



Dear Healthcare Education Supporter,

On behalf of the Mayo Clinic Department of Cardiology, I am pleased to announce our "**Basic to Advanced Echocardiography**" course that will be held May 12-15, 2026 at The Omni Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC. The symposium is designed for adult cardiologists, cardiovascular surgeons, cardiac fellows, anesthesiologists, and cardiac sonographers who have experience and knowledge of echocardiography. Anticipated attendance is around 125-150.

The course will begin with a discussion of echocardiographic assessment of left and right ventricular function, including presentations on diastolic function and strain imaging for assessing myocardial function. We will then discuss a broad range of disease states for which echocardiography is useful, including ischemic heart disease, valvular heart disease, pericardial disease, and cardiomyopathies. The presentations will include basic concepts as well as advanced techniques including 3-D imaging and strain imaging. Throughout the course many cases will be presented.

Upon the conclusion of the course, participants should be able to:

- Apply Doppler principles and hemodynamics to the assessment of valvular heart disease
- Use 2-D, Doppler and strain methods to assess myocardial function
- Illustrate the appropriate use of echo Doppler in myocardial and pericardial disease
- Describe the utility of echocardiography, including 3-D transesophageal echocardiography, for the interventional practice
- Integrate echocardiography into the diagnosis and management of heart failure
- Recognize clinical applications of stress echocardiography

We would like to encourage your support for an exhibit in the amount of \$2,500. Along with the signed letter of agreement, checks can be made payable to **Mayo Clinic** (Federal ID #41-6011702) and mailed to the attention of: Sheila Fick, 200 First St. SW/SN 03-302CE, Rochester, MN 55905. **In addition, ultrasound companies wishing to participate in the live scanning sessions will need to complete the attached in-kind.**

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- *This payment will be reported where applicable to meet Federal and State Sunshine Disclosure laws*

If you have any questions about our program or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 507-261-8178 or e-mail: [fick.sheila@mayo.edu](mailto:fick.sheila@mayo.edu)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sheila Fick'.

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**THIS FORM FOR LIVE SCANNING PARTICIPANTS ONLY**



**MAYO CLINIC COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND SCIENCE  
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WRITTEN AGREEMENT FOR COMMERCIAL SUPPORT**

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**Title of CME Activity:** Basic to Advanced Echocardiography

**Activity Location:** The Omni Grove Park Inn – Asheville, NC **Activity Date(s):** May 12-15, 2026

**Name of Commercial Interest:** \_\_\_\_\_

Company name denoted above will be reflected within our recognition materials

**Estimated Value of In-kind Contribution:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**If in-kind equipment is being provided, identify the type of contribution (check all that apply):**

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- ☐ Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

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In-kind equipment will need to be shipped to: \_\_\_\_\_

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Representative name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Independence

1. This activity is for scientific and educational purposes only and will not promote any specific proprietary business interest of the Commercial Interest.
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5. All commercial support associated with this activity will be given with the full knowledge and approval of the Accredited Provider. No other payments shall be given to the director of the activity, planning committee members, teachers or authors, joint sponsor, or any others involved with the supported activity.
6. The Accredited Provider will upon request, furnish the Commercial Interest documentation detailing the receipt and expenditure of the commercial support.
7. Educational grant funds will not be used for food and beverage, faculty expenses, honoraria, or entertainment.

### Commercial Promotion

8. Product-promotion material or product-specific advertisement of any type is prohibited in or during the CME activity. The juxtaposition of editorial and advertising material on the same products or subjects is not allowed. Live or enduring promotional activities must be kept separate from the CME activity. Promotional materials cannot be displayed or distributed in the education space immediately before, during or after a CME activity. Commercial Interests may not engage in sales or promotional activities while in the space or place of the CME activity.
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11. Commercial Interest representatives, who may be at the symposium, if requested, must sign a confidentiality agreement prior to participating in the educational activity.

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