

An Invitation From Our Chairs

The South Atlantic Cardiovascular Society was established 50 years ago with the goal of bringing cardiologists, cardiac surgeons, APP's and other specialists together to discuss complex clinical cardiovascular cases and the factors that impact our patients.

In July 2021, we held our first South Atlantic Cardiovascular Society Adult Congenital Heart Disease Focus Sessions. Close to 40 participants discussed ACHD topics in a very interactive and collegial form. The feedback from this first ACHD Focus Sessions was extremely



positive and set the stage for annual ACHD meetings.

Our goal is to create and provide an environment of learning based on the discussion regarding complex congenital heart disease cases and foster professional relationships amongst ACHD Care Teams from the Southeast and beyond.

We hope that you can join us and look forward to seeing you in Amelia Island, FL, July 13-16th!





ACHD Co-Chairs Arwa Saidi, MB BCh & Jorge Alegria, MD

Thanks to our 2023 ACHD Supporting Institutions







Industry Support









PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE / LEADERSHIP 2023

ABOUT 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 improve cardiac patient care.

We accomplish this by providing an environment at our Atrium Health SACS ACHD Symposium which encourages cardiologists, cardiovascular surgeons, and APPs to engage in discussions regarding the optimal treatment of cardiac conditions — whether medical or surgical. SACS is governed by a Steering Committee of distinguished cardiologists, cardiovascular surgeons, and advanced practice providers. When developing each year's program, the committee strives to identify and address the challenges cardiac care professionals face in their daily work, balancing this with a look for a future filled with evolving technologies.

The core of the organization is comprised of cardiac-care professionals in the South Atlantic states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and the District of Columbia. However, SACS is open to all cardiac healthcare professionals.





SACSCONFERENCE.COM
FOLLOW US ON TWITTER @SACSCONFERENCE

ABOUT ATRIUM HEALTH







Atrium Health is a nationally recognized leader in shaping health outcomes through innovative research, education and compassionate patient care. Based in Charlotte, North Carolina, Atrium Health is an integrated, nonprofit health system with more than 70,000 teammates serving patients at 40 hospitals and more than 1,400 care locations. Atrium Health is part of Advocate Health, the fifthlargest nonprofit health system in the United States, which was created from the combination with Advocate Aurora Health.

Atrium Health Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute has been committed to delivering world-class cardiovascular care for more than 50 years. Nationally and internationally recognized experts provide patients access to the most comprehensive care, ranging from general cardiology to the highest surgical complexity, including adult and pediatric heart transplant programs. The highly specialized care includes the only heart transplant program in the Charlotte region and the only program in the Southeast to offer minimally invasive heart bypass surgery.

Atrium Health Levine Children's in Charlotte, NC, provides an unmatched level of expert care in more than 30 areas of pediatric medicine. As the largest children's hospital between Atlanta and Washington, DC, they have been named a Best Children's Hospital by U.S. News & World Report for 15 years, making them the only children's hospital in the region to be nationally recognized. They are ranked in multiple pediatric specialties, including cardiology & heart surgery. Levine Children's Congenital Heart Center is the region's premier cardiac program, caring for patients from in-utero all the way through adulthood, with the region's only pediatric heart surgery program, pediatric cardiovascular intensive care unit and cardiac neurodevelopmental program.

ATRIUM HEALTH SACS ACHD SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

Jorge Alegria, MD
Atrium Health Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute
Atrium Health Levine Children's

Alexander Ellis, MD
Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters

Greg Fleming, MD

Duke Health

Maan Jokhadar, MD Emory Healthcare

Yuli Kim, MD Penn Medicine

Richard Krasuski, MD
Duke Health

Thomas Maxey, MD
Atrium Health Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute
Atrium Health Levine Children's

Juan Ortega-Legaspi, MD Penn Medicine

Joseph Paolillo, MD
Atrium Health Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute
Atrium Health Levine Children's

Anna Peek, NP Vanderbilt Health

John Rhodes, MD
Medical University of South Carolina

Rusty Rodriguez, MD Emory Healthcare

Arwa Saidi, MB University of Florida

Matthew Schwartz, MD
Atrium Health Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute
Atrium Health Levine Children's

John Serfas, MD Duke Health

Heather Smith, PA-C
Emory Adult Congenital Heart Center

Anne Marie Valente, MD Boston Children's Hospital

Angela Weingarten, MD Vanderbilt Health

Angel Whitlow, NP
Atrium Health Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute
Atrium Health Levine Children's

ABOUT OUR LEADERSHIP

Board members play a key role in our annual conference



CO-CHAIR, ACHD 2023 Jorge R. Alegria, MD,

Atrium Health Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute Atrium Health Levine Children's Charlotte, NC

Jorge Alegria, MD, serves as medical director of the adult congenital heart disease program at Atrium Health Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute and Atrium Health Levine Children's. He is also the co-director of the Marfan syndrome and aortopathy clinics. Dr. Alegria's practice is based on the care of adults with congenital heart diseases, general cardiology patients and echocardiography. Dr. Alegria is an active member of the North Carolina ACC Chapter as a councilor and leads the North Carolina American College of Cardiology — Chilean Cardiovascular Society Twinning Program.



CO-CHAIR, ACHD 2023
ARWA SAIDI, MB, BCH, M.ED, FACC
University of Florida
Gainesville, Fl

Arwa Saidi, MB. BCh. M.Ed, FACC, is an adult congenital cardiologist at the University of Florida in Gainesville. She is the Chair of the adult congenital and pediatric cardiology section of the American College of Cardiology and of the Medical Advisory Board of the Adult Congenital Heart Association. Her clinical interests include adult congenital heart disease, cardio-obstetrics and transition care.

SACSCONFERENCE.COM
FOLLOW US ON TWITTER @SACSCONFERENCE

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Tentative; subject to change

THURSDAY, JULY 13TH

4:30pm — 6:00pm

SACS Program — Cases & Cocktails

FRIDAY, JULY 14TH

12:55pm - 1:00pm

Welcome Jorge Alegria, MD

1:00pm --- 1:10pm

ACHD Aortic Case

Speaker: Nina Morgan, MD

1:10pm — 1:40pm

Aortic Surgery in ACHD

Speaker: Alberto Pochettino, MD Moderators: John Frederick, MD & Thomas Maxey, MD

1:40pm — 2:10pm

Genetic Aortopathy: Looking Beyond the Root of the Problem

Matthew Lisi, MD

Moderators: Krista Allshouse, PA-C,
Jonathan Schwartz, MD,
& Greg Fleming, MD

2:10pm --- 2:30pm

Aortic ACHD Case

Brian Kogon, MD Moderator: Richard Krasuski, MD

2:30pm — 2:45pm

2022 Thoracic Aorta

Guidelines

Speaker: Joel Hardin, MD
Moderators: Jorge Alegria, MD &
John Frederick, MD

2:45pm — 3:00pm

Refreshment Break

3:00pm — 4:00pm

Complex Pregnancy/ Surgical Cases:

Katherine Economy, MD & Anne Marie Valente, MD

Speakers: Sabrina Phillips, MD, &

Emily Downs, MD &

Moderator: Rusty Rodriguez, MD

4:00pm — 4:30pm

Interventional Cases in ACHD —

Richard Krasuski, MD, Matt Schwartz, MD & Gregory Fleming, MD

Moderators: Joseph Paolillo, MD

& John Rhodes, MD

4:30pm --- 6:00pm

Complex ACHD Surgical

Cases —

Ram Emani, MD,
Jay Gangemi, MD,
Emily Downs, MD, &
Stephanie Fuller, MD
Moderators: Brian Kogon &
Thomas Maxey, MD

6:00pm - 6:05pm

Closing remarks

Arwa Saidi, MB

6:30pm — 9:30pm

Family Cookout

(SACS and ACHD)

SATURDAY, JULY 15TH

12:55pm - -1:00pm

Welcome

Arwa Saidi, MB

1:00pm — 1:30pm

ACHD Teams

Speakers: APPs Anna Peek, NP & Angel Whitlow, NP, Cardiologists Joel Hardin, MD & Anne Marie Valente, MD

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Tentative; subject to change

1:30pm — 2:00pm

ACHD Surgery: What the ACHD team needs to know (Panel Discussion)

Brian Kogon, MD, Ram Emani, MD, Stephanie Fuller, MD, & Sabrina Phillips, MD

2:00pm - 2:30pm

ACHD Cases

Speakers: Angela Weingarten, MD & Rusty Rodriguez, MD

Moderators: Richard Krasuski, MD & Adrian Moran, MD

2:30pm — 3:00pm

Complex ACHD Surgical Cases

Ram Emani, MD, Stephanie Fuller, MD

Moderators: Thomas Maxey, MD & Brian Kogon, MD

3:00pm --- 3:15pm

Refreshment Break

3:15pm — 3:45pm

Ethics in ACHD

Jorge Alegria, MD
Moderators: Alexander Ellis, MD,
Katherine Economy, MD, & Juan
Ortega-Legaspi, MD

3:45pm --- 4:15pm

Palliative Care —

What's the right team model?

Speaker: Michael Landzberg, MD

Moderators: Arwa Saidi, MB &

Randall Bryant, MD

4:15pm --- 4:45pm

What do the Surgeons need from the Imagers?

Speakers: Anne Marie Valente, MD (MRI), Jay Gangemi, MD, & Faris Al-Mosily, MD

Moderator: Alexander Ellis, MD

4:45pm — 6:00pm

Aortic Interventions

Speakers: Frank Arko, MD,
John Frederick, MD,
Emily Downs, MD
Moderators: Alberto Pochettino, MD

& Brian Kogon, MD

6:00pm — 6:05pm

Closing Remarks:

Thomas Maxey, MD

7:00pm — 10:00pm

Separate Dinner —

Sunrise Terrace

SUNDAY, JULY 16

8:00am — 10:00am

SACS Program (ACHD Invited)

9:30am — 11:00am

Farewell Brunch

(SACS and ACHD)



2023 VENUE: OMNI AMELIA ISLAND

All SACS Housing is Ocean View!



Between the beaches of the Atlantic and the Intracoastal Waterway lies a secluded 1,350-acre paradise offering an unsurpassed resort-community experience.

Whether you're drawn to our unspoiled natural setting amidst live oaks dripping with Spanish moss and the green marshlands between the Intracoastal Waterway, or the 3.5 miles of private, uncrowded beach, Amelia Island is the island haven you've been looking for.

Amelia Island Resort offers full-service spa, boutique shopping, dining, biking and walking trails, golf courses, a renowned tennis center, and Health & Fitness Center.









Over 420 square foot rooms offer either one king or two queen beds along with breathtaking views of the ocean (and some with resort poolscape *and* ocean views). Hotel rooms have a 55" TV, working desk, convenience ports and outlets, and a furnished balcony.

The beautiful natural surroundings are ever-present, including the views of the expansive tree canopy and sunset from the open-air breezeway that leads you to your guest room.

Click HERE to Reserve a Room or visit www.sacsconference.com SACS Special Rate: \$299 plus \$15 nightly resort fee (and taxes)

We anticipate high demand again in 2023 so please book early for best rates.

Additional nearby accommodation options include: Ritz-Carlton Amelia Island (3 ½ Miles) Hampton Inn Amelia Island at Fernandina Beach (7 Miles) Residence Inn by Marriott Amelia Island (7 Miles) Courtyard and Springhill Suites Amelia Island (9-10 Miles)



THE VILLAS OF AMELIA ISLAND

Tucked away between the beaches of the Atlantic and the Intracoastal Waterway, these privately owned condos feel like home away from home. Over 1,300 acres of secluded paradise and an unsurpassed resort experience await you. Whether you come to relax on our three and a half miles of private, uncrowded beach, to reconnect with nature in unspoiled surroundings, or whether you want to be pampered by our many luxury amenities — like championship golf, a full-service spa, fine dining and a renowned tennis center — Omni Villas of Amelia Island has something to offer you. Each villa comes with a full kitchen for your use during your stay, and has its own pool scape specifically for that Villa Complex. Please ensure to notate any specific bedding requirements in the comments section.

Click HERE to Reserve a Villa
or visit www.sacsconference.com
SACS Special Rates:
Oceanfront one BR villa - \$339
Oceanfront two BR villa - \$479
Oceanfront three BR villa - \$549
*Plus \$15 Nightly Resort Fee (and taxes)



REGISTRATION

Click HERE to Register to Attend the SACS 2023 Conference or visit www.sacsconference.com

If you have questions please contact barb@bhevents.net.

