcare team, and learners will receive 14.0 Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) credits for learning and change.

### CREDIT DESIGNATION DETAILS

**Physicians:** MedStar Health designates this live activity for a maximum of 14.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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**Please note that additional credits may be earned by attending the ACHD talks on Friday and Saturday afternoons.**





### SACS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FORMAT ALLOWS FOR AUDIENCE INTERACTION

The interactive format of the South Atlantic Cardiovascular Society's educational sessions, combined with the conference's relaxed atmosphere, is what makes SACS unique from other conferences.



cardiologists, surgeons, and APPs. This format is unique to SACS and sets our conference apart from all the others.

The following pages include a partial schedule of the weekend's planned events. Please visit [sacsconference.com](http://sacsconference.com) for updates on speakers and educational sessions.



Our program features distinguished speakers who are prominent leaders in current issues, technology, and treatment of the cardiac patient. Most presentations include case studies and are designed to encourage audience participation and lively debate between



This educational meeting is open to all cardiac-care professionals.

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Topics and speakers subject to change.

## THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2021

4:00pm – 6:00pm

### Clinical APP Workshop: Case Presentation and Current Management

- Non-Valvular Atrial Fibrillation:  
Are We Treating Patients As Well  
As We Think We Are?  
Speaker: TBD
- History, Evolution and Indications  
of LAA closure  
Speaker: Michael Rinaldi, MD
- Overview of Patient Screening  
Process  
Speaker: TBD
- Data Review (PINNACLE FLX and  
real-world Registry data) and  
Future Direction (impact of  
CHAMPION and OPTION trials)  
Speaker: Bobby Leonardi, MD
- Intra-procedural Imaging  
Speaker: TBD
- Importance of the Multidisciplinary  
Heart Team and Shared Decision  
Making  
Speaker: Amy Simone, PA-C

6:30pm – 7:30pm

### Welcome Reception

Croquet North Area (Inclement  
weather back-up in foyer space)

## FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2021

6:00am – 12:40pm

### Exhibits Open

6:00am – 7:00am

### Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall



7:00am – 7:05am

### Welcome

Speaker: Vinod H. Thourani, MD

7:05am – 7:40am

### 3 Cases for Managing PE

Speakers: Drew Klein, MD and  
Nick Teman, MD

7:40am-8:10am

### What to Stop When: DES, DAPT and Oral AC – 3 Cases of Balancing Thrombosis and Bleeding Risks

Moderators: TBD  
Speaker: Michael Rinaldi, MD

8:10am – 8:40am

### 3 Cases for "The Not So Forgotten Valve": Indications for Surgical and Transcatheter Options for Tricuspid Regurgitation

Moderator: Kelly Bleakley, PA-C  
Speaker: Pradeep Yadav, MD

8:40am – 9:10am

### 3 Cases for the Management of Pulmonary Hypertension

Moderators: Michael Johnson, MD  
and John Skinner, PA-C  
Speaker: Angela Taylor, MD

9:10am – 9:40am

### Break with Industry Colleagues

9:40am – 10:10am

### 3 Case Examples Regarding Heart Transplantation with the New UNOS Guidelines

Moderator: Arun Krishnamoorthy, MD  
Speaker: Ezequiel Molina, MD

10:10am – 10:40am

### 3 Cases of Management of Cardiac Amyloidosis

Moderator: Patrick Murrah, MD  
Speaker: Mohammed Abuannadi, MD

10:40am – 11:10am

### Paradigm Change in the Care of Diabetes and Heart Failure: A New Era with SGLT2 Inhibitors

Moderators: TBD  
Speaker: Bridgette Christopher, MD

11:10am – 11:40am

### Rigid Sternal Closures

Moderator: TBD  
Speaker: Mark Bonnell, MD

Sessions continued on next page.



**11:40am – 12:10pm**

## **Under-Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation: 3 Cases I Managed A Patient's Atrial Fibrillation**

Moderators: Kerry Schwartz, MD and Lora Raines, PA-C  
Speaker: Christian Shults, MD

**12:10pm – 12:40pm**

## **Cardiac Surgery Disaster Cases**

Cases Presented by: Cullen Morris, MD, Nick Pope, MD

**12:40pm – 12:42pm**

## **Closing Remarks**

Speaker: Jorge Alegria, MD

**12:45pm – 1:45pm**

## **Lunch and Learn**

### ***CCM® Therapy – When Should Device Therapy be Considered for the Treatment of Heart Failure?***

**Sponsored by Impulse Dynamics**

Moderator: Nancy Bonnet, NP  
Speakers: David Baran, MD and Meghan Emig, PA

**1:00pm**

## **Golf Tee Times**

Harbor Course

**6:30pm – 9:30pm**

## **Family Cookout/Dinner on the Grand Pavilion**



## **NEW IN 2021... SACS FOCUS ON ACHD**

Because the growing population of adults with congenital heart disease requires a multidisciplinary approach of care, SACS has added a series of talks on Friday and Saturday afternoons (2pm – 6pm) focusing on ACHD. Open to all attendees, these talks will follow a case-based format and include topics on ACHD surgical care, structural interventions, transplantation, pulmonary hypertension, heart failure, electrophysiology and ACHD Care delivery.

For a detailed agenda, visit the SACS website at <https://sacsconference.com/sacs-is-excited-to-offer-achd-focus-sessions-this-year/>

## **SATURDAY, JULY 17, 2021**

**6:00am – 12:40pm**

## **Exhibits Open**

**6:00am – 7:00am**

## **Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall**

**7:00am – 7:05am**

## **Welcome**

Speaker: Vinod H. Thourani, MD

**7:05am – 7:40am**

## **3 Cases of VAD Efficiency and Thresholds for a New Program**

Moderator: Leora Yarboro, MD  
Speaker: Sagar Damle, MD

**7:40am – 8:10am**

## **3 Cases for Management of Acute Right Ventricular Shock**

Moderator: Behnam Tehrani, MD  
Speaker: Douglas Haden, MD

**8:10am – 8:40am**

## **3 Cases for the Management of Functional Mitral Regurgitation: Med Tx, Surgery, Transcatheter**

Presenters: Gayatri Acharya, MD and David Saint, MD

**8:40am – 9:10am**

## **Are Patients with Severe Symptomatic Valvular Disease Being Inadequately Managed?**

Moderators: Vinod H. Thourani, MD and TBD APP  
Speaker: TBD

**9:10am – 9:40am**

## **Type B Aortic Dissection Stent Grafts**

Moderator: John Kern, MD  
Speaker: Frank Arko, MD

**9:40am – 10:10am**

## **Break with Industry Colleagues**

*Sessions continued on next page.*



**10:10am – 10:40am**

**3 Cases for Treatment for Managing Severe PVD for Cardiovascular Procedures**

Moderator: David Varnagy, MD  
Speaker: Mark Steiner, MD

**10:40am – 11:10am**

**3 Cases for Transcatheter Options for Intracardiac Mass Removal**

Presenters: Curtis Bryan, MD and Bill Dixon, MD

**11:10am – 11:40am**

**3 Cases for Deciding Between TAVR and SAVR: Lifetime Management of Aortic Stenosis**

Moderator: Amy Simone, PA-C  
Speaker: Bobby Leonardi, MD

**11:40am – 12:40pm**

**COVID19 and the Heart**

Moderator: Jorge Alegria, MD  
Speakers: Leslie Cooper, MD and Dermot Phelan, MD

**12:45pm – 1:45pm**

**Lunch and Learn**

***Benefits of Low Profile Porcine Valves for Future Interventions***

***Sponsored by Abbott***

Speaker: Mark Russo, MD

**2:00pm – 6:00pm**

**SACS Focus on ACHD**

For a detailed agenda, visit <https://sacsconference.com/sacs-is-excited-to-offer-achd-focus-sessions-this-year/>

**6:30pm – 10:00pm**

**Youth Party**

**7:00pm – 10:00pm**

**Reception and Dinner**

**CONFERENCE QUESTIONS**

If you have questions regarding the SACS 2021 Annual Meeting, please direct inquiries to:

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**SUNDAY,  
JULY 18, 2021**

**7:30am – 10:00am**

**Exhibits Open with Continental Breakfast**

**8:00am – 8:30am**

**3 Cases in Managing Chronic Shock and Management with ECMO vs Impella**

Moderator: Mani A. Daneshmand, MD  
Speaker: TBD

**8:30am – 9:00am**

**3 Cases in Deciding between Transcatheter and Surgical Management of Degenerative Mitral Valve Disease**

Presenters: Kevin Accola, MD and Jonathan Schwartz, MD

**9:00am – 10:00am**

**Case Presentation Competition: Stump the Professor**

Moderators: Vinod H. Thourani, MD, Don Glower, MD and Mike Rinaldi, MD

**9:30am – 11:00am**

**Farewell Brunch**



### REGISTER TODAY!

Go to [sacsconference.com](http://sacsconference.com) and click on "Physician and APP Registration"!

The SACS website offers the most up-to-date information about the conference, including the Educational Program session topics and speakers.

*Attendees will be required to provide proof of Covid Vaccination prior to the meeting in order to attend. Spouses, children, and guests do NOT have to provide proof.*

*SACS will be lenient with cancellation fees should your plans change last minute before the conference.*

### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

Registration Fees include attendance at the educational sessions and the conference social events: Thursday Welcome Reception, Friday Family Cookout/Dinner on the Beach, Saturday Dinner (or Youth Program for the children), and Sunday Family Farewell Brunch.

**Physicians:** **\$500**

**APPs:** **\$350**

**Spouse\*/Guest\*\*:** **\$200**

**Children over 4:** **\$50**

*\*Spouses should be registered only if they will be participating in SACS social events.*

*\*\*Anyone over 20*



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**Contact Wild Dunes Resort's Reservations at 866-359-5593, option 5, and ask for SACS' special rates.**

#### Guestrooms

**Cost: \$429**

King or 2 Queens with contemporary décor, Keurig & mini-fridge, deluxe bath amenities. Private balcony and/or ocean view rooms available on request for an upgrade fee.



#### Village Suites

Upscale suites in the heart of the resort offering hotel-like amenities such as room service and complimentary valet parking

**One Bedroom Village Suites**

**Cost: \$349**

**Two Bedroom Village Suites**

**Cost: \$449**

**Three Bedroom Village Suites**

**Cost: \$549**

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Furnished condos spread throughout the resort with easy access to all the resort amenities.

**Two Bedroom Villas**

**Cost: \$429**

**Three Bedroom Villas**

**Cost: \$529**

The above rates are exclusive of state and county taxes and a 10% resort fee daily. The Resort fee includes: Wi-Fi hot spots in the heart of the Resort, Intra-Resort transportation, Guest self-parking in the heart of the Resort (based on availability), Valet parking at the Village Circle and Boardwalk Inn, Access to the Business Center 24 hours a day, Beautification of Resort Grounds and the greater Wild Dunes community, and Resort Security services 24 hours a day.





### JOIN US AT BEAUTIFUL WILD DUNES!

Wild Dunes Resort is a wonderful location for our SACS attendees to return to. Adults and children alike will enjoy all that Wild Dunes has to offer: from golf and tennis to sparkling pools, outdoor adventures and a variety of hotel and vacation rentals with easy access to Isle of Palms beach, there is something for everyone.

SACS has many exciting activities planned for 2021! As in the past, we will have "SACS Beach" set up Friday and Saturday with chairs and umbrellas, exclusively for our attendees. Come connect with old friends and meet new ones! Bill Kraus is once again entertaining us Friday night for our annual family cookout on the beach. Saturday night will be a fun Youth Party with activities to keep the children engaged, while the adults can enjoy a delicious sit-down dinner and dancing at the brand-new Sweetgrass Inn. The weekend fun concludes with our Farewell Brunch on Sunday.

### WHAT IS SACS?

The South Atlantic Cardiovascular Society (SACS) is a not-for-profit, professional organization that works to promote the advancement of current knowledge and skills in the field of cardiovascular care, and to improve patient care by bringing together cardiologists, cardiovascular surgeons, and APPs (advanced practice providers) in collaborative discussions regarding the optimal treatment of cardiac conditions, whether medical or surgical. The core of the organizations is comprised of cardiac-care professionals in the South Atlantic states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and District of Columbia; however, SACS is open to all cardiac-health professionals.

