Clearing the Way From Echo to AVR: Addressing Obstacles to Timely Intervention in Severe Aortic Stenosis

Saturday, November 8, 2025

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM CST Registration/Dinner

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM CST Scientific Session

Hilton New Orleans Riverside Jefferson Ballroom, 3rd Floor

Program Description

Join the discussion with leading authorities in aortic valve replacement on the latest clinical trial data and expert recommendations, including how to ensure patient access to timely intervention. This CME symposium enables direct interaction with expert faculty to help you stay up-to-date with the recommended timing of optimal, evidence-based treatment delivered before irreversible cardiac damage occurs.

Learning Objectives

- Describe new guidelines for the interpretation and reporting of echocardiographic findings in patients with aortic stenosis (AS)
- Identify and address challenges in the assessment of the severity of AS that may result in delayed referral to and intervention by the heart valve team
- ▶ Explain the benefits of transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) in patients with asymptomatic, severe AS, including the impact of age and cardiac biomarkers on outcomes
- Implement emerging best practices for the management of AS, including enhanced communication between imaging specialists and other members of the heart valve team



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Presentations and Interactive Discussions

- Welcome and Introductions by Moderator (Dr Patricia Pellikka, Chair)
- Addressing Chokepoints in Aortic Stenosis (AS) Care: Updated Standards for the Echo **Report to the Heart Team**

(Dr Jordan Strom)

- Recommendations for reducing report ambiguity and ensuring timely reporting of critical or urgent findings to the ordering clinician
- The Life-Saving Potential of Electronic **Provider Notification**

(Dr Sammy Elmariah)

- How electronic provider notification (EPN) can promote early referral, shortening the interval between diagnosis and intervention in severe AS
- Benefits of Timely Treatment of **Asymptomatic, Severe AS**

(Dr Brian Lindman)

- Updates on anticipated changes in expert recommendations for management of AS
- How General Cardiologists Can Partner With Heart Teams to Improve Quality of AS Care

(Dr Patricia Pellikka and all faculty)

 Practical recommendations on how to implement best practices in clinical management of AS and how to navigate systemic obstacles to achieving optimal patient outcomes



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