

**SOUTH ATLANTIC CARDIOVASCULAR SOCIETY 49<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**2023**

**EXHIBITOR AND SPONSORSHIP  
INFORMATION**

**SACS**

**July 13-16, 2023**

**Omni Amelia Island, Fernandina Beach, FL**



# PLEASE JOIN US!

Our attendees are cardiac care professionals (surgeons, cardiologists, RNs, and APPS) and attendance has **MORE THAN DOUBLED** in the past two years.

# 200%+

**THIS CONFERENCE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS**  
**“A STIMULATING OPPORTUNITY FOR**  
**EXCHANGE OF CLINICAL EXPERIENCES**  
**AND KNOWLEDGE”**

**AND A “MUST-ATTEND MEETING.”**

Our 2022 Annual Conference had an  
**85% Industry Colleague Return Rate**  
from 2021.

# 85%

**COME HAVE A GREAT TIME WITH LIKE MINDS!**

# 100%

Representatives attending previous SACS meetings  
**ALL** agree they get more productive time with physicians  
in the conference's unique, relaxed meeting setting than  
they ever could during office hours.



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 Annual Meeting 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.



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ANNUAL MEETING DETAILS

We invite and encourage  
all of our sponsors and  
exhibitors to attend all  
educational sessions and  
social events.



The SACS Annual Meeting is an  
educational conference that features  
new and practical strategies related  
to the treatment of common and  
complex cardiovascular disease. Each  
year scientific information and timely  
topics are presented and debated in  
an interactive format.

Over the course of the three-day  
conference, participants and  
colleagues share knowledge, debate  
techniques and procedures, present  
case studies, and learn from one  
another in a relaxed, but never boring,  
open dialogue atmosphere.

Exhibitors and Sponsors are a critical  
component of our meeting. We invite  
and encourage you to attend all  
educational sessions and social events.  
Your participation is not limited to the  
exhibit hall! Share information on  
your products and services with some  
of the most influential cardiac care  
professionals from throughout the  
southeast. Be a part of the debate by  
attending the 2023 SACS Conference  
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EXHIBIT

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- Includes:
- ~ 6' table in exhibit space
  - ~ Six (6) attendee registrations (full participation at all conference events)
  - ~ Discounted rate of \$ 500 for additional attendees
  - ~ Recognition on SACS website
  - ~ Recognition in marketing newsletter, signage, and conference program
  - ~ Link to company's website from [www.sacsconference.com](http://www.sacsconference.com)

**GOLD SPONSORSHIP**  
Cost: \$ 10,000

- Includes:
- ~ 6' table in exhibit space
  - ~ Four (4) attendee registrations (full participation at all conference events)
  - ~ Discounted rate of \$ 750 for additional attendees
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**EXHIBIT**  
Cost: \$ 3,000

- Includes:
- ~ 6' table in exhibit space
  - ~ One (1) attendee registration (full participation at all conference events)
  - ~ Additional attendees at \$ 1,000 each
  - ~ Recognition in SACS website
  - ~ Recognition in marketing newsletter, signage, and conference program
  - ~ Link to company's website from [www.sacsconference.com](http://www.sacsconference.com)

All industry representatives are encouraged to attend the educational sessions and all group events.  
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**SACS BOARD LEADERS**

Board members play a key role in our annual conference and welcome input from Exhibitors and Sponsors.



**CHAIRMAN, SACS 2023**  
**LEORA YARBORO, MD**  
University of Virginia Heart & Vascular Center,  
Charlottesville, VA

Leora Yarboro, MD, serves as a Cardiac Surgeon at the University of Virginia Heart and Vascular Center. Dr. Yarboro completed her fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery at UVA and following that became a member of the cardiac surgeon team. Dr. Yarboro's work entails a high volume and variety of cases. Much of her work includes minimally invasive surgery, as well as mechanical circulatory assist device surgeries used in patients with advanced heart failure. She completed specialized training in Germany several years ago using new Ventricular Assist Device (VAD) technology.



**VICE CHAIRMAN, SACS 2023**  
**BILL DIXON, MD**  
Southern Medical Group, P.A.,  
Tallahassee, FL

Dr. Dixon attended Medical School at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He completed his Internship, Residency, and Fellowship at Brooke Army Medical Center in Fort Sam Houston, Texas. In addition, he completed an Interventional Cardiology Fellowship at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina.

His certifications include the American Board of Internal Medicine in Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Disease with added qualifications in Interventional Cardiology. He is also certified by the Board of Nuclear Cardiology.

He currently practices at Southern Medical Group, P.A., and holds privileges at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare.

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PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE AGENDA

Tentative; subject to change

THURSDAY, JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>

3:00pm –4:00pm

Steering Committee Meeting —  
Ossabaw

4:30pm –5:00pm

Meet and Greet with  
Exhibitors to kick off  
SACS 2023

Join us for a casual meet and greet  
in the foyer space with light  
refreshments while the fellows  
also showcase their posters  
Magnolia Foyer

5:00pm –6:30pm

Workshop: The Heart  
of the Matter

5:00pm –5:05pm

Welcome

Eileen Dearth, PA-C &  
Amy Simone, PA-C  
Magnolia E,F,G

5:05pm –5:20pm

Clinical Research Trials:  
Paving the Road for Future  
Therapies

Moderator: Leora Yarboro, MD  
Speaker: Vinod Thourani, MD

5:20pm –5:35pm

The Heart Team in Action:  
Electrophysiology in the  
Real World —

Moderator: Amy Simone, PA-C  
Panelists: Krista Allshouse, PA-C &  
Lora Raines, PA-C

5:40pm –6:30pm

Cases and Cocktails: Impact  
of the Heart Team —

Introduction: Eileen Dearth, PA-C  
1. Valvular Disease in Pregnancy -  
Amy Simone, PA-C  
2. Cardiology Case -  
Catherine Shah, NP  
3. Surgical Case -  
Tara Stump, PA-C

6:30pm –7:30pm

Opening Reception

Sunset Café / Terrace

FRIDAY, JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>

6:00am –5:30pm

Registration

Magnolia Foyer

6:00am –12:05pm

Industry Colleague Exhibits

Magnolia Foyer

6:00am –7:00am

Breakfast with Exhibitors

Magnolia Foyer

7:00am –7:05am

WELCOME

Leora Yarboro, MD  
Magnolia Ballroom E,F,G



PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE AGENDA

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9:35am - 10:05am

HOCM: Medical Workup  
and Treatment

Moderators: Dermot Phelan, MD &  
Olivia Gilbert, MD  
Speakers: Matt Martinez, MD &  
Michael Ayers, MD

10:05am –10:35am

HOCM: Cath/Surgical  
Management

Moderators: Don Glower, MD &  
Olivia Gilbert, MD  
Speakers: Mike Ragosta, MD &  
John Kern, MD

10:35am –11:05am

Innovations in Heart  
Transplant

Moderators: Leora Yarboro, MD &  
Mickey Ising, MD  
Speaker: Ezequiel Molina, MD

11:05am –11:35am

Adult Congenital Cases

Panelists: Curt Fudge, MD,  
Brian Kogon, MD, &  
Jay Gangemi, MD  
Speakers: Emily Downs, MD &  
Tom Maxey, MD

11:35am –12:05pm

Cath Lab Catastrophies

Moderator: Andy Taussig, MD  
Speakers: Angela Taylor, MD,  
Mike Ragosta, MD, &  
Bill Dixon, MD

1:00pm –6:00pm

Atrium Health SACS ACHD  
Symposium

Magnolia Ballroom E,F,G

1:00pm

Golf (must be registered)

Oak Marsh

1:30pm - 3:30pm

Pickleball

SACS has reserved two pickleball courts. We will  
have a pro from 1:30pm - 2:00pm to get games  
started (round robin format), then stay and play with  
fellow attendees!

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Tennis

6:00pm –8:30pm

Family Cookout at the Beach

Oceanside Beach



PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE AGENDA

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SATURDAY, JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>

6:00am –6:00pm

Registration

Magnolia Foyer

6:00am –12:10pm

Industry Colleague Exhibits

Magnolia Foyer

6:00am –7:00am

Breakfast with Exhibitors

Magnolia Foyer

WELCOME

Magnolia Ballroom E,F,G

7:00am –7:30am

Case Based

Cardiomyopathies

Moderator: Farooq Sheikh, MD

Speakers: Catherine Marti, MD & Anthony Carnicelli, MD

7:30am –8:15am

Complex Aortic Cases

Moderators: John Frederick, MD & Jorge Alegria, MD

Speakers: Alberto Pochettino, MD & Tom Martin, MD



8:15am –8:45am

Catheter based versus Surgical Management of Atrial Fibrillation in 2023

Moderator: Curtis Bryan, MD

Speakers: Brian Powell, MD & Christian Shults, MD

8:45am –9:15am

Management of the Left Atrial Appendage - Do No Harm

Moderator: Patrick Murrah, MD

Speakers: Eric Okum, MD & Jim Stewart, MD

9:15am –9:40am

Break with Exhibitors

Magnolia Foyer

9:40am –10:10am

Role of National Societies

Moderators: David Ike, MD & Leora Yarboro, MD

Speakers: Irv Kron, MD, John Calhoon, MD, Fred Kusumoto, MD, & Hadley Wilson, MD

10:10am –10:40am

Controversies in TAVR

Moderator: Bill Dixon, MD

Speakers: Kimberly Holst, MD & Thomas Caranasos, MD

10:40am –11:10am

Lifetime Management of Mitral Valve Disease

Moderators: Don Glower, MD & Kevin Accola, MD

Speakers: Daniel Steinberg, MD & Kenan Yount, MD

11:10am –11:40am

Women’s Heart Health – Case Based

Moderators: Kathy Economy, MD & Amy Simone, PA-C

Speakers: Esther Kim, MD & Patricia Rodriguez, MD

11:40am –12:10pm

Surgical Catastrophes

Moderator: Kevin Accola, MD

Speakers: Trent Magruder, MD, Sloane Guy, MD & Jared Beller, MD

1:00pm –6:00pm

Atrium Health SACS ACHD Symposium

Magnolia Ballroom E,F,G

1:30pm - 3:30pm

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SUNDAY, JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>

7:00am– 8:00am

Steering Committee Meeting

Ossabaw

7:30am –10:00am

Industry Colleague Exhibits

Magnolia Foyer

7:30am –10:00am

Coffee Break

Magnolia Foyer

8:00am –8:30am

Critical Care Cases: Perioperative Management of Antithrombotic Therapy

Moderator: Leora Yarboro, MD

Speaker: Jerrold Levy, MD

8:30am –9:30am

Case of the Year

9:30am –11:00am

Farewell Brunch

Ballroom A,B,C,D

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Tennis

6:30pm

ACHD Reception and Dinner

Sunrise Café / Terrace

6:30pm –10:00pm

Youth Party (must be pre-registered)

Magnolia D

7:00pm –10:00pm

Reception and Dinner

Walker’s Landing

Hotel shuttles will be transferring attendees to Walker’s Landing 6:45pm - 7:15pm at the Conference Center Parking Lot (just outside the Magnolia Ballroom Doors). If you are headed to the venue outside of these times, you can obtain a shuttle from the front drive of the hotel, or by dialing ‘0’ on your phone inside the villas. Shuttles will be available to return from Walker’s Landing starting at 9:30pm, or by letting a hotel associate know at the event if you need to head back earlier. Note: Parking is limited at Walker’s Landing.





2023 VENUE: OMNI AMELIA ISLAND

All SACS Housing is Ocean View!



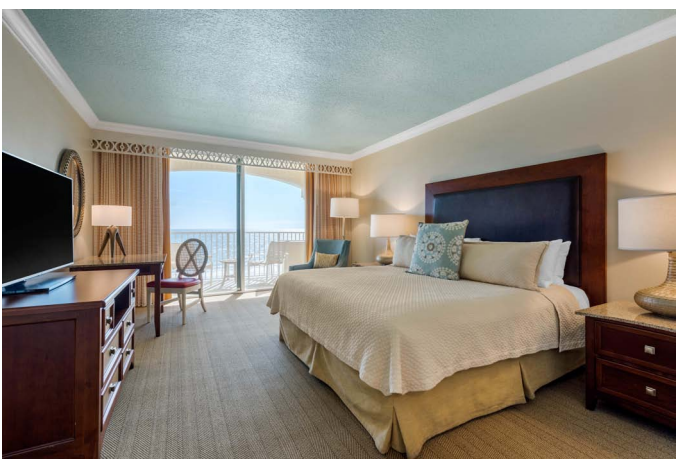
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We anticipate high demand again in 2023 so please book early for best rates.

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

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