

SACS

2026

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

**FOR THE 52ND ANNUAL SACS MEETING AND THE
5TH ANNUAL ADVOCATE HEALTH SACS ACHD SYMPOSIUM**

July 16th-19th, 2026
OMNI AMELIA ISLAND RESORT, FL



SOUTH ATLANTIC CARDIOVASCULAR SOCIETY

THIS CONFERENCE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS
“A STIMULATING OPPORTUNITY
FOR EXCHANGE OF CLINICAL
EXPERIENCES AND KNOWLEDGE”
AND A “MUST-ATTEND MEETING.”

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

All industry representatives
are encouraged to attend
the educational sessions
and all group events.

Please join us!

REVIEWS

“If I can only make one conference for the year it’s this one!”

“The SACS meeting offers an incredible opportunity to engage in a relaxed environment with the Southeast top health care providers.”

“This meeting is always productive and enjoyable.”

“As a vendor, this conference has provided a unique opportunity to partner with physicians in supporting their patients needs thru awareness and innovation in a personal setting.”



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



SPONSORSHIP LEVEL OPPORTUNITIES



TITANIUM

TITANIUM SPONSORSHIP

Cost: \$ 20,000

- Three tables in exhibit space
- Eight (8) attendee registrations (full participation at all conference events)
- Discounted rate of \$ 500 for additional attendees
- Logo on website, signage, marketing newsletter to potential attendees



PLATINUM

PLATINUM SPONSORSHIP

Cost: \$ 15,000

- Table in exhibit space
- Six (6) attendee registrations (full participation at all conference events)
- Discounted rate of \$ 625 for additional attendees
- Logo on website, signage, marketing newsletter to potential attendees



GOLD

GOLD SPONSORSHIP

Cost: \$ 10,000

- Table in exhibit space
- Four (4) attendee registrations (full participation at all conference events)
- Discounted rate of \$ 750 for additional attendees
- Logo on website, signage, marketing newsletter to potential attendees



EXHIBIT

EXHIBIT

Cost: \$ 5,000

- Table in exhibit space
- Two (2) attendee registrations (full participation at all conference events)
- Additional attendees at \$ 1,000 each



HANDS-ON
DEMO TABLES

HANDS-ON / DEMO SKILLS TABLE

\$ 5,000 (in addition to one of the levels above)

- Demonstration/skills/hands-on session at SACS designated dates/times
Set-up in foyer
- Includes 2 additional representatives, spots are limited

** EDUCATIONAL GRANTS are greatly appreciated. If SACS may be eligible for any grants from your organization please contact Heather Mahaffey with details: heather@sacsconference.com.



SACS 2026 CHAIRS



**CHAIRMAN,
SACS 2026
MICHAEL JOHNSON, MD**
Piedmont Heart
Institute — Augusta
Augusta, GA

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 completed General Cardiology, Interventional Cardiology and Structural Cardiology fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic. He lives in Augusta, Georgia with his wife and four children.



**CO-CHAIRMAN,
SACS 2026
JOHN FREDERICK, MD**
Sanger Heart and
Vascular – Charlotte
Charlotte, NC

Dr. Frederick is a practicing cardiac surgeon with specialty expertise in complex aortic surgery at the Sanger Heart and Vascular Institute in Charlotte, North Carolina where he serves as the Co-director of the Aortic Center and Chief of the Division of Cardiovascular Surgery. He attended the University of Texas for both undergraduate and medical school, and completed his surgical training at the University of Pennsylvania.

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APP 2026 CHAIRS



**CHAIRWOMAN,
APP 2026
EILEEN DEARTH, PA-C
UVA Health
Charlottesville, VA**

Eileen Dearth is a practicing cardiovascular Physician Assistant at UVA Health. Her primary clinical role is surgical, in the operating room. She also serves as the APP manager for the ambulatory, inpatient step-down unit and operating room teams. She attended Syracuse University for undergraduate and James Madison University for PA school.



**CO-CHAIRWOMAN,
APP 2026
MADHUREE EARNSHAW, PA-C
Piedmont Heart Institute
Atlanta, GA**

Madhuree Earnshaw is an accomplished cardiac surgery Physician Assistant currently practicing at the Piedmont Heart Institute, part of Piedmont Healthcare. In her clinical role, she provides comprehensive care across the full spectrum of cardiac surgery, including inpatient management, outpatient services, clinic responsibilities, and operative support in the OR.

She serves as the lead Physician Assistant for one of the busiest cardiac surgeons at Piedmont, Dr. Vinod Thourani, demonstrating leadership, advanced clinical expertise, and a strong commitment to delivering exceptional patient outcomes.

She earned her bachelor's degree from Emory University and went on to complete her Master's degree in Physician Assistant studies at Quinnipiac University. Her career began in nursing within cardiac surgery, and she has remained dedicated to the field throughout her professional journey.

Outside of her career, she is a proud parent of twins, who are her greatest source of inspiration.

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.

2025 CONFERENCE SUPPORTERS

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SACS CONFERENCE PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Tentative; subject to change

THURSDAY, JULY 16TH

4:30pm – 5:30pm
Meet and Greet with Exhibitors

5:00pm – 6:30pm
APP Cases
Eileen Dearth, PA-C & Madhuree C. Earnshaw, PA-C

FRIDAY, JULY 17TH

6:00am – 7:00am
Breakfast with Exhibitors

7:00am – 7:05am
WELCOME
Michael Johnson, MD

7:05am – 7:45am
Surgical and Transcatheter Strategies for MAC
Moderator: Kenan Yount, MD
Speakers: Leora Yarboro, MD; Vinod Thourani, MD & John Saxon, MD

7:45am – 8:15am
Cath Lab Disasters
Moderators: Nyal Borges, MD & Terence Hill, MD
Speakers: Ryan Crisel, MD & Ben Holland, MD;

8:15am – 8:45am
Order of Operations: Transcatheter Management of Polyvalvular Disease
Moderators: Jonathan Schwartz, MD & John R. Spratt, MD
Speakers: Matt Summers, MD & John Lisko, MD

8:45am – 9:15am
Contemporary Management of Surgical Maze Procedure & LA Closure
Moderators: Newton Wiggins, MD & Michael Hoosien, MD
Speaker: Trent Magruder, MD

9:15am – 9:45am
Break with Exhibitors

9:45am – 10:15am
Peri-operative use of MCS in Cardiac Surgery
Moderators: Leora Yarboro, MD & Ezekiel Molina, MD
Speaker: Jack Haney, MD

10:15am – 10:45am
Ross versus Mechanical AVR in Patients < 55-year-old
Moderators: John Frederick, MD & TBD
Speaker: Jared Beller, MD

10:45am – 11:15am
Evaluation of Pathologic Left Ventricular Hypertrophy
Moderator: Chris Kramer, MD
Speaker: Deepa Upadhyaya, MD

11:15am – 11:45am
The Science Behind Endurance Athletics
Moderators: Pascha Schafer, MD & TBD
Speaker: Dave Anderson, MD

11:45am – 12:15pm
Beyond ISR: Novel Uses of Drug Coated Balloon
Moderators: Nyal Borges, MD & John Lisko, MD
Speaker: Bill Nicholson, MD

1:00pm – 6:00pm
Advocate Health SACS ACHD Symposium

SATURDAY, JULY 18TH

6:00am – 7:00am
Breakfast with Exhibitors

7:00am – 7:05am
WELCOME

7:05am – 7:35am
Lead Management in the Era of Transcatheter Tricuspid Valve Therapies
Moderators: Newton Wiggins, MD; Michael Hoosien, MD & Matt Summers, MD
Speaker: Jimmy Stewart, MD

7:35am – 8:05am
Surgical Disasters
Moderators: Parijat Didolkar, MD & Curtis Bryan, MD
Speakers: Eric Pruitt, MD & David Hobson, MD

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8:05am – 8:35am
Bioprosthetic vs Mechanical AVR in 55–65-year-old Population
Moderators: John Frederick, MD & Jared Beller, MD
Speaker: John R. Spratt, MD

8:35am – 9:05am
Managing Acute Right Heart Failure: Axial Flow vs ECMO vs Medical Management
Moderators: Ezequiel Molina, MD & Madhuree Earnshaw, PA-C
Speaker: Ahmad Zeeshan, MD

9:05am – 9:35am
Break with Exhibitors

9:35am – 10:05am
Preventive Cardiology for the Cardiologist
Moderators: Pascha Shafer, MD & David Ike, MD
Speaker: Nishant Shah, MD

10:05am – 10:35am
Current State of TAVR Explant
Moderators: Vinod Thourani, MD & Eileen Dearth, PA-C
Speaker: Kenan Yount, MD

10:35am – 11:05am
TBD
Moderators: TBD
Speakers: TBD

11:05am – 11:30am
The SACS Experience: Perspective from Dr. Kevin Accola
Moderators: David Ike, MD & Ray Johnson, MD
Speaker: Kevin Accola, MD

11:30am – 12:15pm
Keynote Address from ACC President Chris Kramer, MD
Moderators: Michael Johnson, MD & John Frederick, MD
Speaker: Chris Kramer, MD

1:00pm – 5:20pm
Advocate Health SACS ACHD Symposium

SUNDAY, JULY 19TH

7:30am – 10:00am
Break with Exhibitors

8:00am – 8:30am
Management of Early Valve Failure in Low Risk TAVR Patients
Moderators: Hannah Woodard, NP & Jimmy Stewart, MD
Speaker: Jonathan Schwartz, MD

8:30am – 9:00am
Optimal Imaging Strategies for Patients with Multivalvular Heart Disease
Moderator: Deepa Upadhyaya, MD
Speaker: James McNamara, MD

9:00am – 10:00am
Case of the Year

9:30am – 11:00am
Farewell Brunch



ADVOCATE HEALTH SACS ACHD SYMPOSIUM

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FRIDAY, JULY 17TH

12:20pm – 1:20pm
Lunch Symposium

1:20pm – 1:25pm
Welcome
Jorge Alegria, MD &
Michael Earing, MD

1:25pm – 1:50pm
ALCAPA in the Adult
Speaker: Frank Cetta, MD
(Advocate Chicago)
Moderators: Thomas Maxey, MD
(Sanger/Levine) &
Jorge Alegria, MD (Sanger/Levine)

1:50pm – 2:20pm
Perioperative Risk in Adults
with Congenital Heart Disease
Undergoing Cardiac Surgery
Speakers: Fernando Baraona, MD
(BACH) & Chris Valle, MD (BACH)
Moderators: James Monaco, MD
(Advocate Chicago);
Angela Weingarten, MD (Vanderbilt)
& Ziv Beckerman, MD (Vanderbilt)

2:20pm – 2:50pm
Robotic Cardiac Surgery for
Congenital Heart Defects
Speaker: Mac Felmy, MD (MUSC)
Moderators: Pedro del Nido, MD
(Boston) & David Bichell, MD
(Vanderbilt)

2:50pm – 3:00pm
Refreshment Break

3:00pm – 3:30pm
Arrhythmia Management & ICD
Use in ACHD
Speaker: Frank Zimmerman, MD
(Advocate Chicago)
Moderators: Ron Kanter, MD
(Nicklaus Children's Hospital) &
Mohammed Al-Mousily, MD (UF)

3:30pm – 4:00pm
Complex Ascending Aorta
Replacement in ACHD
Speaker: Luca Vricella, MD
(Advocate Chicago)
Moderators: Matt Lisi, MD (Wake
Forest); John Frederick, MD
(Sanger) & Umar Boston, MD (UVA)

4:00pm – 4:25pm
Device and Ablation Strategies
in Complex ACHD Patients
Speaker: Mitch Cohen, MD (NOVA)
Moderators: Mohammed
Al-Mousily, MD (UF) &
Frank Fish, MD (Vanderbilt)

4:25pm – 4:50pm
Should all TOF Patients Have
EP Study Prior to PVR?
Speaker: Ron Kanter, MD (Nicklaus
Children's Hospital)
Moderators: Frank Fish, MD
(Vanderbilt); Mike Earing, MD
(Advocate Chicago) &
Alexander Ellis, MD (Children's
Hospital of The King's Daughters)

4:50pm – 5:00pm
Brief Break

5:00pm – 5:30pm
ACHD Cardio Obstetrics
Speakers: TBA
Moderators: Arwa Saidi, MB (UF);
Andrew Schwartz, MD (Levine/
Sanger) & Alexander Ellis, MD
(Children's Hospital of the King's
Daughters)

5:30pm – 5:35pm
Closing Remarks
Jorge Alegria, MD



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SATURDAY, JULY 18TH

12:15pm – 1:15pm
Lunch Symposium

1:20pm – 1:25pm
Welcome

Arwa Saidi, MB (UF) &
Alexander Ellis, MD (Children's
Hospital of The King's Daughters)

1:25pm – 2:10pm
Thinking Differently About
the Fontan Procedure

Speaker: Pedro del Nido, MD
(Boston Children's Hospital)
Moderators: David Bichell, MD
(Vanderbilt); Thomas Maxey, MD
(Sanger/Levine) &
Umar Boston, MD (UVA)

2:10pm – 3:00pm
Transplantation in the Adult
Fontan – Lessons Learned

Speakers: David Bichell, MD
(Vanderbilt) & Ziv Beckerman, MD
(Vanderbilt)
Moderators: Luca Vricella, MD
(Advocate Chicago); Alexander
Ellis, MD (Children's Hospital of The
King's Daughters) & Mike Earing,
MD (Advocate Chicago)

3:00pm – 3:10pm
Refreshment Break

3:10pm – 3:30pm
Interesting ACHD Case

Speakers: Christina Thaler, MD
(Emory) & Rusty Rodriguez, MD
(Emory)
Moderators: Richard Krasuski, MD
(Duke) & Benjamin Peeler, MD
(Ochsner)

3:30pm – 4:00pm
Role of Endovascular
Interventions in Congenital
Aortic Arch Anomalies

Speaker: Frank Arko, MD (Sanger)
Moderators: Ranjan Banerjee, MD
(Sanger/Levine); Luca Vricella, MD
(Advocate Chicago) &
Andrew Schwartz, MD (Levine/
Sanger)

4:00pm – 4:30pm
ACHD EP: Abandon or
Extract?: Lead Management
in ACHD, a Case-Based
Approach

Speaker: Mohammed
Al-Mously, MD (UF)
Moderators: Mitch Cohen, MD
(INOVA) & Frank Zimmerman, MD
(Advocate Chicago)

4:30pm – 5:00pm
Transvenous and Leadless
Pacing in the Extracardiac
Fontan

Speaker: Frank Fish, MD (Vanderbilt)
Moderators: Alexander Ellis, MD
(Children's Hospital of The King's
Daughters); Ron Kanter, MD
(Nicklaus Children's Hospital) &
Frank Zimmerman, MD (Advocate
Chicago)

5:00pm – 5:10pm
Brief Break

5:10pm – 5:40pm
What's New in EP? New
Devices and Technologies
in Congenital/ACHD EP
(Case-Based Presentation)

Speaker: Mitch Cohen, MD (INOVA)
Moderators: Angela Weingarten, MD
(Vanderbilt);
Richard Krasuski, MD (Duke) &
Frank Fish, MD (Vanderbilt)

5:40pm
Closing Remarks

Jorge Alegria, MD (Sanger Heart &
Vascular Institute, Levine Children's
Hospital, Atrium Health)
Michael Earing, MD (Advocate
Chicago) & Thomas Maxey, MD
(Sanger/Levine)

2026 VENUE: OMNI AMELIA ISLAND RESORT

To receive the discounted rate for SACS, you can use the booking links below OR you may call the Reservations Desk at 1-800-843-6664 and state you are with the South Atlantic Cardiovascular Society Meeting.

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Resort View One-Bedroom Villa
Resort View Two-Bedroom Villa
Resort View Three-Bedroom Villa

Please make your housing reservations as soon as possible. The deadline is June 23, 2026, but we expect our block to sell out before then.

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