

## 2026 AGENDA

June 6, 2026 • Cleveland, OH

### FRIDAY, JUNE 5

6:00-8:00 PM | **An Evening of Connections and Conversation**

### SATURDAY, JUNE 6

7:00-8:00 AM | Registration Open, Breakfast, and Exhibits

8:00-8:10 AM | **Welcome & Opening Remarks**

8:10-9:00 AM | **Keynote Presentation: Giving Grace** – Jennifer C. Romano, MD, MS, FACC

9:10-9:40 AM | **INTERACTIVE NETWORKING SESSION**

- **Where Do You Draw Your Line? Coaching for Professional and Personal Boundaries** – Retu Saxena, MD, FACC & Laxmi Mehta, MD, FACC

9:40-10:00 AM | Networking Break and Exhibits

10:00-11:20 AM | **GUIDELINES IN A FLASH: WHAT'S NEW?**

- **Peripheral Arterial Disease Checkpoint: What Every Clinician Should Know** – Heather Gornik, MD – Heather Gornik, MD
- **The Lipid Lowdown: Rapid Update on New Guidelines** – Gina Price Lundberg, MD, FACC
- **Hypertension 2025: Updates in Diagnosis and Management** – Catherine (Katie) Benziger, MD, MPH, FACC, FAHA
- **From Screening to Management: Practical Insights from HCM Guidelines** – Patrycja Galazka, MD

11:20-11:40 AM | **INTERACTIVE LEADERSHIP SESSIONS**

- **From Clinician to Investigator: Building a Sustainable Research Career** – Amanda Vest, MBBS, MPH, FHFSa, FAHA, FACC
- **From Idea to Impact: Creating a Successful Niche Program** – Preeti Kansal, MD & Annabelle Volgman, MD, FACC

### SATURDAY, JUNE 6

11:40 AM-12:00 PM | Networking Break and Exhibits

12:00-1:35 PM | **LUNCH & PLENARY TALKS**

- Sponsored talk – TBA
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1:50-2:30 PM | **CAREER & LEADERSHIP SESSIONS**

- **Employment Models in Cardiology: Understanding Your Options** – Toniya Singh, MD, FACC (moderator), Sherrie Brooks, DO, FACC & Naga Pannala, MD, FACC
- **Crafting a LinkedIn Presence That Works for You** – Anne O'Connor, MD, FACC

2:40-3:40 PM | **CME HOT TOPICS**

- **Beyond the Valve: Tailoring Aortic Stenosis Management for Women** – Nadira Hamid, MD
- **Cardio-Rheumatology: Bridging Inflammation and Cardiovascular Disease** – Rekha Mankad, MD, FACC
- **From Pixels to Predictions: Using AI in Noninvasive Cardiology** – Hema Krishna, MD, FACC

3:40-4:00 PM | Networking Break and Exhibits

4:00-5:00 PM | **LEADERSHIP IN FOCUS**

- **AI as your Personal Assistant: Optimizing Productivity** – Sneha Sharma, DO
- **Stepping into Your Full Power: A Journey Through Modern Leadership Challenges** – Denise Sorrentino, MD
- **Beyond Membership: Strategies for Thriving in Professional Societies** – Sandra Lewis, MD, FACC, FAHA, FRCP

5:00-6:15 PM | **Poster Contest Reception**

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### EVENT DETAILS

- Venue: Hilton Cleveland Downtown, 100 Lakeside Avenue East, Cleveland, Ohio, 44114
- Reserve your hotel room by May 12th, 2026
- CME Available



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