

SACS

2025

SOUTH  
ATLANTIC  
CARDIOVASCULAR  
SOCIETY

**PRESENTING  
THE SACS  
ANNUAL MEETING**

July 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
KIAWAH ISLAND  
GOLF RESORT, SC





## An Invitation From Our Chair

On behalf of the Steering Committee for the South Atlantic Cardiovascular Society (SACS), I invite you to join us at Kiawah Island Resort, South Carolina, July 17th – 20th, 2025, for the 51st Annual Meeting.

Our meeting brings together specialists from the Southeast and beyond in the cardiovascular field to discuss and debate challenging clinical cases in a relaxed setting. Leaders and innovators will present cases and facilitate discussions so that we may learn from one another's successes and failures.

Hot topics for 2025 include, but are not limited to, high performance throughout your career by a former Navy Seal, sports cardiology, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, valuation therapies for treating myocardial bridging, and novel therapies for endovascular treatment of the aortic arch.

We also have a keynote speech by Dr. Joseph Sabik from the Cleveland Clinic.

New this year, we will have a hands-on/skills/demonstration area set up for physicians & APPs to have one on one training time w/our industry partners.

Outside of the educational sessions, the social activities are a very important part of the conference, providing opportunities for families to come together in a relaxed, laid-back setting.

These will include our traditional golf tournament with prizes, Friday night Mingo Point BBQ, Saturday dinner and dancing at Sanctuary Hotel and Sunday Family Brunch.

As we approach our 51st year, it's amazing to see how much SACS has grown and evolved but stayed true to the belief that learning from one another is what makes us all successful. Our format is engaging, interactive and refreshing. It's a meeting my family and I look forward to each year as we have built lasting relationships at this conference. I hope you will make plans to join us this year at Kiawah.

Parijat Didolkar, MD  
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Parijat Didolkar, MD is a board-certified cardiothoracic surgeon in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Dr. Didolkar has extensive experience in Aortic Aneurysm or Dissection. He received his medical degree from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Didolkar then completed his residency and fellowship from Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis, Indiana.



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Dr. Johnson is a practicing structural and interventional cardiologist at Piedmont-Augusta Hospital. He is also the medical director of the Piedmont-Augusta Heart Institute. He attended the University of Notre Dame for undergraduate and Georgetown University for medical school. He completed Internal Medicine residency at the University of Virginia. He then competed General Cardiology, Interventional Cardiology and Structural Cardiology fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic. He lives in Augusta, Georgia with his wife and four children.

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# 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.

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# SACS CONFERENCE PRELIMINARY AGENDA

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## THURSDAY, JULY 17<sup>TH</sup>

3:00pm – 4:00pm

**Steering Committee Meeting**

4:30pm – 5:30pm

**Meet and Greet with Exhibitors to Kick off SACS 2025**

5:30pm – 6:30pm

**APP Session**

Speakers: Eileen Dearth, PA and Madhuree Earnshaw, PA-C

6:30pm – 7:30pm

**Opening Reception**

8:05am – 8:35am

**New Tools in the Toolbox: Coronary IVL and Drug Coated Balloon**

Moderator: Brian Blaker, MD  
Speaker: Katherine Kunkel, MD

8:35am – 9:05am

**LAA Closure: How to Choose the Right Device**

Moderator: Jim Stewart, MD  
Speakers: Garrison Morgan, MD & Sandeep Goyal, MD

9:05am – 9:35am

**Break with Exhibitors**

9:35am – 9:55am

**The New Kids on the Block: Heart Failure/SGL2&GLP1**

Moderator(s): TBD  
Speaker: Jeff Weeden, PA-C

9:55am – 10:40am

**Surgical Disasters: What Would You Do Differently?**

Moderators: Kevin Accola, MD & John Kern, MD  
Speakers: Nick Pope, MD, Trent Magruder & Heather Palomino, MD

10:40am – 11:05am

**Not Letting AF Leave the OR: The Importance of Treating Atrial Fibrillation at the Time of Surgery**

Moderator: John Spratt, MD  
Speaker: John Ofenloch, MD

11:05am – 11:35am

**VAD. Social Determinants of Mechanical Circulatory Support**

Moderator: Ahmad Zeeshan, MD  
Speakers: Meagan Griffith, APP & TBD

11:35am – 12:20pm

**Physician Longevity: Maintaining Performance on the Back Nine**

Moderator: Don Glower, MD  
Speaker: Mr. Brian Ferguson

## SATURDAY, JULY 19<sup>TH</sup>

6:00am – 7:00am

**Breakfast with Exhibitors**

7:05am – 7:35am

**Myocardial Bridge (Management and Approach)**

Moderator: Curtis Bryan, MD  
Speakers: Sloane Guy, MD & Glen Henry, MD

7:35am – 8:20am

**What I Would Have Done Differently in the Cath Lab**

Moderator: Michael Johnson, MD  
Speakers: Jimmy Kerrigan, MD; Michael Chenier, MD & Carson Keck, MD

8:20am – 8:50am

**TR /Structural Therapies**

Moderator: Robert Leonardi, MD  
Speakers: Jim Stewart, MD & Nick Amoroso, MD

8:50am – 9:20am

**Break with Exhibitors**

## FRIDAY, JULY 18<sup>TH</sup>

6:00am – 7:00am

**Breakfast with Exhibitors**

7:00am – 7:05am

**Welcome**

Speaker: Parijat Didolkar, MD

7:05am – 7:35am

**Coronary Disease – DTU: Unloading the LV**

Moderator: Bill Dixon, MD  
Speaker: Pablo Rengifo, MD

7:35am – 8:05am

**Anatomy vs Physiology in the Cath Lab: When and Why?**

Moderator: Jonathan Schwartz, MD  
Speaker: John Lisko, MD



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**SUNDAY, JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>**

9:20am – 9:50am

## HCM

Moderator: Matthew Martinez, MD

Speaker: Michael Ayers, MD

9:50am – 10:20am

## Sports Cardiology

Moderator: David Ike, MD

Speaker: Matthew Martinez, MD

10:20am – 10:50am

## Early TAVR / Management of AS

Moderators: Vinod Thourani, MD & Eileen Dearth, PA-C

Speaker: Hazim El-Haddad, MD

10:50am – 11:20am

## Aortic Arch Stenting

Moderator: Parijat Didolkar, MD

Speaker: Sanford Zeigler, MD

11:20am – 12:05pm

## Keynote Talk: Management of Coronary Disease in 2030 – The Evolution of Treatment Paradigm

Moderators: Parijat Didolkar, MD & Michael Johnson, MD

Speaker: Joe Sabik, MD

9:00am – 10:00am

## Case of the Year

9:30am – 11:00am

## Farewell Brunch

7:00am – 8:00am

## Steering Committee Meeting

7:30am – 10:00am

## Break with Exhibitors

8:00am – 8:30am

## Valve in Valve

Moderator: Jonathan Schwartz, MD

Speaker: TBD

8:30am – 9:00am

## DCD Organ Procurement/ Transplant

Moderator: Arman Kilic, MD

Speakers: Jeff Keenan, MD &

Ezequiel Molina, MD









# 2025 VENUE: KIAWAH ISLAND GOLF RESORT

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