

2nd Annual Virginia Mason Franciscan Health

# Cardiovascular Symposium

Presented by the Center for Cardiovascular Health

Saturday, October 4, 2025 | Hyatt Regency Seattle



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# Conference Schedule

Saturday, October 4, 2025 | 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

6:45 a.m. Breakfast / Registration

7:30 a.m. Welcome

**Mariko Harper, MD and Nezar Falluji, MD, System Physician  
VP and Director of the CommonSpirit Health National  
Cardiovascular Service Line**  
*Welcome and Opening Remarks*

**Dean Field, MD, VMFH Region Chief Medical  
Informatics Officer**  
*Keynote: The Rapidly Evolving Role(s) of Artificial  
Intelligence in Cardiovascular Medicine*

8:20 a.m. From Imaging to Ambulatory Hemodynamic Monitoring: How Technology is Impacting Clinical Practice

**Michael Longo, MD**  
*Advances in Echo: What is the Role of Strain and 3D Echo?*

**Justin Penn, MD**  
*Coronary CT Angiography and Fractional Flow Reserve (FFR)*

**Allen Rassa, MD**  
*The Use of Intracoronary Imaging and Plaque Modification  
to Optimize Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI)*

**Alicia Porter, RN CCDS and Hannah Plueger, ARNP**  
*Improving Cardiac Care Through the Incorporation of  
Remote Cardiac Monitoring Devices*

9:35 a.m. Innovation in Electrophysiology: Arrhythmia Detection To Treatment and Management

**Susrut Pendyala, MD**  
*Smart Devices in the Detection of Atrial Fibrillation (Afib):  
Should We be Recommending a Wearable Device?*

**Michael Eskander, MD**  
*To Lead...or be Leadless? Risks and Benefits of  
Leadless Pacemakers*

**Ravi Kilaru, MD**  
*The Latest in Catheter-Based Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation:  
From Pulsed Field Ablation (PFA) to Atrial Appendage  
Closure Devices*

10:35 a.m. Break and Exhibits

10:55 a.m. Contemporary Management in Vascular Surgery

**Daiva Nevidomskyte, MD**  
*What's New in the Treatment of Iliofemoral Deep  
Vein Thrombosis (DVT)*

**Matthew Bennett, MD**  
*Thoracic Outlet Syndrome (TOS): A Current Review  
in the Diagnosis and Treatment*

**Rebecca Ur, MD**  
*Pelvic Venous Congestion Syndrome*

**Amit Kainth, MD**  
*What is Thoracic Branch Endoprostheses (TBE)?*

**Kira Long, MD**  
*Updates in the Treatment of Lower Extremity Wounds:  
Is it Arterial or Venous? A Stepwise Approach*

12 p.m. Lunch and Exhibits

1 p.m. Diagnosing and Treating Cardiomyopathies: A Case-Based Discussion

**Jonathan Medina, ARNP**  
*Case Example: Is it Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy  
or Cardiac Amyloid or ?*

**Lucy Lin, MD**  
*Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy: Treatment Options in  
the Era of Cardiac Myosin Inhibitors*

**Nidhi Meera, MD**  
*Cardiac Amyloidosis: Diagnoses and Novel Treatments  
for Transthyretin (TTR) Cardiac Amyloid*

## 1:50 p.m. Pearls and Wisdom in the Management of Cardiogenic Shock and Heart Failure

**Wayne Hwang, MD**

*Acute Myocardial Infarction and Cardiogenic Shock:  
The Role of Mechanical Circulatory Support*

**Marina Jansen, MD**

*Complexities in Managing Right Heart Failure and  
Pulmonary Hypertension*

**Ricky Harika, MD**

*The Cardiac Anesthesiologist's Perspective: Tips for  
the Successful Anesthesia of a Cardiac Patient*

## 2:45 p.m. Break and Exhibits

## 3 p.m. Complex Decision Making in Interventional Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery

**Patrick Goleski, MD**

*Chronic Total Occlusion (CTO) PCI and an Argument for  
Complete Percutaneous Revascularization*

**Charles Anderson, MD**

*Grafting Strategies for Real World Practice*

**Keval Shah, MD**

*Angina with Non-Obstructive Coronary Arteries (ANOCA)  
and Myocardial Infarction with Non-obstructive Arteries  
(MINOCA): Assessing Coronary Physiology in the Cath Lab*

**Jamal Anyalebechi, MD**

*Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVR) vs. Surgical  
Aortic Valve Replacement (SAVR) for Valve in Valve*

**Craig Hampton, MD**

*Wisdom From a Mitral Valve Surgeon: Surgical Mitral Valve  
Repair and Replacement vs. a Transcatheter Approach*

**Timothy James, MD**

*Developments in Aortic Valve Aneurysm and Dissection Repair*

**Ronald Reiter, MD**

*Current Status and Future Outlook of Structural  
Heart Interventions*

## 5 p.m. Wrap-up / Raffle Drawings, Cocktail Social

## Virginia Mason Franciscan Health Faculty Speakers

**Charles Anderson, MD**

*Cardiothoracic Surgery*

**Jamal Anyalebechi, MD**

*Cardiothoracic Surgery*

**Matthew Bennett, MD**

*Vascular Surgery*

**Michael Eskander**

*Electrophysiology*

**Patrick Goleski, MD**

*Interventional Cardiology*

**Craig Hampton, MD**

*Cardiothoracic Surgery*

**Ricky Harika, MD**

*Cardiac Anesthesia*

**Wayne Hwang, MD**

*Interventional Cardiology*

**Timothy James, MD**

*Cardiothoracic Surgery*

**Marina Jansen, MD**

*Advanced Heart Failure*

**Amit Kainth, MD**

*Vascular Surgery*

**Ravi Kilaru, MD**

*Electrophysiology*

**Lucy Lin, MD**

*Non-Invasive Cardiology*

**Kira Long, MD**

*Vascular Surgery*

**Michael Longo, MD**

*Invasive Cardiology*

**Jonathan Medina, ARNP**

*Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy*

**Nidhi Meera, MD**

*Non-Invasive Cardiology*

**Daiva Nevidomskyte, MD**

*Vascular Surgery*

**Susrut Pendyala, MD**

*Electrophysiology*

**Justin Penn, MD**

*Invasive Cardiology*

**Hannah Plueger, ARNP**

*Advanced Heart Failure*

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*Structural Heart*

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*Vascular Surgery*

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