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2026

SOUTH ATLANTIC CARDIOVASCULAR SOCIETY
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ADVOCATE HEALTH SACS ACHD SYMPOSIUM
July 16th-19th, 2026
OMNI AMELIA ISLAND RESORT, FL





AN INVITATION FROM THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR ACHD

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that the Organizing Committee invites you to participate in the 6th Annual Advocate Health SACS ACHD Symposium, to be held July 17–18, 2026, at the beautiful Omni Amelia Island Resort in Amelia Island, Florida.

This year's symposium will focus on critical and evolving areas in the care of adults with congenital heart disease, featuring case-based, interactive sessions designed to stimulate discussion, deepen clinical understanding, and support multidisciplinary collaboration.

Featured topics for 2026 include:

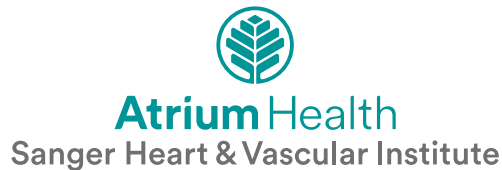
- ACHD Electrophysiology
- ACHD High-Risk Surgery

Each session will center around complex ACHD cases that highlight real-world challenges and evolving best practices. Our goal is to enhance clinical expertise, strengthen team-based approaches, and foster a collaborative community committed to improving outcomes for adults with congenital heart disease.

We look forward to your presence and contributions at the 6th Annual Advocate Health SACS ACHD Symposium on Amelia Island in 2026!

Jorge Alegria, MD (Chairman)
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.



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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),
Andrew Schwartz, MD (Levine
Congenital Heart Center) & Ben
Frischhertz, MD (Vanderbilt)

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) &
Mohammed Faluk, MD

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) & Jordan Awerbach, MD
(Levine Congenital Heart Center)

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

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