



SOUTH
ATLANTIC
CARDIOVASCULAR
SOCIETY

PRESENTING
THE ANNUAL
**ATRIUM HEALTH
SACS ACHD
SYMPOSIUM**

July 17th-20th, 2025
KIAWAH ISLAND
GOLF RESORT, SC

2025





An Invitation From Our Co-Directors

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that the Organizing Committee extends an invitation to participate in the 5th Annual Atrium Health SACS ACHD Symposium, to be held July 17th – 20th, 2025, at beautiful Kiawah Island Resort on Kiawah Island, outside of Charleston, SC.

This year's symposium will address critical areas in the management of Adult Congenital Heart Disease, focusing on case-based presentations which will provide a platform for in-depth discussion and learning.

Topics will include:

1. Advanced Heart Failure Management in the ACHD Population with special focus on novel therapies pharmacologic and device therapies and the dysfunctional systemic RV.
2. Updates in Mechanical Support in the ACHD Population
3. Heart Transplantation in the Complex ACHD Population
4. Cardio-obstetrics in the ACHD Population
5. ACHD Program Development
6. Fontan Associated Liver Disease (FALD)

Each session is designed to be interactive, based on complex ACHD cases, encouraging the exchange of ideas, best practices, and innovative approaches among ACHD teams/providers and programs. Our goal is to enhance knowledge base, refine clinical skills, and foster a collaborative community dedicated to improving patient outcomes.

Kiawah Island is a beautiful barrier island located near Charleston. Between its pristine beaches and saltmarshes, miles of biking/running trails, and championship golf courses, Kiawah will provide an exquisite backdrop for our symposium – and a wonderful place for personal and family fun and relaxation.

We look forward to your presence and contributions at the 5th Annual Atrium Health SACS ACHD Symposium on Kiawah Island this summer!

Jorge Alegria, MD
Randy Bryant, MD
Michael G. Earing, MD
Alexander Ellis, MD
Arwa Saidi, MB

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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.

ACCREDITATION

In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by Amedco LLC and South Atlantic Cardiovascular Society (SACS). Amedco LLC 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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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 fifth-largest 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.

ANNUAL MEETING DETAILS

Our interactive format is unique to SACS and sets our conference apart from others.



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, open dialogue atmosphere.

This 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. 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 attendees. This format is unique to SACS and sets our conference apart from all the others. In addition, Exhibitors and Sponsors are invited and encouraged to attend all educational sessions and social events.



ATRIUM HEALTH SACS ACHD SYMPOSIUM PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Tentative; subject to change

FRIDAY, JULY 18TH

ATRIUM HEALTH
SACS ACHD SYMPOSIUM

12:00pm – 1:30pm
ACHD Luncheon

1:30pm – 1:35pm
Welcome

Jorge Alegria, MD &
Michael Earing, MD

1:35pm – 2:05pm
**ACHD: Not Everyone is a
Transplant Candidate — How I
Approach Medical Therapy for
the Systemic RV that's
Declining, plus Updates on
Novel Therapies**

Moderators: Angela Weingarten, MD,
Richard Krasuski, MD, &
Rusty Rodriguez, MD
Speaker: Daley Gregg, MD

2:05pm – 2:30pm
**Fontan Associated Liver Disease:
What's New in the Field**

Moderators: Alexander Ellis, MD,
Andrew Delemos, MD,
Mike Earing, MD, &
Mohammed Faluk, MD
Speaker: Matt Kappus, MD

2:30pm – 3:00pm
**ACHD Cases: Complex Heart
Failure Management (2 Cases)**

Moderators: David Bichell, MD,
John Rhodes, MD, Jorge Alegria, MD,
& Anne Marie Valente, MD
Speaker: Angela Weingarten, MD

3:00pm – 3:30pm
**Transplantation in the Failing
Fontan. Surgical Perspectives
and Pitfalls**

Moderators: Richard Krasuski, MD,
Matt Kappus, MD, Christian Pizzaro, MD,
& Douglas Overbey, MD
Speaker: David Bichell, MD

3:30pm – 3:45pm
Refreshment Break

3:45pm – 4:15pm
**The High Risk ACHD Heart
Transplant: When Should We
Say No...or Are There Other
Options?**

Moderators: Sumeet Vaikuh, MD,
Sangeeta Shah, MD, & Jorge Alegria, MD
Speaker: James Monaco, MD

4:15pm – 4:45pm
**Mechanical Support in ACHD
Heart Failure**

Moderators: James Fudge, MD,
Katia Bravo, MD,
Christian Pizarro, MD, &
Erika Wintering, NP
Speaker: Ziv Beckerman, MD

4:45pm – 5:30pm
**Building up a Robust
ACHD Team**

Moderators: Angela Weingarten, MD,
Rusty Rodriguez, MD, Arwa Saidi, MB,
& Ms Karla Deal
Speakers: Angela Whitlow, NP,
Katya Shpak, PA, & Josh Saef, MD

5:30pm
Closing Remarks
Michael Earing, MD &
Jorge Alegria, MD

SATURDAY, JULY 19TH

ATRIUM HEALTH
SACS ACHD SYMPOSIUM

12:00pm – 1:30pm
ACHD Luncheon

1:35pm – 1:40pm
Welcome

Arwa Saidi, MB & Alexander Ellis, MD

1:40pm – 2:00pm
Cardio OB Clinical Case

Moderators: Jorge Alegria, MD,
Frank Cetta, MD, Arwa Saidi, MB, &
Christina Thaler, MD
Speaker: Nina Morgan, MD

2:00pm – 2:45pm
**ACHD Cardio Obstetrics:
What Information do the
ACHD Team and MFM Teams
Need to Share?**

Moderators: Kelecia Brown, MD, &
Andrew Schwartz, MD
Speakers: Stephanie Gaydos, MD &
Kathy Economy, MD

2:45pm – 3:10pm
Refreshment Break

3:10pm – 3:45pm
**Cardio Obstetrics: Complex
ACHD Cardio OB Cases**

Moderators: Alexander Ellis, MD &
Jorge Alegria, MD
Speakers: Anne Marie Valente, MD &
Kathy Economy, MD

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3:45pm – 4:15pm

ACHD Cardio Obstetrics: The OB and Cardiac Anesthesia's Perspective: What Does Anesthesia NEED to KNOW From us and What do They FEAR?

Moderators: Anne Marie Valente, MD, Kathy Economy, MD, & Sangeeta Shah, MD
Speaker: Anthony Gregg, MD

4:15pm – 5:00pm

ACHD Cardio Obstetrics: Best Practices to Manage Arrhythmias in the Pregnant ACHD Patient

Moderators: Rebecca Pierce-Williams, DO, Mohamad Al-Mousily, MD, Ron Kanter, MD, & Randy Bryant, MD
Speaker: Manisha Shanbhag Patel, MD

5:00pm – 5:30pm

The Dilated Aorta in Pregnancy: High Risk Patients and Management Strategies

Moderators: Alexander Ellis, MD, Kathy Economy, MD, & Kalecia Brown, MD
Speaker: Michael Earing, MD

5:30pm – 6:00pm

The One ACHD Case That Taught Me the Most

Moderators: Jorge Alegria, MD, Arwa Saidi, MB & Douglas Overbey, MD
Speaker: Frank Cetta, MD

6:00pm

Closing Remarks

Randy Bryant, MD & Alexander Ellis, MD





2025 VENUE: KIAWAH ISLAND GOLF RESORT

ROOM SPECIFICS

To receive the discounted rate for SACS, please call 800-654-2924, booking ID number 18289, and state you are with the South Atlantic Cardiovascular Society OR click on the special link below to reserve: <https://kiawahresort.com/reservation-request/south-atlantic-cardiovascular-society-18289/>

We have the following room categories/rates:

(Please note that all villa properties vary but the following page shows an Ocean View Villa example.)

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Call 800-654-2924/booking ID number 18289 to book. (Or make notes in the online form and the hotel will contact you to discuss.)

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1BR Partial Ocean View Villa: \$379 + tax + 9% daily resort fee

2BR Ocean View Villa: \$659 + tax + 9% daily resort fee

2BR Partial Ocean View Villa: \$569 + tax + 9% daily resort fee



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REGISTRATION

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