

Foundations in Cardiology Practice

April 13-16, 2026 • Hilton Austin • Austin TX

Sunday, April 12, 2026

4 – 5:30 p.m. **Registration**

Monday, April 13, 2026

6:30 a.m. **Registration and Continental Breakfast - Bacara Ballroom Foyer**

8:00 a.m. **Welcome and Opening Comments**
Course Directors

Foundations in Cardiovascular Disease Assessment

Moderators: Michelle L. Alland, APRN, AGACNP-BC, MSN & Dan Sorajja, MD

8:15 a.m. **Cardiovascular Physical Exam: Tips and Tricks**
Leslie Janik, APRN

8:40 a.m. **ECG Interpretation 101**
Emily Rueter, PA-C, MS

9:05 a.m. **Interesting Cases: What Can Echo Do For You & Interpreting the Echo Report**
Praj Reddy, MD

9:30 a.m. **Introduction to Other Imaging Modalities**
Brian Shapiro, MD

9:55 a.m. **Questions and Answers**
Drs. Reddy, Shapiro and Ms. Janik and Ms. Rueter

10:10 a.m. **Refreshment Break | Visit Exhibits**

Ischemic Heart Disease

Moderators: Melanie Blair, APRN & Pragnesh Parih, MD

10:30 a.m. **Interpreting the Coronary Angiogram**
Justine Reuter, PA-C, MS

10:45 a.m. **Acute Coronary Syndrome**
Charles Cannan, MD

11:10 a.m. **Complications of Myocardial Infarction**
Michael Gharacholou, MD, MS

11:35 a.m. **Management of Chronic Coronary Disease**
Charles Cannan, MD

- 12:00 p.m. **Myocardial Infarction with Non-Obstructive Coronary Arteries (MINOCA): Case Studies** (SCAD, Vasospasm/Endothelial Dysfunction, Etc.)
Michael Gharacholou, MD, MS
- 12:25 p.m. **Questions and Answers**
Drs. Cannan, Gharacholou, and Ms. Reuter
- 12:40 p.m. **Lunch (provided)**

Special Topics

Moderators: Paul M. McKie, MD & Emily Rueter, PA-C

- 1:30 p.m. **Healthy Living: How Not to Die**
Fred Kusumoto, MD
- 1:35 p.m. **Should Everyone Be On GLP-1?**
Kyla Lara-Breitinger, MD
- 2:20 p.m. **Cardio-Obstetrics: Navigating Cardiovascular Health in Pregnancy**
David Majdalany, MD
- 2:45 p.m. **Preoperative Evaluation for Non-Cardiac Surgery: Pearls from the Guidelines**
Brian Shapiro, MD
- 3:10 p.m. **Questions and Answers**
Drs. Kusumoto, Lara-Breitinger, Majdalany, and Shapiro
- 3:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

- 7:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**
- 7:30 a.m. **Early Bird:**
Cardiovascular Clues: Key Physical Signs You Shouldn't Miss
Leslie Janik, APRN and Melanie Blair, APRN
Note: Keep Interactive – Rapid Fire Physical Findings

Heart Rhythm I

Moderators: Paul M. McKie, MD & Emily Rueter, PA-C

- 8:00 a.m. **Wide Complex Tachycardia Interpretation**
Win-Kuang Shen, MD
- 8:25 a.m. **Ambulatory Monitoring 101 and 911 Monitoring**
Dan Sorajja, MD
- 8:50 a.m. **Atrial Fibrillation: Pearls on Rate and Rhythm Control**
Fred Kusumoto, MD
- 9:15 a.m. **Stroke Prevention for Atrial Fibrillation: Anticoagulation and LAAO**
Dan Sorajja, MD

9:40 a.m. **Questions and Answers**
Drs. Shen, Sorajja, and Kusumoto

10:00 a.m. **Refreshment Break | Visit Exhibits**

Heart Rhythm II

Moderators: Melanie Blair, APRN & Pragnesh Parikh, MD

10:20 a.m. **Syncope: When to Worry and What do the Guidelines Tell Us?**
Win-Kuang Shen, MD

10:45 a.m. **Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS)**
Dan Sorajja, MD

11:10 a.m. **Basics of Pacemakers: Case Base Approached**
Fred Kusumoto, MD

11:35 a.m. **Illustrative Case: Ablation and Post-Ablation Care**
TBD

11:50 a.m. **Questions and Answers**
Drs. Shen, Sorajja, Kusumoto

12:15 p.m. **Working Lunch** – Pick-up Lunch – Return to General Session

12:30 p.m. **Illustrative Cases: Cases in Daily Practice**
1. Cardioversion – When 200 Juls is Not Enough Dr. Sorajja
2. Anitcoagulation – GI Bleed Dr. Kusumoto
3. How Many Shocks is Too Many (ICD)? Dr. Shen

1:00 p.m. **Concurrent Breakouts**
Select 1 breakout to meet your learning needs:

Room: General Session	Room: Salon II
Lifestyle Interventions & Hypertension Management Drs. Lara-Bretinger & Reddy	Incorporating Point-of-Care-Ultrasound (POCUS) into Practice: Tips & Tricks Michelle L. Alland, APRN, AGACNP-BC, MSN

1:50 p.m. **Adjourn**

Optional Workshop: Point-of-Care (POCUS)

Hands-On Session | 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Scan Station	Faculty	Faculty
Parasternal LAX	Dr. Parikh	Dr. P. Reddy
Parasternal SAX	Dr. Shipman	Dr. Majdalany
Subcostal	Dr. Lara-Bretinger	Dr. Luis
Apical 4-Chamber	Dr. Shapiro	

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

7:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

7:30 a.m. **Early Bird:**
Heart Failure: Definitions and Nomenclature
Paul McKie, MD

Heart Failure I

Moderators: Michelle L. Alland, APRN, AGACNP-BC, M.S.N. & Paul M. McKie, MD

7:45 a.m. **Approach to Working Up a Patient with New Systolic Heart Failure**
Jackson Hermanson, PA-C

8:10 a.m. **Foundations of Systolic Heart Failure Management**
Shannon Dunlay, MD

8:35 a.m. **Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction (HFpEF)**
Omar Abou Ezzeddine, MD

9:00 a.m. **Hospitalized Heart Failure Management**
Paul McKie, MD

9:25 a.m. **When to Refer for Advanced Therapies**
Shannon Dunlay, MD

9:50 a.m. **Questions and Answers**
Drs. Abou Ezzeddine, Dunlay and Mr. Jackson

10:10 a.m. **Refreshment Break – Visit Exhibits**

Heart Failure II

Moderators: Paul M. McKie, MD & Emily Rueter, PA-C

10:30 a.m. **Cardiac Amyloidosis**
Omar Abou Ezzeddine, MD

10:55 a.m. **Advanced Imaging for Cardiomyopathy Heart Disease**
Praj Reddy, MD

11:20 a.m. **Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy**
Jane Linderbaum, APRN, CNP

11:45 a.m. **Myocarditis**
Michelle Alland, APRN, AGACNP-BC, MSN

12:10 p.m. **Pericardial Disease**
S. Allen Luis, MBBS, PhD

12:35 p.m. **Questions and Answers**
Drs. Abou Ezzeddine, Reddy, Luis, and Ms. Linderbaum & Ms. Alland

12:55 p.m. **Adjourn**

Thursday, April 16, 2026

6:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

7:30 a.m. **Early Bird:**
Diabetes and Heart Disease
Satyajit Reddy, MD

Valvular Heart Disease

Moderators: Melanie Blair, APRN & Pragnesh Parih, M.D.

- 8:00 a.m. **Murmurs Decoded: Clinical Clues in Valvular Heart Disease**
Jane Linderbaum, APRN, CNP
- 8:25 a.m. **Valvular Regurgitation: Clinical Presentation, Diagnosis, and Evaluation**
S. Allen Luis, MBBS, PhD
- 8:50 a.m. **Aortic Stenosis: Clinical Presentation, Diagnosis, and Evaluation**
Justin Shipman, M.D.
- 9:15 a.m. **Valvular Heart Disease: When to Watch and When to Fix?**
The Interventional Impact
Pragnesh Parikh, MD
- 9:40 a.m. **Questions and Answers**
Drs. Luis, Shipman, Parikh, and Ms. Linderman
- 10:00 a.m. **Refreshment Break – Visit Exhibits**

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- 10:15 a.m. **Adult Congenital Heart Disease**
Francois Marcotte, MD
- 10:40 a.m. **Sports Cardiology**
Satyajit Reddy, MD
- 11:05 a.m. **Thoracic Aorta**
Francois Marcotte, MD
- 11:30 a.m. **Questions and Answers**
Drs. Marcotte and Reddy
- 11:40 a.m. **Closing Comments**
- 11:50 a.m. **Course Adjourns**