



18th Annual **Virginia Heart & Vascular Symposium**

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SATURDAY ■ FEBRUARY 28, 2026

7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Fredericksburg Convention Center
Grand Ballroom

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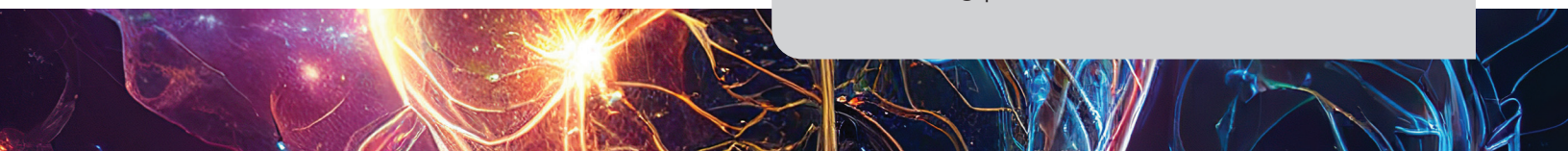
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Target Audience

- Physicians
- Nurses
- Advanced Practice Providers
- Other Healthcare Professionals

SYMPOSIUM DESIRED OUTCOMES

- 1 Apply evidence-based strategies to assess cardiovascular risk and guide treatment decisions for diverse patient populations.
- 2 Identify appropriate candidates for emerging therapies and technologies in cardiovascular and vascular care.
- 3 Explore current treatment options and innovations in managing vascular disease, arrhythmias, and structural heart conditions.
- 4 Review ways to enhance patient outcomes through interdisciplinary collaboration and the delivery of evidence-based clinical and nursing practices



2026 Symposium Agenda

Case-based Presentation Format

TIME	TOPIC	FACULTY
7:00 a.m.	Breakfast / Welcome / Exhibits	Sebhat Erqou, MD, PhD
7:30 a.m.	Future of Cardiovascular Medicine	Christopher Lewis, MD
Session I: General Cardiology and Diagnostic Imaging		
7:50 a.m.	KEYNOTE: Prevention	Michael J. Blaha, MD, MPH, Johns Hopkins Medicine, Lutherville, MD
8:30 a.m.	Lipid Management: In the beginning and the end	Aaron Schatz, MD
9:00 a.m.	Cardiac MRI	Dan Ruiz, MD
9:20 a.m.	Q & A	
9:25 a.m.	Break / Exhibits	
Session II: Interventional Cardiology		
9:55 a.m.	Interventional Versus Medical Management of CAD	Luis Guzmán, MD
10:15 a.m.	KEYNOTE: Optimizing Door To Balloon Time	Peter O'Brien, MD, Centra Health, Lynchburg, VA
10:55 a.m.	Q & A	
Session III: Advances in Treatment for Valve Disease		
11:00 a.m.	Mitral Valve Surgical Intervention	John Cardone, MD
11:20 a.m.	MitraClip: A Case Study	Ari Chanda, MD
11:40 a.m.	TriClip	TBA
12:00 p.m.	Q & A	
12:05 p.m.	Lunch and Exhibits	
Session IV: Frontier in Cardiovascular Medicine		
12:35 p.m.	KEYNOTE: Cardiogenic Shock Management	Zackary J. Tushak, DO, Sentara Advanced Heart Failure Center, Norfolk, VA
1:15 p.m.	Carotid Thrombectomy/Interventions	John Muse, MD
1:35 p.m.	Renal Denervation	Micaela Iantorno, MD
1:55 p.m.	PVD: How and When to Screen	J. Emilio Exaire, MD
2:15 p.m.	Q & A	
Session V: EP Best Practice Recommendations		
2:20 p.m.	Pacemaker Selection	Hakeem Ayinde, MD
2:40 p.m.	PVC's and VT: How Do We Treat?	Ashok Talreja, MD
3:00 p.m.	Q & A and Key Meeting Takeways	

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