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MIDWEST CARDIOVASCULAR FORUM
November 14 • Minneapolis, MN
InterContinental Minneapolis – St. Paul Airport

AGENDA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7:30-9:00 AM | Registration Open, Breakfast, and Exhibits

7:45-8:00 AM | **Welcome & Opening Remarks** – Amin Rahmatullah, MD, FACC

8:00-8:30 AM | **KEYNOTE: The Role of Imaging to Augment Primary Prevention** – Dinesh Kalra, MD, FACC

8:30-8:45 AM | Networking Break and Exhibits

8:45-10:05 AM | **SESSION 1: CRITICAL CARE CARDIOLOGY**
Moderated by: Andrea Elliott, MD

- **Clinical Vignette** – Clint Kolseth, MD
- **Diagnosis, Staging, and Initial Management of Shock** – Alex Campbell, MD
- **Device Selection in Cardiogenic Shock – Mechanical Circulatory Support** – Peter Eckman, MD
- **Refractory Shock: The Role of ECMO** – Jason Bartos, MD, PhD

10:05-10:15 AM | Networking Break and Exhibits

10:15-11:25 AM | **SESSION 2: PULMONARY EMBOLISM**

- **PE Management in 2026: The New Lay of the Land** – Stanislav Henkin, MD
- **Invasive Treatments for Acute PE** – Stephen Kidd, MD
- **Diagnosis and Management of Chronic Thromboembolic Pulmonary Hypertension** – Sasha Prisco, MD, PhD

11:25-11:55 AM | Networking Break and Exhibits

12:00-1:30 PM | **LUNCH & PLENARY TALKS**

1:30-2:00 PM | **TECH KEYNOTE: AI In Cardiology: Separating Facts From Fads and Science From Science Fiction** – Francisco Lopez-Jimenez, MD, MSc, FACC

2:00-2:10 PM | Networking Break and Exhibits

2:10-3:20 PM | **SESSION 3: CKM CONNECTION**
Moderated by: Amin Rahmatullah, MD, FACC

- **Cardiovascular Insights for a CKM Integration: Past, Present and Future** – Charles A. Herzog, MD, FACC, FAHA
- **Heart-Kidney Protective Therapies in CKM Syndrome: Focus on SGLT2i and ns-MRA** – Gautam R. Shroff, MBBS, FACC
- **Optimizing Outcomes in Patients with Diabetes and Heart Disease: The Role of GLP-1 Therapy** – Catherine (Katie) Benziger, MD, MPH, FACC, FAHA

3:20-3:40 PM | Networking Break and Exhibits

3:40-4:40 PM | **SESSION 4: GREAT DEBATES & POTPURRI**
Moderated by: Sharath Subramanian, MBBS, MD, FACC

- **Low Risk Aortic Stenosis: Surgery vs TAVR** – Vinayak Bapat, MBBS & Stefan Bertog, MD
- **Is Coronary Calcium Score for ALL?** – Jerry Ash, MD & Evan Manning, MD
- **Imaging of Choice in Tako Tsubo Cardiomyopathy** – DaLi Feng, MD

4:45-5:30 PM | **Poster Contest Reception**

5:30-6:30 PM | **FIT Jeopardy & Light Dinner**
Led by: Retu Saxena, MD

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