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December 7 - 9, 2026
The Mayflower Hotel, Washington DC



SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

23rd Global Cardio Vascular Clinical Trialists Forum

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

PALM COURT

8:30 - 10:30	10:30 - 11:00	11:00 - 13:00	13:00 - 14:00	14:00 - 16:00	16:00 - 16:30	16:30 - 19:00
LDL CHOLESTEROL view details >>		LP (A) TRIALS view details >>		LBCT 2 view details >>		CELL THERAPY view details >>

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AMYLOIDOSIS view details >>		HYPERTROPHIC CARDIOMYOPATHY view details >>		PATIENT-REPORTED OUTCOMES view details >>		HYPERTENSION view details >>

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ALDOSTERONE IN CKM view details >>		CKM TRIALS view details >>		WOMEN'S HEALTH view details >>		RISK OF ASCVD view details >>

BALLROOM

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AI MASTER CLASS 1 view details >>		AI MASTER CLASS 2 view details >>		iCVCT #5 MEDTECH STARTUPS view details >>		BIOTECH STARTUPS view details >>

CHINESE

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LBCT 1 view details >>	PATIENT SESSION view details >>

19:30 - 21:00 CVCT RECEPTION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

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iCVCT #1 THROMBOSIS view details >>		INDUSTRY-ACADEMIA INTERACTIONS view details >>		OBESITY NEW DATA view details >>		OBESITY: BODY COMPOSITION view details >>

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ZEUS DEEP DIVE view details >>		ANTI-INFLAMMATORY & ASCVD view details >>		PAH 1 view details >>		GREAT DEBATES view details >>

13.30 - 14.20: KEYNOTE LECTURE by Marc Pfeffer (Boston, MA, USA) & Victor J. Dzau (Boston, MA, USA)

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STATS MASTERCLASS # 1 view details >>		iCVCT #2 VENTRICULAR ASSIST DEVICES view details >>		iCVCT # 3 IMPLANTABLES FOR DENOVO PCI view details >>		iCVCT #4 VALVE TRIALS view details >>

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AI MASTER CLASS 4 view details >>		STATS MASTERCLASS #2 view details >>		STATS MASTERCLASS #3 view details >>

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LBCT 3 view details >>		LBCT 4 view details >>		PAH 2 view details >>

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

PALM COURT

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GENE THERAPY view details >>		GENETIC MEDICINE view details >>		EP STROKE view details >>



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HF MEETS EP view details >>		CHRONIC HEART FAILURE DEVICES view details >>		IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE AND PAYMENT REFORM view details >>



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IMPLEMENTATION view details >>		WEARABLES view details >>		DRIVERS OF HEART FAILURE view details >>



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WHO IS IN THE COMMAND ROOM? view details >>		TRIALS' PUBLISHING & ADOPTION view details >>		REGULATORY HARMONIZATION view details >>



CHINESE

10:30 - 13:30
LBCT 5 view details >>

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238. Peter Altman (BioCardia, USA)
239. Greg Aubert (Lexeo Therapeutics, USA)
240. Laurent Audoly (PriveBio, USA)
241. Michael Ayers (Edgewise, USA),
242. Puja Banka (Merck, Rahway, USA)
243. Sameer Bansilal (Alnylam, USA)
244. Arnaud Bastien (BMS, USA)
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262. Jersey Chen (Lilly, USA)
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344. Benjamin Rosand (Cleo Health, USA)
345. Maria Sejersten Ripa (NOVO, DNK)
346. Luke Roberts (Bayer, GER)
347. Lothar Roessig (AskBio, GER)
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JOURNAL

423. Michael Basson (Nature, USA)
424. Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo (JAMA, USA)
425. Flavia Geraldes (The Lancet, GBR)
426. Harlan Krumholz (JACC, USA)
427. Bonnie Ky (JACC Oncology, USA)
428. Jane Leopold (NEJM, USA)
429. Bradley Maron (Circulation, USA)

PATIENTS

430. Marc Bains (HeartLife, CAN)
431. Coleen Brunetti (Pulmonary Hypertension Association, USA)
432. Magdalena Daccord (FH Europe Foundation, CHE)
433. Hyvelle Ferguson-Davis (Heart Sistas, USA)
434. ShantaQuilette Carter (Pink Peppermint Project, USA)
435. Patrick Gee (iAdvocate, USA)
436. Pieter Glijnis (Phospholamban Foundation, NED)
437. Celina Gorre (WomenHeart, USA)
438. Corinne Hudson (Pumping Marvellous, GBR)
439. Trudie Lobban (London, GBR)
440. Steven Macari (AVEC, FRA),
441. Francesca Musso (HCM Patient, ITA)
442. Rhonda Monroe (Charlotte, NC, USA)
443. Joseph Nadglowski (Obesity Action Coalition, USA)
444. Lisa Salberg (HCMA, USA)
445. Ratna Devi (DakshamA Health, IND)

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STRATEGIES TO ACHIEVE LDL CHOLESTEROL GOALS MORE EFFECTIVELY AND MORE EFFICIENTLY
Chairpersons: Pamela Morris (Mount Pleasant, SC, USA) & Greg Schwartz (Denver, CO, USA)

Bivalent approaches to achieve LDL cholesterol goals. Building the platform on a PCSK9 inhibitor
Jie Zeng (Rona Therapeutics, CHN)

Oral combinations getting to goal more effectively – trial design considerations for dual targets
Neha Pagidipati (Durham, NC, USA)

Investigating durable solutions with gene/base editing
Sekar Kathiresan (Verve, USA)

Industry viewpoints
Puja Banka (Merck, USA), Alex DePaoli (Rona Therapeutics, CHN), Jason Duran (CRISPR Therapeutics, USA), Jennifer Hellawell (Arrowhead pharmaceuticals, USA), Per Johannsen (AstraZeneca, SWE), Anastasia Lesogor (Novartis, CHE); Evan Stein (Lib Therapeutix, USA),

Regulatory viewpoint
Eileen Craig (FDA, USA)
Jacob George (MHRA, GBR)

Patient viewpoint
Magdalena Daccord (FH Europe Foundation, CHE)

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STRATEGIES TO ACHIEVE POWERFUL AND LONGER DURATION CHOLESTEROL LOWERING
Chairpersons: Pamela Morris (Mount Pleasant, SC, USA) & Greg Schwartz (Denver, CO, USA)

Panelists: Alex DePaoli (Rona Therapeutics, CHN), Puja Banka (Merck, USA), Eileen Craig (FDA, USA), Magdalena Daccord (FH Europe Foundation, CHE), Jason Duran (CRISPR Therapeutics, USA), Jacob George (MHRA, GBR), Jennifer Hellawell (Arrowhead pharmaceuticals, USA), Per Johannsen (AstraZeneca, SWE), Sekar Kathiresan (Verve Therapeutics, USA), Anastasia Lesogor (Novartis, CHE), Michelle O'Donoghue (Boston, MA, USA), Pamela Morris (Mount Pleasant, SC, USA), Neha Pagidipati (Durham, NC, USA), Greg Schwartz (Denver, CO, USA), Evan Stein (Lib Therapeutix, USA), Jie Zeng (Rona Therapeutics, CHN)

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LP (a) TRIALS. HORIZON AND BEYOND THE HORIZON
Chairpersons: Leslie Cho (Cleveland, OH, USA) & Robert Rosenson (New York, NY, USA)

HORIZON – Main findings
Leslie Cho (Cleveland, OH, USA)

Epidemiologic and genetic/Mendelian randomization evidence: how well did it predict HORIZON, and what does that mean for OCEAN(a)-Outcomes, ACCLAIM-Lp(a), and MOVE-Lp(a)?
Borge Nordestgaard (Copenhagen, DNK)

Safety with different approaches to RNA inhibition, consequences on adherence and power size calculation in Lp(a) trials
Robert S. Rosenson (New York, NY, USA)

How HORIZON will frame the Lp(a) developments

Expanded use of pelacarsen beyond the very high-risk patient
Michelle O'Donoghue (Boston, MA, USA)

Role of biomarkers: why did Lp(a) reduction not predict benefit? What should the next biomarker strategy be, including OxPL and proteomics?
Sascha N. Goonewardena (Ann Arbor, MI, USA)

Which should be the preferred approach for patients with ASCVD and elevated Lp(a)? Targeted Lp(a) suppression or PCSK9 inhibition, or both?
Greg Schwartz (Denver, CO, USA)

Industry viewpoints
Hui Cao (Novartis, USA), Amit Khera (Verve Therapeutics, USA), Sam Tsimikas (Ionis, USA).

Regulatory viewpoint
Jacob George (MHRA, GBR)

Patient viewpoints
ShantaQuilette Carter (Pink Peppermint Project, USA)
Magdalena Daccord (FH Europe Foundation, CHE)
Hyvelle Ferguson-Davis (Heart Sistas, USA)

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ADOPTION OF HORIZON RESULTS AND ADAPTION OF LP (a) TRIALS.
Chairpersons : Leslie Cho (Cleveland, OH, USA) & Robert Rosenson (New York, NY, USA)

Panelists: Hui Cao (Novartis, USA), ShantaQuilette Carter (Pink Peppermint Project, USA), Leslie Cho (Cleveland, OH, USA), Magdalena Daccord (FH Europe Foundation, CHE), Hyvelle Ferguson-Davis (Heart Sistas, USA), Charu Gandotra (FDA, USA) , Jacob George (MHRA, GBR), Sascha N. Goonewardena (Ann Arbor, MI, USA), Amit Khera (Verve Therapeutics, USA), Børge G. Nordestgaard (Copenhagen, DNK), Michelle O'Donoghue (Boston, MA, USA), Robert Rosenson (New York, NY, USA), Greg Schwartz (Denver, CO, USA), Tabassome Simon (Paris, FRA), Sam Tsimikas (Ionis, USA)

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ESC European Society of Cardiology

ESC-CVCT JOINT SESSION
LBCT 2
Amyloid and Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy
Chairpersons: Anjali Owens (Philadelphia, PA, USA) & Scott Solomon (Boston, MA, USA)

Session 1 (presentation times 8 min)

Nexiguran ziclumeran in ATTR amyloidosis with cardiomyopathy: safety and efficacy update with a propensity score–based comparison to a cohort from the National Amyloidosis Center
Gillmore1,*, SD Solomon2, B Claggett2, A Sheikh1, J Kachadourian3, D Smith3, J Olbertz3, M Levine3, DE Gutstein4, L Walsh3, M Fontana1,*
1National Amyloidosis Centre, University College London - London (United Kingdom), 2Brigham and Women's Hospital - Boston (United States), 3Intellia Therapeutics - Cambridge (United States), 4Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. - Tarrytown (United States)

Artificial Intelligence Enabled Multidomain Echocardiography For Monitoring Disease Progression In Transthyretin Cardiac Amyloidosis
A Sheikh1,*, P Gentile2, B Brinda1, J Jevgeni3, R Eiros Bachiller4, M Garcia De Pedro4, L Venneri5, S Kakhi5, A Martinez-Naharro5, G Almeida3, K Menacho6, B Meredith6, J Mansell5, S Solomon7, D Francis3, M Shun-Shin3, P Hawkins5, J Moon6, J Gillmore5, C Manisty6, M Fontana5
1National Amyloidosis Centre - London (United Kingdom), 2De Gasperis Cardio Center and Transplant Center, Niguarda Hospital Milan Italy - Milan (Italy), 3National Heart and Lung Institute, Imperial College London, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, London, UK - London (United Kingdom), 4University of Salamanca - Salamanca (Spain), 5National Amyloid Centre - London (United Kingdom), 6Barts Heart Centre - London (United Kingdom), 7Cardiovascular Division, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts - Boston (United States)

From Amyloid Deposition to Myocardial Response: Understanding the Biology of Cardiac Amyloidosis
A Sheikh1,*, P Gentile2, S Kakhi1, J Mansell1, B Thillainathan1, Y Razvi1, A Ioannou1, J Carruthers1, S Vasudevan1, s Hatipoglu1, L Venneri1, A Martinez-Naharro1, A Wechalekar1, C Whelan1, S Solomon3, P Hawkins1, J Gillmore1, M Fontana1
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HLA-C*05:01 is significantly associated with transaminase elevations following dosing with nexiguran ziclumeran: an opportunity for precision medicine
MS Maurer1,*, SD Solomon2, M Fontana3, P Watkins4, D Lebwohl5,*, MD Pickard5, B Han5, J Olbertz5, N Rana5, T Karasarides5, J Kachadourian5, J Leonard5, J Overton6, G Abecasis6, A Baras6, C Kyratsous6, JD Gillmore3
1Columbia University Irving Medical Center - New York (United States), 2Brigham and Women's Hospital - Boston (United States), 3National Amyloidosis Centre, University College London - London (United Kingdom), 4Eshelman School of Pharmacy, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill (United States), 5Intellia Therapeutics - Cambridge (United States), 6Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. - Tarrytown (United States)

Aficamten improves myocardial energetics, perfusion and oxygenation in symptomatic obstructive hypertrophic cardiomyopathy within 12 weeks
J Bell1,*, M Lacharie1, Z Ashkir1, N Clarke1, B Wang1, V Losev1, Z Ali1, L Valkovic1, P Gatehouse1, E Tunnicliffe1, A Masri2, M Maron3, S Saberi4, D Jacoby5, R Sohn5, J Godown5, S Heitner5, S Kupfer5, F Malik5, S Neubauer1, B Raman1,*
1Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, Radcliffe Department of Medicine, University of Oxford - Oxford (United Kingdom), 2Oregon Health and Science University - Portland, OR (United States), 3Lahey Hospital and Medical Center - Burlington, MA (United States), 4University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, MI (United States), 5Cytokinetics - San Francisco, CA (United States)

Discussant (10 min)
Ahmad Masri (Portland, OR, USA)

Q&A (10min)

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Session 2 (presentation times 8 min)

Investigator-Guided Flexible Dose Escalation Strategy for the Treatment of Symptomatic Non-Obstructive Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy with Aficamten: An Analysis from the ACACIA-HCM and FOREST-HCM Trials
A Masri1,*, C Coats2, S Saberi3, C Ho4, D Massera5, P Elliott6, A Bhatia7, M Nassif8, P Divanji9, J Godown9, S Heitner9, D Jacoby9, S Kupfer9, F Malik9, J Salazar-Mendiguchía9, R Sohn9, A Wohltman9, J Wei9, M Maron10 on behalf of the ACACIA-HCM and FOREST-HCM Investigators
1Oregon Health and Science University - Portland (United States), 2University of Glasgow - Glasgow (United Kingdom), 3University of Michigan Health - Ann Arbor (United States), 4Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School - Boston (United States), 5Leon H. Charney Division of Cardiology, NYU Langone Health - New York (United States), 6Institute of Cardiovascular Science, Barts Heart Centre and University College London - London (United States), 7Lindner Research Center, The Christ Hospital - Cincinnati (United States), 8University of Missouri Kansas City Healthcare Institute for Innovations in Quality and Saint Luke's Mid America Heart Institute - Kansas City (United States), 9Cytokinetics, Incorporated - South San Francisco (United States), 10Lahey Hospital and Medical Center - Burlington (United States)

Aficamten Improves the Novel Boston Exercise Aggregate Physiologic Response Score in Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy: A Prespecified Analysis of SEQUOIA-HCM, MAPLE-HCM and ACACIA-HCM
G Lewis1,*, S Williams1, B Clagget1, M Fifer1, P Garcia-Pavia2, I Kulac1, K Lim1, M Maron1, A Masri3, S Mcginnis1, F Moreno1, C Newlands4, I Iacopo5, P Divanji6, S Heitner6, D Jacoby6, S Kupfer6, F Malik6, J Salazar-Mendiguchía6, R Sohn6, A Wohltman6, S Zhuo6, C Coats7
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Eplontersen and Outcomes in the CARDIO-TTRansform Trial: Prespecified Time-to-First Event and Win Statistics Analyses
A Masri1,*, H Yasuhiro2, BL Clagget2, K Ablasser3, AV Ambardekar4, F Cappelli5, SJ Carter6, SAM Cuddy2, MK Davis7, F Fernandes8, M Fontana9, P Garcia-Pavia10, JD Gillmore9, M Hanna11, MG Khouri12, JJ Mcdermott13, BW Sperry14, S Tsimikas15, E Platz13, FS Angeli13, MS Maurer16, SD Solomon2
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Using a Large Language Model for Case Discovery in Transthyretin Cardiac Amyloidosis
A Cruz-Solbes1,*, S Zeng1, A Abovich1, S Cuddy1, S Dorbala1, B Claggett1, S Solomon1, J Cunningham1
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Discussant (10 min)
Caroline Coats (Glasgow, UK)

Q&A (10min)

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CARDIAC TARGETED BIOLOGICS, REGENERATION, REALITY, AND REINVENTION
Chairpersons : Philippe Menasche (Paris, FRA) & Emerson Perin (Houston, TX, USA)

Issues related to routes of administration
Mapping-guided catheter delivery of iPSC-derived cardiomyocyte spheroids
Keiichi Fukuda (Heartseed, JAP)

Catheter-based delivery of iPSC-derived cardiomyocytes
Eugene Wang (HELP Therapeutics, CHN)

Regulatory viewpoint
Chinwe Okoro (FDA, USA)

Gene therapy for boosting cardiomyocyte proliferation: the SALVADOR-HF trial
Emerson Perin (Houston, TX, USA)

siRNA for the treatment of heart failure
Thomas Thum (Hannover, GER)

Secretome-based therapy
Eduardo Marban (Los Angeles, CA, USA), Ambarish Pandey (Dallas, TX, USA), Vinny Jindal (Secretome Tx, USA)

In silico and digital twins for cell therapy development
Blanca Rodriguez (Oxford, GBR)

Developmental and regulatory enabling aspects of human cardiac organoid platform
Stanko Skrtic (HeartBeat.bio, AUT)

Autologous Mitochondrial Transplantation for No-Option Critical Limb Ischemia
Aijun Sun (Shanghai, CN)

Industry briefings (2-3 slides, 5 minutes)
Peter Altman (BioCardia, USA), Silviu Itescu (Mesoblast, AUS), Stanko Skrtic (HeartBeat.bio, AUT), Eugene Wang (HELP Therapeutics, CHN)

Patients viewpoints
Magdalena Daccord (FH Europe Foundation, CHE)

Closing remarks
Philippe Menasche (Paris, FRA)

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SHOULD CARDIOLOGY ADOPT ACCELERATED PATHWAYS FOR REGENERATIVE THERAPIES?
Chairpersons : Philippe Menasche (Paris, FRA) & Emerson Perin (Houston, TX, USA)

Panelists: Peter Altman (BioCardia, USA), Magdalena Daccord (FH Europe Foundation, CHE), Keiichi Fukuda (Heartseed, JPN), Silviu Itescu (Mesoblast, AUS), Vinny Jindal (Secretome Tx, USA), Eduardo Marban (Los Angeles, CA, USA), Philippe Menasché (Paris, FRA), Chinwe Okoro (FDA, USA), Ambarish Pandey (Dallas, TX, USA), Emerson Perin (Houston, TX, USA), Blanca Rodriguez (Oxford, GBR), Stanko Skrtic (HeartBeat.bio, AUT), Aijun Sun (Shanghai, CN), Thomas Thum (Hannover, GER), Eugene Wang (HELP Therapeutics, CHN)

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CARDIAC AMYLOIDOSIS TRIALS CHANGING LANDSCAPE AND IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES
Chairpersons: Mariana Fontana (London, GBR) and Iacopo Olivotto (Florence, ITA)

Diagnosis of cardiac amyloidosis—the tip of an iceberg?
Kieran Docherty (Glasgow, GBR)

Is it time to talk about prevention?
Francesco Cappelli (Florence, Italy)

Surrogate Endpoints and Proof of Concept Trials in ATTR-CM
Ahmad Masri (Portland, OR, USA)

Unique Aspects of ATTR Trials and Trial Design
Scott Solomon (Boston, MA, USA)

What are the financial realities for ATTR management?
Dhruv Kazi (Boston, MA, USA)

What does holistic care look like for people with ATTR-CM?
Justin Grodin (Dallas, TX, USA)

Industry Viewpoints
Sameer Bansilal (Alnylam, USA), Robert Blaustein (Immutrin, USA), Jessica Kachadourian (Intellia, USA), Gillian Murtagh (Bridgebio, USA), Manju Revanna (NOVO, DNK), Christina Quarta (Alexion, USA)

Regulatory viewpoint: Approvability issues
Karim Mikhail (FDA, USA)

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TAKING ATTR-CARDIOMYOPATHY TREATMENT TO THE NEXT LEVEL: IDENTIFYING PATIENTS, ASSESSING FRAILTY, INTEGRATING THERAPIES.
Chairpersons: Mariana Fontana (London, GBR) and Iacopo Olivotto (Florence, ITA)

Panelists: Alberto Aimo (Pisa, IT), Sameer Bansilal (Alnylam, USA), Robert Blaustein (Immutrin, USA), Francesco Cappelli (Florence, ITA), Mariana Fontana (London, GBR), Justin Grodin (Dallas, TX, USA), Dhruv Kazi Jessica Kachadourian (Intellia, USA) , (Boston, MA, USA), Mori Krantz (FDA, USA), Ahmad Masri (Portland, OR, USA), Karim Mikhail (FDA, USA), Gillian Murtagh (BridgeBio, Palo Alto, CA, USA), Iacopo Olivotto (Florence, ITA), Christina Quarta (Alexion, USA), Manju Revanna (NOVO, DNK), Scott Solomon (Boston, MA, USA)

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THE END OF THE BEGINNING: WHAT NEXT FOR DRUG TRIALS IN HYPERTROPHIC CARDIOMYOPATHY?

Chairpersons: Perry Elliott (London, GBR) and Iacopo Olivotto (Florence, ITA)

Lessons from ODYSSEY and ACACIA -HCM.
Differences in molecule, design, execution, or chance in non-obstructive HCM?
Anjali Owens (Philadelphia, PA, USA)

Do we need 'next (third) generation' myosin modulators?
Martin Maron (Boston, MA, USA)

Metabolic modulators and mitotropes: We've been here before—so what is new this time?
Caroline Coats (Glasgow, GBR)

Is it possible to do hard end-point trials in hypertrophic cardiomyopathy?
Ahmad Masri (Portland, OR, USA)

The case of pediatric trials
Joseph Rossano (Philadelphia, PA, USA)

Industry perspectives
Michael Ayers (Edgewise, USA), Arnaud Bastien (BMS, USA), Gabriel Brooks (Solid Biosciences, USA), Marc Evanchik (BraveHeart Bio, USA), Justin Godown (Cytokinetics, USA), Natasha Paterson (Tenaya Therapeutics, USA)

Regulatory viewpoints
Fortunato Senatore (FDA, USA)
Ann Punnoose (FDA, USA)

Patient viewpoints
Lisa Salberg (HCMA, USA)
Francesca Musso (HCM Patient, ITA)

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HYPERTROPHIC CARDIOMYOPATHY TRIALS. THE SURROGATE vs. HARD OUTCOME DILEMMA

Chairpersons: Perry Elliott (London, GBR) and Iacopo Olivotto (Florence, ITA)

Panelists: Michael Ayers (Edgewise, USA), Arnaud Bastien (BMS, USA), Gabriel Brooks (Solid Biosciences, USA), Caroline Coats (Glasgow, GBR), Marc Evanchik (BraveHeart Bio, USA), Berry Elliott (London, GBR), Justin Godown (Cytokinetics, USA), Martin Maron (Boston, MA, USA), Ahmad Masri (Portland, OR, USA), Francesca Musso (HCM Patient, ITA), Iacopo Olivotto (Florence, ITA), Anjali Owens (Philadelphia, PA, USA), Natasha Paterson (Tenaya Therapeutics, USA), Ann Punnoose (FDA, USA), Joseph Rossano (Philadelphia, PA, USA), Lisa Salberg (HCMA, Denville, NJ, USA), Fortunato Senatore (FDA, USA)

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CVCT - HEART FAILURE Collaboratory joint session
PATIENT-REPORTED OUTCOMES – ESSENTIAL, BUT HOW?
Chairpersons: Mona Fiuzat (Washington, DC, USA) & Chris O'Connor (Washington, DC, USA)

History And Challenges with Current PRO Endpoints
Javed Butler (Dallas, TX, USA)

What Is an Anchor and Minimally Clinically Important Difference, and How To Assess It?
TBD

Population Mean Difference and Responder Analysis
Mitch Psotka (FDA, USA)

Does Distribution-Based Analysis Solve the Problem?
Cordula Zeller (Boehringer Ingelheim, GER)

Do We Need Pros? NYHA Class as Endpoint? How to use Anchor?
Charu Gandotra (FDA, USA)

PROs in Win Ratio and in Open-Label Trials
Eric Leifer (NIH/NHLBI, USA)

NIH Viewpoint
Eric Leifer (NIH, USA)

Regulatory Viewpoint
Charu Gandotra (FDA, USA)
Lisa Plummer (FDA, USA)

Industry Viewpoints
Phillip Adamson (CVRx, USA), Lothar Roessig (AskBio, GER)

Patient viewpoints
Rhonda Monroe (Charlotte, NC, USA)
Steven Macari (AVEC, FRA)

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REFINING PATIENT-REPORTED OUTCOMES USE IN CLINICAL TRIALS.
Chairpersons: Mona Fiuzat (Washington, DC, USA) & Chris O'Connor (Washington, DC, USA)

Panelists: Phillip Adamson (CVRx, USA), Martina Brueckmann (Roche, CH), Javed Butler (Dallas, TX, USA), Mona Fiuzat (Washington, DC, USA), Charu Gandotra (FDA, USA), Eric Leifer (NIH, USA), Steven Macari (AVEC, FRA), Rhonda Monroe (Charlotte, NC, USA), Christopher O'Connor (Washington, DC, USA), Joanna Osmanska (Glasgow, UK), Lisa Plummer (FDA, USA), Mitch Psotka (FDA, USA), Lothar Roessig (AskBio, GER), Frances Varian (Sheffield, GBR), Cordula Zeller (Boehringer Ingelheim, GER), Bram Zuckerman (FDA, USA)

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HYPERTENSION TRIALS
PART I
NOVEL TARGETED THERAPEUTICS —NAVIGATING THE OPPORTUNITIES AND OBSTACLES
Chairpersons: Jenifer Brown (Boston, MA, USA) & Neha Pagidipati (Durham, NC, USA)

Are all forms of difficult-to-control or resistant hypertension caused by aldosterone dysregulation?
Jenifer Brown (Boston, MA, USA)

Severe Hypertension: Disease? Target? Bystander ?
Jay Edelberg (Kardigan, USA)

Aldosterone Synthase Inhibitors (ASIs): Will they transform hypertension management?
Bryan Williams (London, GBR)

Small Interfering RNA (siRNA) Against Angiotensinogen: Going Beyond Conventional RAS Blockade for Hypertension Treatment and CVD Prevention?
Neha Pagidipati (Durham, NC, USA)

Have Endothelin Receptor Antagonists Finally Found Their Place in Resistant Hypertension?
Markus Schlaich (Perth, AUS)

Industry Viewpoints
Martine Clozel (Idorsia, CHE), Shira Perl (AstraZeneca, USA)

Regulatory viewpoints
William Herzog (FDA, USA)

Panel Discussion & Q&A

HAVE WE REACHED PEAK INNOVATION IN HYPERTENSION THERAPIES?
Chairpersons: Jenifer Brown (Boston, MA, USA) & Neha Pagidipati (Durham, NC, USA)

Panelists: Michel Azizi (Paris, FRA), Jenifer Brown (Boston, MA, USA), Shon Chakrabarti (Recor Medical, USA), Martine Clozel (Idorsia, CHE), Naomi Fisher (Boston, MA, USA), Lee Fleisher (Rubrum Advising, USA), William Herzog (FDA, USA), Amer Joseph (Idorsia, CHE), Neha Pagidipati (Durham, NC, USA), Shira Perl (AstraZeneca, USA), Garrett Pilcher (Medtronic, USA), Anthony Rodgers (Sydney, AUS), Markus Schlaich (Perth, AUS), Roland Schmieder (Erlangen, GER), Bryan Williams (London, GBR), Dion Zappe (Alnylam, USA)

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HYPERTENSION TRIALS
PART II
ARE STANDARD RCT DESIGNS KILLING POTENTIALLY EFFECTIVE ANTI-HYPERTENSIVE DRUGS AND DEVICE-BASED THERAPY?
Chairpersons: Michel Azizi (Paris, FRA) & Bryan Williams (London, GBR)

Learning from Recent Failures of Novel Drug and Device Development for Hypertension. How would I design my next trial?

Drug Therapy
Michel Azizi (Paris, FRA)

Device-based therapy
Roland Schmieder (Erlangen, GER)

Navigating Regulatory Guidelines: Where Does RDN Stand in 2026 in an Era of Novel Approaches To Treatment?
Naomi Fisher (Boston, MA, USA)

Ubiquitous Single-Pill multidrug combination therapy for hypertension: Multiple drugs or better-targeted therapy?
Anthony Rodgers (Sydney, AUS)

Signal or Noise? Why Hypertension Trials Must Inform Clinical Decision-Making, Not Just Pharmacology
Nelson Wang (Melbourne, AUS)

Industry Viewpoints
Shon Chakrabarti (Recor Medical, USA), Amer Joseph (Idorsia, CHE), Dion Zappe (Alnylam, USA),

Payers' viewpoint
Lee Fleisher (Rubrum Advising, USA)

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BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN INNOVATION AND IMPLEMENTATION: CAN CHEAP, GENERIC POLYPILLS FOR THE MASSES COEXIST WITH INNOVATIVE TARGETED THERAPIES?
Chairpersons: Michel Azizi (Paris, FRA) & Bryan Williams (London, GBR)

Panelists: Michel Azizi (Paris, FRA), Jenifer Brown (Boston, MA, USA), Shon Chakrabarti (Recor Medical, USA), Martine Clozel (Idorsia, CHE), Naomi Fisher (Boston, MA, USA), Lee Fleisher (Rubrum Advising, USA), William Herzog (FDA, USA), Amer Joseph (Idorsia, CHE), Neha Pagidipati (Durham, NC, USA), Shira Perl (AstraZeneca, USA), Garrett Pilcher (Medtronic, USA), Anthony Rodgers (Sydney, AUS), Markus Schlaich (Perth, AUS), Roland Schmieder (Erlangen, GER), Nelson Wang (Melbourne, AUS), Bryan Williams (London, GBR), Dion Zappe (Alnylam, USA)

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ALDOSTERONE IN CARDIOVASCULAR-KIDNEY-METABOLISM DISEASES
ENDURING AND EMERGING SCIENCE, NEW OPPORTUNITIES AND CLINICAL TRIALS LANDSCAPE
Chairpersons: Bertram Pitt (Ann Arbor, MI, USA) & Faiez Zannad (Paris, FRA)

Prevalence and Clinical Impact of Hyperaldosteronism and Hypercortisolism in CKM disease
Michel Azizi (Paris, FRA)

How far can we suppress maladaptive mineralocorticoid biology without toxicity? How translational science may inform clinical trials.
Morag Young (Melbourne, AUS)

Is aldosterone level the wrong target, and MR overactivation the real disease biology?
Bertram Pitt (Ann Arbor, MI, USA)

ASI trials update
Javed Butler (Dallas, TX, USA)

nsMRA trials update
Kieran Docherty (Glasgow, GBR)

Primary care physician viewpoint. Why are we failing to detect hyperaldosteronism in routine CKM care?"
Javier Morales (New York, NY, USA)

Industry viewpoints
Maria Borentain (Bayer, GER), Mikhail Kosiborod (AstraZeneca, USA),

What level of incremental benefit justifies premium pricing?
Lee Fleisher (Rubrum Advising, USA)

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ALDOSTERONE IN CARDIOVASCULAR-KIDNEY-METABOLISM DISEASES
ENDURING AND EMERGING SCIENCE, NEW OPPORTUNITIES AND CLINICAL TRIALS LANDSCAPE
Chairpersons: Bertram Pitt (Ann Arbor, MI, USA) & Faiez Zannad (Paris, FRA)

Panelists: Michel Azizi (Paris, FRA), Maria Borentain (Bayer, GER), Javed Butler (Dallas, TX, USA), Kieran Docherty (Glasgow, GBR), Lee Fleisher (Rubrum Advising, USA), Masatake Kobayashi (Tokyo, JPN), Mikhail Kosiborod (AstraZeneca, USA), Javier Morales (New York, NY, USA), Bertram Pitt (Ann Arbor, MI, USA), Morag Young (Melbourne, AUS)

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Monday, December 7, 2026
11:00 -13:00

CARDIO-KIDNEY-METABOLIC TRIALS. HOW TO COPE WITH MULTIPLE DRUGS, MULTI-ORGAN COMPOSITE ENDPOINTS AND MULTIPLE SOURCES OF EVIDENCE.

Chairpersons: Hiddo L Heerspink (Groningen, NED) & Clare Arnott (Sydney, AU)

Targeting combined multiorgan cardiovascular and kidney benefits. Rationale and opportunities
Nephrologist viewpoint
Hiddo L Heerspink (Groningen, NED)

Cardiologist viewpoint
Faiez Zannad (Paris, FRA)

How to select the right patient population in multiorgan cardio-kidney-metabolic clinical trials?
Brendon Neuen (Sydney, AUS)

Hitting multiple birds with a single stone - Rapid fire multi-stakeholder views

Virtues and limitations of composite endpoints. Statistician viewpoints.
Jan Tijssen (Brussels, BEL)

Can dual indications be claimed with a single trial? Regulatory viewpoint.
Aliza Thompson (FDA, USA)

How may payers value single drug multi-organ benefits?
Lee Fleisher (Rubrum Advising, USA)

Trials investigating multidrug CKM stack. Add-on, vs. head-to-head, vs. non-inferiority trial designs.

Clinical viewpoint
Will Herrington (Oxford, GBR)

Statistical viewpoint
Brian Claggett (Boston, MA, USA)

Regulatory viewpoints
Aliza Thompson (FDA, USA)

Industry viewpoints.
Meike Brinker (Bayer, GER), Martina Brueckmann (Roche, CH), Jersey Chen (Lilly, USA), raziella Collu (AstraZeneca, USA), Dustin Little (Nuvectis Pharma, Inc, USA), Peter Erland Marstrand (NOVO, DNK)

Patient viewpoints
Steven Macari (AVEC, FRA)

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CVCT-NIH-WOMEN AS ONE-CIRCULATION JOURNAL JOINT SESSION
BEYOND REPRESENTATION: DESIGNING CARDIOVASCULAR TRIALS AROUND WOMEN'S BIOLOGY AND LIFE COURSE

Chairpersons: Robert Califf (Durham, NC, USA) & Martha Gulati (Los Angeles, CA, USA) & Michelle O'Donoghue (Boston, MA, USA)

Cardiovascular disease (CVD) in women evolves across the lifespan, shaped by reproductive biology, hormonal transitions, and social and environmental influences. A life-course framework highlights pregnancy and menopause as two critical points where cardiovascular risk is either revealed or accelerated. These windows provide important opportunities for early detection, targeted prevention, and improved clinical trial design. However, significant gaps persist, including the underrepresentation of pregnant and perimenopausal women in trials, limited randomized evidence, and a lack of longitudinal studies that track risk across decades.
Reframing lifespan transitions as strategic opportunities for detection and intervention can enable a proactive, lifespan-based approach to prevention and improve cardiovascular outcomes.

Current and future unmet needs in women's cardiovascular health research
Martha Gulati (Los Angeles, CA, USA)

Global priorities and funding opportunities for advancing women's cardiovascular research
Janine Clayton (NIH/ OWH, USA)

Peripartum and Postpartum interventions to improve short- and long-term maternal and fetal cardiovascular health
Garima Arora (Birmingham, AL, USA)

Trials' opportunities in menopause as a vascular transition.
Chrisandra L. Shufelt (Jacksonville, FL, USA)

Ischemia with no obstructive coronary artery disease: A female-enriched phenotypes in HFpEF trials?
Odayme Quesada (Cincinnati, OH, USA)

Obesity–metabolic trials in women
Neha Pagidipati (Durham, NC, USA)

Regulatory expectations for sex-specific evidence
Kaveeta Vasisht (FDA, USA)

Industry viewpoints
Amy Ford (Lilly, USA), Sofia Gerward (NOVO, USA), Luba Soskin (Bayer, CHE)

Patient Viewpoints
Celina Gorre (WomenHeart, USA)

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SETTING PRIORITIES FOR RESEARCH, POLICY, AND PRACTICE IN WOMEN'S HEALTH

Chairpersons: Robert Califf (Durham, NC, USA) & Martha Gulati (Los Angeles, CA, USA) & Michelle O'Donoghue (Boston, MA, USA)

Panelists: Garima Arora (Birmingham, AL, USA), Juan Camilo Arjona Ferreira (Organon, COL), Robert Califf (Durham, NC, USA), Ediina Cenko (Bologna, IT), Janine Clayton (NIH/ OWH, USA), Amy Ford (Lilly, USA), Sofia Gerward (NOVO, USA), Celina Gorre (WomenHeart, USA), Martha Gulati (Los Angeles, CA, USA), Michelle Michelle O'Donoghue (Boston, MA, USA), Neha Pagidipati (Durham, NC, USA), Odayme Quesada (Cincinnati, OH, USA), Luba Soskin (Bayer, CHE), Chrisandra L. Shufelt (Jacksonville, FL, USA), Kaveeta Vasisht (FDA, USA)

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STRATEGIES FOR CLINICAL TRIAL DESIGN IN - PATIENTS AT RISK OF ATHEROSCLEROTIC CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

Part 1

HOW BEST TO DEFINE TARGET POPULATIONS?

Chairpersons: Marc Sabatine (Boston, MA, USA) & Lale Tokgozoglu (Ankara, TUR)

Comparison of guideline recommendations: Sorting out the “at-risk” trial population
Lale Tokgozoglu (Ankara, TUR)

Guiding the next generation of trials in high-risk event-free patients
Erin Bohula (Boston, MA, USA)

Can blood pressure and LDL cholesterol be targeted at once with a single bullet?
Sergio Fazio (Corsera, USA)

Target patient population: Screening of atherosclerosis risk

3-dimensional ultrasonography of carotid and iliofemoral arteries
Valentin Fuster (New York, NY, USA)

CT angiography plaque volume and plaque characteristics
Nick Nurmohamed (Amsterdam, NED)

Genetic instruments
Ron Do (New York, NY, USA)

Proteomic profiling
Sascha Goonewardena (Ann Arbor, MI, USA)

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Part 2
CVCT-DCRI JOINT SESSION
ENDPOINT FOR PREVENTION BEYOND ASCVD
Chairpersons: Adrian Hernandez (Durham, NC, USA) & Guiomar Mendieta-Badimon (Barcelona, ESP)

Heart failure: Hospitalization or outpatient diagnosis?
Muthiah Vaduganathan (Boston, MA, USA)

Atrial fibrillation: Clinically relevant burden?
Paulus Kirchhof (Hamburg, GER)

Diabetes: The prevention vs. masking conundrum and does it matter?
Darren McGuire (Dallas, TX, USA)

Guiding the next generation of trials in high-risk event-free patients
Nishant Shah (Durham, NC, USA)

Statistical viewpoint
Brian Claggett (Boston, MA, USA)

Industry viewpoint
Stephen Wiviott (AstraZeneca, USA), Patrick Schlömer (BAYER, GER), Heng Tony Qian (Olink, USA)

NIH-NHLBI viewpoint.
Yves Rosenberg (NIH, USA)

Regulatory viewpoint
Charu Gandotra (FDA, USA)

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PREVENTION TRIALS IN AT RISK POPULATIONS – HOW TO ACCELERATE INNOVATION?
Chairpersons: Adrian Hernandez (Durham, NC, USA) & Guiomar Mendieta-Badimon (Barcelona, ESP)

Panelists: Erin Bohula (Boston, MA, USA), Brian Claggett (Boston, MA, USA), Ron Do (New York, NY, USA), Sergio Fazio (Corsera, USA), Valentin Fuster (New York, NY, USA), Charu Gandotra (FDA, USA), Sascha Goonewardena (Ann Arbor, MI, USA), Adrian Hernandez (Durham, NC, USA), Paulus Kirchhof (Hamburg, GER), Darren McGuire (Dallas, TX, USA), Guiomar Mendieta-Badimon (Barcelona, ESP), Heng Tony Qian (Olink, USA), Yves Rosenberg (NIH, USA), Marc Sabatine (Boston, MA, USA), Patrick Schlömer (BAYER, GER), Nishant Shah (Durham, NC, USA), Lale Tokgozoglu (Ankara, TUR), Raymond Soccio (FDA, USA), Aliza Thompson (FDA, USA), Muthiah Vaduganathan (Boston, MA, USA), Stephen Wiviott (AstraZeneca, USA)

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ESC-CVCT JOINT SESSION
LBCT 1
Heart Failure. Cell and Gene Therapy
Chairpersons: Kieran Docherty (Glasgow, UK) & Silvia Priori (Pavia, ITA)

Session a: Heart Failure (presentation times 8 min)

Baseline Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction and Response to Cardiac Microcurrent Therapy: An Exploratory Pooled Analysis
M Fudim1,*, F Kallel2, D Kosevic3, J Nunez4, G Van Hout5, T Biering-Sørensen6, W Mullens7, N Hamid8, J Cavalcante8, T Friede9, S Zieroth10, J Butler11, J Singh12, S Anker13,*
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A non-invasive hemodynamic-guided strategy to prevent heart failure decompensation: 12-month outcomes of a single-arm trial
A Böhm1,*, J Lucká2, A Segev3, J Janková1, V Hlodáková1, M Kollárová1, N Jajcay1, M Spilák4, F Skorec5, J Ševková2, Š Karolčík1, P Dragunová1, K Hasáková1, M Selvek6, R Mužik6, P Cambell7, A Butkovský8, J Danková9, K Kováčová10, L Horaniová11, M Mydliar12, V Soková13, Z Danišková14, S Balogh15, M Fabini16, A Henry17, A Cannata18, G Savarese19, F Koehler20, C Tschöpe21, B Bezák22
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Impact Of Intravenous Iron Repletion on Mechanisms of Exercise Intolerance in Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction: The IRONMET-HFpEF Trial Responder Analysis
G Lewis1,*, N Horick2, S Williams1, F Moreno1, D Cocca-Spofford1, T Ikoma1, P Gupta1, C Camphausen1, K Lim1, L Caccamo1, C Soydara1, S Mcginnis1, C Newlands1, A Minasian1, N Iskenderian1, I Landsteiner1, J Joseph1, B Iyer1, H Tattersfield1, E Moore1, V Platt1, S Lee1, R Malhotra1
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Quantile time ratios to assess clinical benefits of heart failure therapies measured by delays in cardiovascular outcomes: experience from DAPA-HF and DELIVER trials
SB Gasparyan1,*, J Kupferman1, BL Claggett2, A Henderson3, JJV Mcmurray3, SD Solomon2, R Myte4
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Registry-to-randomization: A multicenter heart failure registry as epidemiological infrastructure for an HFrEF polypill trial in Sri Lanka
S Ajanthan1,*, S Mahawattage1, G Galappatthy2, P Lakshman3, A Wanniarachchi4, S Rajapakse5, S Premaratne6, M Rahuman7, G Mayurathan8, A Agarwal9, A De Silva10
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Contemporary Transition in Epidemiology, Phenotypes and Cause-Specific Mortality of Over 800,000 Incident Heart Failure Cases in the US from 2000 to 2025
P Selvaganesan1, I Helmy2, M Karnib2, JGF Cleland3, YNV Reddy4, R Zakeri5, J Fanning6, JC Fang7, AR Vest8, MN Osman9, R Amuthan2, J Sahadevan2, A Pandey10, J Mcmurray3, M Packer11, V Sundaram9,*
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Discussant (10 min): John Teerlink (San Francisco, CA, USA)
Q&A (10min)

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Session b: Cell and Gene Therapy (presentation times 8 min)

LAPiS Trial: 52-Week Results from a Phase 1/2 Clinical Trial of iPSC-Derived Cardiomyocyte Replacement Therapy Combined with CABG in HFrEF Patients
Y Ichihara1,*, H Hattori2, N Kikuchi2, S Haruki2, K Morita1, M Hattori1, T Kaneko3, K Fukuda3, S Nunoda4, J Yamaguchi2, H Niinami1
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Functional Recovery After LVAD Implantation With Adjunctive hiPSC-Derived Cardiomyocyte Therapy: Interim Results From an Exploratory Study
E Wang1, Y Shao2,*, J Du2,*
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Three-year follow-up of the first-in-human trial of umiposgene parvec (AB-1002) in non-ischemic heart failure
T Henry1,*, E Chung1, D Murray2, J Traverse3, L Roberts4, L Ervin5, J Potts5, R Shafi5, L Roessig5, C Jiang5, S Sanganalmath5, R Hajjar6
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First-in-Man Treatment of Dilated Cardiomyopathy by Repeated Intravenous Infusions of the Secretome of Cardiovascular Progenitor Cells
P Menasché1,*, N Renault2, JR Fabreguettes1, N Aissaoui1, T Puscas1, P Baudinaud1, A Bacher1, B Sabatier1, E Pinet1, D Giraud1, C Granier3, N Benhamouda1, A Gey1, H Pereira1, D Loews4, F Dingli4, H Blons1, V Bellamy5, JL Taupin1, E Tartour1, J Larghero1, A Hagège1
1AP-HP - Paris (France), 2FCDI - Madison (United States), 3CH Orléans - Orléans (France), 4Institut Curie - Paris (France), 5Inserm - Paris (France)

Transepicardial Intramyocardial HiCM-188 Injection During CABG for Advanced Ischemic Heart Failure: Results From HEAL-AHF
E Wang1,*, R Jing1,*
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Discussant (10 min)
Svati Shah (Durham, NC, USA)

Q&A (10min)

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CVCT/PATIENT ADVOCACY CONSORTIUM JOINT SESSION
MAKING CLINICAL TRIAL EVIDENCE UNDERSTANDABLE TO PATIENTS —AND TO EVERYONE OUTSIDE THE TRIALIST COMMUNITY?
PLAIN-LANGUAGE TRIAL SUMMARIES PUBLICATIONS.
Chairpersons : Marc Bains (HeartLife, CAN) & Faiez Zannad (Paris, FRA)

CVCT is to announce the important CVCT PLSP new initiative
With the participation of patient trialists and journal editors

Plain language summaries for patients sit at the intersection of three otherwise separate problems:widespread, often underestimated gaps in health literacy; a clinical encounter structurally too brief to transmit complex medical information; and the well-documented link between patient understanding and treatment adherence. None of these problems is fully solvable by better bedside manner alone. A well-constructed PLSP — tested for readability, free of unexplained jargon, and ideally reviewed by actual patients before publication — gives people durable, revisitable access to the information a rushed visit cannot fully deliver. As regulators, journals, funders, and pharmaceutical sponsors increasingly require these summaries as a condition of publication, the opportunity is not just to check a compliance box, but to meaningfully close the gap between what medical research knows and what the patients living with that research actually understand.

«Plain language» to change clinical actions and trial implementation in the real world.

The EU perspective
Mark Petrie (Glasgow, GBR)

The US perspective
Shahzeb Khan (Dallas, TX, USA)

No jargon, please. Just tell me what this trial means. What do non-trialists actually want to know?
Rhonda Monroe (Charlotte, NC, USA)

Readable is not necessarily understandable: what health-literacy research teaches us
Javed Butler (Dalla, TX, USA)

What errors would make a PLS unacceptable—even if patients and non-trialists find it easy to read?
John Mandrola (Louisville, KY, USA)

The Human-AI loop. Responsible use of artificial intelligence in creating plain language summaries
Karen Gainey (Sydney, AUS)

The roles of citable plain-language summary journal publications.
Michael Basson (Nature, USA)

Patient editor viewpoint: Patient review for PLSP
Marc Bains (HeartLife, GBR),

The CVCT PLSP Initiative: From Trial Results to Non-Trialist Understanding
What minimum standard should CVCT adopt today?
Javed Butler (Dalla, TX, USA)

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Making clinical trial evidence understandable for everyone.
Why and how should scientific publication no longer be the final stop?
Chairpersons : Marc Bains (HeartLife, CAN) & Faiez Zannad (Paris, FRA)

Panelists : Marc Bains (HeartLife, GBR), Michael Basson (Nature, USA), Javed Butler (Dallas, TX, USA), Karen Gainey (Sydney, AUS), Shahzeb Khan (Dallas, TX, USA), Steven Macari (AVEC, FRA), John Mandrola (Louisville, KY, USA), Rhonda Monroe (Charlotte, NC, USA), Mark Petrie (Glasgow, GBR), Faiez Zannad (Paris, FRA)

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AI MASTER CLASS 1
AI IN CARDIOVASCULAR DEVICES AND HARDWARE
HOW SHOULD EVIDENCE STANDARDS FOR AI-ENABLED DEVICES ALIGN WITH TRADITIONAL DEVICE EVALUATION?
Chairpersons: Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo (JAMA, USA) & Harriette Van Spall (Hamilton, CAN)

AI in Devices and Hardware. What Evidence Do We Need? Defining future evaluation frameworks
Rick Abramson (FDA, USA)
08:40–08:50
Planning an AI in Devices trial: regulatory pathways (510(k), De Novo, PMA) and what each demands
Christine Kupchik (Colorado, CO, USA)

Regulatory viewpoint:
Stephen Browning (FDA, USA)

From bench to bedside: evaluating a locked algorithm across multiple clinical contexts
Udo Hoffmann (Cleerly / MGH, USA)

Prospective validation, real-world evidence, and pragmatic trial designs for device-AI
Milos Vukadinovic (Los Angeles, CA, USA)

Case study: AI-Echocardiography, Core lab automation and solving measurement variability
Sheldon Litwin (Charleston, SC, USA)
Lovedeep Dhingra (New Haven, CT, USA)

Wearables, arrhythmia algorithms, and post-market performance monitoring after clearance
Mintu Turakhia (Stanford, CA, USA)

Generalizability, dataset shift, and the demographic gap in device-AI validation
Nick Gossen (Dandelion, USA)

Industry viewpoints
David Albert (AliveCor, USA), Campbell Rogers (Heartflow, USA), Bakul Patel (Google, USA)

Investor perspective: how capital is allocated and what signals matter for device-AI
David Rosenthal (Alleycorp, USA)

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AI MASTER CLASS 2
CLINICAL DECISION SOFTWARE: EVALUATING ADAPTIVE ALGORITHMS AND SaMD FOR CARDIOVASCULAR RISK PREDICTION, IMAGING DIAGNOSTICS, TRIAGE, AND DECISION SUPPORT: PREDETERMINED CHANGE CONTROL PLANS, CLINICAL UTILITY VS. ACCURACY, AND THE SaMD FRAMEWORK

Chairpersons : Carolyn Lam (Singapore, SGP) & Harlan Krumholz (JACC, USA)

Required standards for evolving systems: Unbiased Evaluation of Generative AI and Autonomous Software as a Medical Device and Clinical Decision Support software
Issa Dahabreh (Boston, MA, USA)

From risk prediction to clinical action: when does AI improve cardiovascular prevention?
John Deanfield (London, GBR)

Why high AUC does not equal clinical value: decision-consequential endpoints
Ann Marie Navar (Dallas, TX, USA)

Predetermined Change Control Plans: enabling software updates without full re-review
Rob Kazmierski (MCRA, USA)

Alert fatigue, workflow disruption, clinician trust: the implementation science of CDS
Aline Pedroso (San Francisco,CA, USA)

Can you run a traditional RCT on software that updates quarterly? Adaptive trial designs for SaMD
Harriette Van Spall (Hamilton, CAN)

The CDS exemption boundary: where does decision support end and regulated SaMD begin?
Aneesh Deoras (FDA, USA)

What is the appropriate regulatory strategy for generative AI in medicine?
Evangelos K Oikonomou (New Haven, CT, USA)

Industry viewpoints
Benjamin Rosand (Cleo Health, USA)

Regulatory viewpoints
Jordan Pomeroy (FDA, USA)

Investor perspective: how capital is allocated and what signals matter for SaMD
David Rosenthal (Alleycorp, USA)

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ADAPTIVE CLINICAL DECISION SOFTWARE: WHAT LEVEL AND TYPE OF EVIDENCE SHOULD BE REQUIRED FOR CLINICIANS TO TRUST AND ADOPT AI DIAGNOSTIC AND DECISION SUPPORT TOOLS?

Moderators: Carolyn Lam (Singapore, SGP) & Harlan Krumholz (JACC, USA)

Panelists: Stephen Browning (FDA, USA), Issa Dahabreh (Boston, MA, USA), John Deanfield (London, GBR), Aneesh Deoras (FDA, USA), Harlan Krumholz (JACC, USA), Carolyn Lam (Singapore, SGP), Ann Marie Navar (Dallas, TX, USA), Aline Pedroso (San Francisco,CA, USA), Jordan Pomeroy (FDA, USA), Rob Kazmierski (MCRA, USA), Evangelos K Oikonomou (New Haven, CT, USA), Bakul Patel (Google, USA), Benjamin Rosand (Cleo Health, USA), David Rosenthal (Alleycorp, USA), John Spertus (Kansas City, MO, USA), Harriette Van Spall (Hamilton, CAN)

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iCVCT # 5
STRATEGIZING ENTERING THE CLINICAL STAGE FOR HF MEDTECH STARTUPS
Chairpersons: Dan Burkhoff (New York, NY, USA) & TBD

Overview. The innovation landscape of HF devices
Innovators' viewpoint
Howard Levin (Coridea, USA)

Investors' viewpoints
Hanson Gifford (The Foundry, USA)

Regulatory viewpoint
Andrew Farb (FDA, USA)

Recent learnings from pilot studies

Devices to treat Heart Failure
Dan Burkhoff (New York, NY, USA)

Devices to treat Structural Heart Disease
TBD

The competitive landscape. What is in the pipeline? Industry presentations

Do we still need to test every device the same way? The role of virtual patients and in-silico trials
Simon Sonntag (Virtonomy, GER)

Industry viewpoint. Shifting from Feasibility to Pivotal Global Trials (Structural & Interatrial Shunts)
William Abraham (V-Wave, ISR), Jeff Closs (Ancora, USA), Howard Levin (Coridea, USA), Kate Stohlman (Corvia, USA).

Joint Clinical Assessment under the EU HTA Regulation
Marco Marchetti (AGENAS, IT)

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STRATEGIZING ENTERING THE CLINICAL STAGE FOR BIOTECH STARTUPS.
Part 1: HEART FAILURE
Chairpersons: Peter Libby (Boston, MA, USA) & Milton Packer (Dallas, TX, USA)

Innovators viewpoint
Lars Lund (Stockholm, SWE)

The innovation landscape:

US Regulatory viewpoint
Robert Califf (Durham, NC, USA)

EU Regulatory viewpoint
Jacob George (MHRA, GBR)

The innovation landscape and what de-risking do investors expect?
Craig Gordon (GordonMD Global Investment LP, USA)

Recent conceptual advances and Heart failure phase 2 trials
Milton Packer (Dallas, TX, USA)

The competitive landscape. What is in the heart failure pipeline? Industry presentations

Activin signaling inhibitors
Alessia Urbinati (Merck, USA)

Endotrophin antagonists
Federica Genovese (Nordic Bioscience, DNK)
Laurent Audoly (PriveBio, USA)

FGF21 Receptor Agonists
Christine Garrett (Preload Therapeutics, USA)

PDE9 inhibitors
Howard Surks (Cardurion, USA)

Targeting Titin N2B
Richard Nkulikiyinka (GenKardia, USA)

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Part 1: Heart Failure
Chairpersons: Peter Libby (Boston, MA, USA) & Milton Packer (Dallas, TX, USA)

Panelists: Hafid Ait-Oufella (Polygon, FRA), Laurent Audoly (PriveBio, USA), David Bauman (Schrödinger, USA), Brieana Buckley (Editas Medicine, USA), Robert Califf (Durham, NC, USA), Chris Farina (Abcentra, USA), Christine Garrett (Preload Therapeutics, USA), Federica Genovese (Nordic Bioscience, DNK), Jacob George (MHRA, GBR), Craig Gordon (GordonMD Global Investment LP, USA), Filip Janku (Monterosa, USA), Peter Libby (Boston, MA, USA), Lars Lund (Stockholm, SWE), Richard Nkulikiyinka (GenKardia, USA), Milton Packer (Dallas, TX, USA), Mahesh Patel (Merck, USA), Howard Surks (Cardurion, USA), Alessia Urbinati (Merck, USA)

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STRATEGIZING ENTERING THE CLINICAL STAGE FOR BIOTECH STARTUPS.
Part 2: INFLAMMATION ATHEROSCLEROSIS
Chairpersons: Peter Libby (Boston, MA, USA) & Milton Packer (Dallas, TX, USA)

Recent conceptual advances and phase 2 inflammation Atherosclerosis Trials
Peter Libby (Boston, MA, USA)

The competitive landscape. What is in the inflammation pipeline? Industry presentations

What is new in computational drug design
David Bauman (Schrodinger, USA)

Targeted Protein Degradation in Therapeutics
Filip Janku (Monterosa, USA)

Immunological Targets in Cardiac Disease
Hafid Ait Oufella (Polygon, FRA)

Plaque-targeted Anti-Inflammatory Therapy: Targeting Oxidized LDL
Chris Farina (Abcentra, USA)

Repairing Broken Genes with CRISPR
Brieana Buckley (Editas,Medicine, USA)

Oral NLRP3 inflammasome inhibition
Jyothis George (Rezera, GBR)

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iCVCT #1
THROMBOSIS TRIALS. CAN WE UNCOUPLE THROMBOSIS FROM BLEEDING?
Chairpersons: Michael Gibson (Boston, MA, USA) & Carolyn Lam (Singapore, SGP)

From neutral OCEANIC AF to positive OCEANIC-Stroke trial. Clot mechanics, active drug comparator, and levels of target inhibition.
Mike Sharma (Hamilton, ON, CAN)

FXI inhibition AF trials.

Understanding Cerebral Hemorrhage Risk and its Relevance to Stroke Prevention Treatment Choices
Edip Gurol (Boston, MA, USA)

What comparator(s) and what endpoints in FXI VAD trials?"
Mandeep Mehra (Boston, MA, USA)

Mechanistic insights from the ROXI-CATH tests REGN9933 and REGN7508 contact activation (pic lines and indwelling catheters) trials
Jeff Weitz (Hamilton, CAN)

Are current trial well designed to figure whether FXIa inhibition is a new anticoagulant class — or a precision antithrombotic for selected thrombo-inflammatory vascular beds
Ken Mahaffey (Stanford, CA, USA)

Speed versus diagnostic certainty — Add-on versus replacement strategies?
Michael Gibson (Boston, MA, USA)

Industry viewpoints
Anders Gabrielsen (Ribocure, SWE), David Gutstein (Regeneron, USA), András Gruber (Aronora, USA) Eva Muehlhofer (Bayer, GER)

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THE FUTURE OF THROMBOSIS INNOVATION. LARGE TARGETS VS. PRECISION-BIOLOGY BIOTECH ECOSYSTEMS?"
Chairpersons: Michael Gibson (Boston, MA, USA) & Carolyn Lam (Singapore, SGP)

Panelists: Anders Gabrielsen (Ribocure, SWE), Michael Gibson (Boston, MA, USA), András Gruber (Aronora, USA), Edip Gurol (Boston, MA, USA), David Gutstein (Regeneron, USA), Carolyn Lam (Singapore, SGP), Ken Mahaffey (Stanford, CA, USA), Mandeep Mehra (Boston, MA, USA), Eva Muehlhofer (Bayer, GER), Mike Sharma (Hamilton, ON, CAN), Jeffrey Weitz (Hamilton, CAN)

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INDUSTRY-ACADEMIA TRIALISTS' INTERACTIONS
Chairpersons: Biykem Bozkurt (Houston, TX, USA) & Scott Solomon (Boston, MA, USA)

Innovation and Excellence - The Importance of Industry-Academic Collaborations
Rob Califf (Durham, NC, USA)

Safeguarding the Industry-Academic Relationship
Marc Pfeffer (Boston, MA, USA)

Investigator Access to Data
Scott Solomon (Boston, MA, USA)

Use of biosamples and the Investigators' Access to biobanks
Faiez Zannad (Paris, FRA)

Journal Editors' Viewpoints
Flavia Geraldes (The Lancet, GBR)
Harlan Krumholz (JACC, USA)
Jane Leopold (NEJM, USA)
Bradley Maron (Circulation, USA)

Ensuring Trust in Clinical Trials – Patient Perspective
Corinne Hudson (Pumping Marvellous, GBR)

Industry Viewpoints
Sameer Bansilal (Alnylam, USA), Antonieta Bomfim (Boehringer Ingelheim, GER), Steve Heitner (Cytokinetics, USA), Mahesh Patel (Merck, USA), Katja Rohwedder (Bayer, GER)

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INDUSTRY-ACADEMIA TRIALISTS' INTERACTIONS: SHARING IS TRUST!
Chairpersons: Biykem Bozkurt (Houston, TX, USA) & Scott D. Solomon (Boston, MA, USA)

Panelists: Sameer Bansilal (Alnylam, USA), (Bayer, GER) , Antonieta Bomfim (Boehringer Ingelheim, GER), Biykem Bozkurt (Houston, TX, USA), Robert Califf (Durham, NC, USA), Mariana Fontana (London, GBR) Flavia Geraldes (The Lancet, GBR), Steve Heitner (Cytokinetics, USA), Corinne Hudson (Pumping Marvellous, GBR), Harlan Krumholz (JACC, USA), Jane Leopold (NEJM, USA), Bradley Maron (Circulation, USA), Mahesh Patel (Merck, USA), Marc Pfeffer (Boston, MA, USA), Katja Rohwedder (Bayer, GER), Scott D. Solomon (Boston, MA, USA), Faiez Zannad (Paris, FRA)

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OBESITY MEDICINE: NEW DATA AND BIG QUESTIONS
Chairpersons: Ildi Lingvay (Dallas, TX, USA) & Naveed Sattar (Glasgow, GBR)

Known and recent cardiovascular outcome data from incretin-based CVOTs
Ildi Lingvay (Dallas, TX, USA)

Women's health, liver disease and cardiovascular prevention
Marat Fudim (Durham, NC, USA)

Ongoing CVOTs of obesity medicines: what gaps in knowledge will they fill?
Jennifer Green (Durham, NC, USA)

To what extent is weight loss the mechanism of CV and other benefits: what do we really know?
Naveed Sattar (Glasgow, GBR)

How to investigate the anti-inflammatory effects of GLP-1 agonists in clinical trials?
Jorge Plutzky (Boston, MA, USA)

Do incremental MOAs for weight loss really make a difference?
Javed Butler (Dallas, TX, USA)

The Death of the Pure Placebo? Navigating GLP-1 Cross-Over in Future Outcome Trials
Odd Erik (Roche, CH)

Industry viewpoint: What future CVOTs design would companies like FDA to consider
Filip Knop (NOVO, DNK)

What future CVOTs design would regulator be willing to accept?
Raymond Soccio (FDA, USA)

Patient viewpoint: What do patients wish to see in future trials?
Joseph Nadglowski (Obesity Action Coalition, USA)

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NEXT FRONTIERS FOR OBESITY TRIALS
Chairpersons: Ildi Lingvay (Dallas, TX, USA) & Naveed Sattar (Glasgow, GBR)

Panelists: Javed Butler (Dallas, TX, USA), Odd Erik (Roche, CH), Marat Fudim (Durham, NC, USA) Jennifer Green (Durham, NC, USA), Filip Knop (NOVO, DNK), Ildiko Lingvay (Dallas, TX, USA), Joseph Nadglowski (Obesity Action Coalition, USA), Steven Nissen (Cleveland, OH, USA), Jorge Plutzky (Boston, MA, USA), Naveed Sattar (Glasgow, GBR), Raymond Soccio (FDA, USA), Faiez Zannad (Paris, FRA)

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Keynote Lecture
Victor J. Dzau (Boston, MA, USA)
“A Crossroads in Cardiovascular Medicine: Scientific Progress and Barriers to Impact”
Q&A

Marc Pfeffer (Boston, MA, USA)
“No time to smell the roses”
Q&A

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OBESITY MEDICINES: BODY COMPOSITION, ASSESSMENTS, TARGETS AND CONCERNS
Chairpersons: Pam Taub (San Diego, CA, USA) & Subodh Verma (Toronto, CAN)

Body composition changes in health and disease, and association with outcomes
Jason Gill (Glasgow, GBR)

Body composition changes with obesity medicines and surgery
Jennifer Linge (Linköping, SWE)

Beyond weight loss: Muscle and bone preservation with GLP-1 RAs, and will they translate into better functionality?
Jason Gill (Glasgow, GBR)

What target should we treat to: a certain weight, resolution of comorbidities, or both
Ildiko Lingvay (Dallas, TX, USA)

Weight loss concerns: potential for too much weight loss in some and rapid regain post cessation / weight cycling?
Naveed Sattar (Glasgow, GBR)

Should future trials investigate the causes and consequences of discontinuation of weight loss therapy.
Antonio Ceriello (Milan,ITA)

NHLBI viewpoint
Laurie Donze (NIH/NHLBI, USA)

Industry viewpoints
Yousuf Ali (Boehringer Ingelheim, GER)
TBD

Regulatory Perspective : Reflections on muscle- building agents PLUS need for trials with weight loss targets
Raymond Soccio (FDA, USA)
TBD

Patient viewpoint
Joseph Nadglowski (Obesity Action Coalition, USA)

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HOW TO DESIGN OBESITY MEDICINES TRIALS BEYOND WEIGHT LOSS
Chairpersons: Pam Taub (San Diego, CA, USA) & Subodh Verma (Toronto, CAN)

Panelists: Yousuf Ali (Boehringer Ingelheim, GER), Antonio Ceriello (Milan,ITA), Laurie Donze (NIH, USA), Jason Gill (Glasgow, GBR), Jennifer Linge (Linköping, SWE), Ildiko Lingvay (Dallas, TX, USA), Steven Macari (AVEC, FRA), Joseph Nadglowski (Obesity Action Coalition, USA), Naveed Sattar (Glasgow, GBR), Raymond Soccio (FDA, USA), Pam Taub (San Diego, CA, USA), Subodh Verma (Toronto, CAN)

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ZEUS TRIAL DEEP DIVE : UNDERSTANDING AND INTERPRETING THE RESULTS OF ZEUS
Chairpersons: Paul Ridker (Boston, MA, USA) & Jean Claude Tardif (Montreal, CAN)

ZEUS rationale and primary results
Paul Ridker (Boston, MA, USA)

The consequence of ZEUS on the ongoing inflammation trials
Jean-Claude Tardif (Montreal, CAN)

What populations are most appropriate targets in cardio-immunology trials:

Is CKD an appropriate target population.
Hiddo Heerspink (Groningen, NLD)

Post-MI inflammation-enriched patients
Adrian Hernandez (Durham, NC, USA)

Heart failure: ATHENA and HERMES
Guiomar Mendieta Badimon (Madrid, ESP)

Therapeutic window and safety issues in cardiovascular inflammation trials
Jean Claude Tardif (Montreal, Canada)

Industry viewpoint
Andres Hvelplund (NOVO, DEN)

Regulatory viewpoints
Aliza Thompson (FDA, USA)

Clinical development learnings from ZEUS
Mads Engelmann (Copenhague, DEN)

Patient viewpoint
Patrick Gee (iAdvocate, USA)

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ZEUS TRIAL DEEP DIVE: IMPLICATIONS FOR CKM TRIALS
Chairpersons: Paul Ridker (Boston, MA, USA) & Jean Claude Tardif (Montreal, CAN)

Panelists: Mads Engelmann (Copenhagen, DEN), Patrick Gee (iAdvocate, USA), Hiddo Heerspink (Groningen, NED), Adrian Hernandez (Durham, NC, USA), Andres Hvelplund (NOVO, DEN), Guiomar Mendieta Badimon (Madrid, ESP), Paul Ridker (Boston, MA, USA), Jean Claude Tardif (Montreal, CAN), Aliza Thompson (FDA, USA)

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ANTI-INFLAMMATORY TREATMENT OF ASCVD: BEYOND ZEUS, WHAT IS NEXT?
Chairpersons: Wolfgang Koenig (Munich, GER) & Giovanna Liuzzo (Rome, IT)

Reverse translation: What have we learned from completed trials?
Peter Libby (Boston, MA, USA)

Targeted immune modulation for atherosclerosis
Klaus Ley (Augusta, GA, USA)

Can proteomics/multiomics provide novel insights into the best targets?
Manuel Mayr (London, GBR)

Could trials investigating an anti-inflammatory transcriptome in T-cells mediated by EPA finally solve the controversy?
Preston Mason (Boston, MA, USA)

T reg cell-based therapies—how can we identify the immunotolerant patients with the best benefit/risk ratio
Rouchelle Sriranjan-Rothwell (Cambridge, GBR)

IL-1β, direct NLRP3 inhibitors – Offsetting risk versus benefit.
Paul Ridker (Boston, MA, USA)

Industry Viewpoints
Chris O`Donnell (Novartis, CH), Kristen Fortney (BioAge, USA), Jyothis George (Rezera, GBR), Maria Sejersten Ripa (NOVO, DNK), Marzia Rigolli (Eli Lilly, USA)

Regulatory Viewpoint
Mori Krantz (FDA, USA)

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ANTI-INFLAMMATORY TREATMENT OF ASCVD: WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED FROM RECENT TRIALS? HOW TO TEST NEW TARGETS IN TRIALS?
Chairpersons: Wolfgang Koenig (Munich, GER) & Giovanna Liuzzo (Rome, ITA)

Panelists: Chris O`Donnell (Novartis, CH), Kristen Fortney (BioAge, USA), Jyothis George (Rezera, GBR), Mori Krantz (FDA, USA), Wolfgang Koenig (Munich, GER) ; Klaus Ley (Augusta, GA, USA), Peter Libby (Boston, MA, USA), Giovanna Liuzzo (Rome, ITA), Preston Mason (Boston, MA, USA), Manuel Mayr (London, GBR), Jorge Plutzky (Boston, MA, USA), Paul Ridker (Boston, MA, USA), Marzia Rigolli (Eli Lilly, USA), Maria Sejersten Ripa (NOVO, DNK), Fortunato Senatore (FDA, USA), Rouchelle Sriranjan-Rothwell (Cambridge, GBR)

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PULMONARY ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION
PULMONARY ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION INNOVATIVE TRIALS DESIGNS
Chairpersons: Marc Humbert (Paris, FRA) & Vallerie McLaughlin (Ann Arbor, MI, USA)

PDGF as a target in PAH: lessons from IMPRESS, IMPAHCT and PROSERA
Olivier Sitbon (Paris, FRA)

PDGF as a target in PAH: design of IMPROVE-PAH
Kelly Chin (Dallas, TX, USA)

Sotatercept in PAH: central, hematologic, and peripheral mechanisms of benefit
Yogesh Reddy (Rochester, MN, USA)

Activin signaling inhibitors safety signals in PAH trials
Iona Preston (Boston, MA, USA)

Drug development on top of drugs targeting four pathways: how?
Anna Hemnes (Nashville, TN, USA)

Investigator Viewpoints
Nick Hill (Boston, MA, USA)
Anjali Vaidya (Philadelphia, PA, USA)

Patient Viewpoint
Coleen Brunetti (Pulmonary Hypertension Association, USA)

Industry Viewpoints
Chris Cabell (Inhibikase, USA), Mahesh Patel (Merck, USA), Franck Rahaghi (United Therapeutics, USA), Rainer Zimmermann (Gossamer, USA)

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CVCT GREAT DEBATES
Chairpersons: Jane Leopold (NEJM, USA) & Milton Packer (Dallas, TX, USA)

Debate 1

Oral diuretic intensification should be included in the composite endpoint for HF failure
Pro: Harriette Van Spall (Hamilton, CAN)
Con: Javed Butler (Dallas, TX, USA)

Discussion

Debate 2

It is time to have multi-organ multi-endpoint composites for cardiovascular trials
Pro: Faiez Zannad (Paris, FRA)
Con: Milton Packer (Dallas, TX, USA)

Discussion

Debate 3

Device trials should be judged differently than drug trials due to size/design limitations
Pro: William Abraham (Columbus, OH, USA)
Con: Mark Petrie (Glasgow, GBR)

Discussion

Debate 4

Coronary revascularization should be included in the expanded MACE endpoints
Pro: Roxana Mehran (New York, NY, USA)
Con: Scott Solomon (Boston, MA, USA)

Discussion

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Statistics Master Class # 1:
SOME PERENNIAL CHALLENGES IN TRIAL DESIGN AND ANALYSIS
Chairpersons: Frank Rockhold (Durham, NC, USA) & Gregg Stone (New York, NY, USA)

In this session, we cover these topical themes:
Per protocol analyses, as usually done, are viewed skeptically as potentially biased, whereas the instrumental variable approach provides greater insight.
Randomized trials often lack power and generalizability, and incorporating external data can enhance both.
The non-inferiority design remains common but can be a cumbersome, underpowered tool asking the wrong question. Is there a better way forward?

Instrumental Variables in Randomized Trials
Robert Yeh (Boston, MA, USA)
David Cohen (Boston, MA, USA)

Discussion

Augmenting Power in Randomized Trials Using External Data
Issa Dahabreh (Boston, MA, USA)
TBD

Discussion

Non-inferiority trials: Their use, misuse, and possible alternatives.
Frank Rockhold (Durham, NC, USA)
Javed Butler (Dallas, TX, USA)

Discussion

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iCVCT # 2
PERCUTANEOUS VENTRICULAR ASSIST DEVICES TRIALS.
HIGH-RISK PCI , CARDIOGENIC SHOCK AND UNANSWERED QUESTIONS
Part #1: Percutaneous Mechanical Circulatory Support Devices for High-Risk PCI
Chairpersons: Mitch Krucoff (Durham, NC, USA) & Philippe Garot (CERC, FRA)

Randomized Evidence Evaluating Percutaneous MCS for High-Risk PCI
Divaka Perera (London, GBR)

MCS for High-Risk PCI – What the Evidence Tells Us
Suzanne Baron (Boston, MA, USA)

Regulatory viewpoint
William Herzog (FDA, USA)

Industry viewpoint
Navin Kapur (Abiomed/JnJ, USA)

Update on Percutaneous Ventricular Assist Devices Academic Research Consortium. Endpoint and other trial design issues.
Jeffrey Popma (CRF, USA)

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PERCUTANEOUS MECHANICAL CIRCULATORY SUPPORT DEVICES FOR HIGH-RISK PCI
Chairpersons: Mitch Krucoff (Durham, NC, USA) & Philippe Garot (CERC, FRA)

Panelists: Suzanne Baron (Boston, MA, USA), Dan Burkhoff (New York, NY, USA), Rafael Cavalcante (Boston Scientific, USA) , Kathleen Fenton (NIH, USA), Philippe Garot (CERC, FRA), William Herzog (FDA, USA), Navin Kapur (Abiomed/JnJ, USA), Mitch Krucoff (Durham, NC, USA), Christina Lalani (Boston, MA, USA), Craig Markovitz (Magenta Medical, ISR), Roxana Mehran (New York, NY, USA) , Divaka Perera (London, GBR), Jeffrey Popma (CRF, USA), Nitin Salunke (Supira Medical, USA), Robert Yeh (Boston, MA, USA), Bram Zuckerman (FDA, USA)

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iCVCT # 2
PERCUTANEOUS VENTRICULAR ASSIST DEVICES TRIALS
Part #2. Mechanical Circulatory Support Devices for Cardiogenic Shock
Chairpersons: Roxana Mehran (New York, NY, USA) & Robert Yeh (Boston, MA, USA)

Benefit/Risk of MCS In Stable Patients: The Critical Difference Defining «High Risk PCI» vs.»SCAI A (Pre-shock) CAD Phenotype
Michell Krucoff (Durham, NC, USA)

Clinical Trial Designs to Support Approval of New Shock Devices
Christina Lalani (Boston, MA, USA)

Pumps and Pills in Parallel: The INTeGRATE Trial in HF-Cardiogenic Shock
Alexandre Mebazaa (Paris, FRA)

Regulatory viewpoint
William Herzog (FDA, USA)

Industry viewpoints
Navin Kapur (Abiomed/JnJ, USA), Craig Markovitz (Magenta Medical, ISR), Nitin Salunke (Supira Medical, USA)

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iCVCT # 3
PCI WITHOUT PERMANENT CAGING - NEW DEVICES FOR DE NOVO CORONARY ARTERY REVASCULARIZATION
Part 1: WILL A LEAVE-NOTHING-BEHIND STRATEGY FOR DE NOVO PCI IMPROVE LATE OUTCOMES AFTER FIRST DES?
Chairpersons: Donald Cutlip (Boston, MA, USA) & Robert Yeh (Boston, MA, USA)

Coronary disease: have we finally learned whom to revascularize?
Bernard Gersh (Rochester, MN, USA)

Avoiding first DES in favor of a nothing-behind strategy will improve late outcomes after PCI.
Gregg Stone (New York, NY, USA)

Late outcomes after PCI are unlikely to improve with a leave nothing behind strategy.
Ziad Ali (New York, NY, USA)

FDA viewpoint
Lydia Glaw (FDA, USA)

Industry viewpoints
Rafael Cavalcante (Boston Scientific, USA)

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LEAVE-NOTHING-BEHIND STRATEGY
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Panelists: Ziad Ali (New York, NY, USA), Dom Alloco (Shockwave/J&J, USA), Rafael Cavalcante (Boston Scientific, USA), David Cohen (Boston, MA, USA), Roisin Colleran (Galway, IRL), Donald Cutlip (Boston, MA, USA), Andrew Farb (FDA, USA), Philippe Garot (CERC, FRA), Praktiki Gaba (Boston, MA, USA), Lydia Glaw (FDA, USA), Bernard Gersh (Rochester, MN, USA), Roxana Mehran (New York, NY, USA), Giovanni Occhipinti (Barcelona, ESP), Motasim Sirhan (Elixir Medical, USA), Gregg Stone (New York, NY, USA), Stefan Verheye (Brussels, BEL), Ron Waksman (Washington, DC, USA), Robert Yeh (Boston, MA, USA), Bram Zuckerman (FDA, USA)

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PCI WITHOUT PERMANENT CAGING - NEW DEVICES FOR DE NOVO CORONARY ARTERY REVASCULARIZATION
Part 2: LEAVE LESS BEHIND STRATEGIES: COST, BENEFIT, INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY
Chairpersons: Donald Cutlip (Boston, MA, USA) & Robert Yeh (Boston, MA, USA)

Drug-coated balloons for de novo lesions. Review of current clinical trial designs and future utilization.
Roisin Colleran (Galway, IRL)

Beyond the permanent cage: Can “uncaging devices” overcome the late failure of DES without repeating the bioresorbable-scaffold experience.
Stefan Verheye (Brussels, BEL)

Health system viewpoint – Why Should We Pay for New Balloons/Stents/Scaffolds When DES Are So Affordable
Ron Waksman (Washington, DC, USA)

Industry viewpoints
Dom Alloco (Shockwave/J&J, USA), Motasim Sirhan (Elixir Medical, USA)

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VALVE TRIALS
Part #1 ARE OUR CURRENT TRIAL DESIGNS “FIT FOR PURPOSE”?
Chairpersons : David Cohen (Boston, MA, USA) & Vinod Thourani (Atlanta, GA, USA)

Device vs. device Trials: Considerations for endpoint selection
Chad Kliger (FDA, USA)

Quality of Life is the Main Benefit of TTVI—Why not Make it the Primary Endpoint of Device vs. Device Trials?
Suzanne Arnold (Kansas City, MO, USA)

Statistician viewpoint: Multiple Comparators, Crossover and Bayesian issues
Ben Saville (Austin, TX, USA)

Are Device vs. Device trials even Appropriate?
Juan Granada (New York, NY, USA)

Should Cardiac Surgery be in the Mix? The Case for Trials vs. Surgery
Gorav Ailawadi (Ann Arbor, MI, USA)

Panel Discussion

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Panelists: Gorav Ailawadi (Ann Arbor, MI, USA), Suzanne Arnold (Kansas City, MO, USA), Suzanne Baron (Boston, MA, USA), Rishi Chandiramani (Baltimore, MD, USA), David Cohen (Boston, MA, USA), Juan Granada (New York, NY, USA), Kendra Grubb (Medtronic, USA), Aakriti Gupta (New York, NY, USA), Sanjay Kaul (Los Angeles, CA, USA), Chad Kliger (FDA, USA), Michael Mack (Dallas, TX, USA), Roxana Mehran (New York, NY, USA), Mark Reisman (Edwards, USA), Frederic Resnic (Burlington, MA, USA), Ben Saville (Austin, TX, USA) Sreek Vemulapalli (Durham, NC, USA), Vinod Thourani (Atlanta, GA, USA), Changfu Wu (FDA, USA)

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TRICUSPID VALVE INNOVATION
Part #2 THE TVT REGISTRY AT THE CROSSROADS
Chairpersons : David Cohen (Boston, MA, USA) & Vinod Thourani (Atlanta, GA, USA)

The TVT Registry- Lessons from the First 15 Years.
Michael Mack (Dallas, TX, USA)

A View from the Trenches— What I Wish we Had Done Differently.
Sreek Vemulapalli (Durham, NC, USA)

Are EHR-Based Solutions a Viable Alternative?
Frederic Resnic (Burlington, MA, USA)

Industry viewpoints
Kendra Grubb (Medtronic, USA)

Regulatory viewpoint
Changfu Wu (FDA, USA)
Marco Marchetti (AGENAS, IT)

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Artificial Intelligence and digital therapeutics - Arrhythmia
Chairpersons: Rahul Aggarwal (Boston, MA, USA) & Tina Baykaner (Stanford, CA, USA)

3.a Artificial Intelligence and digital therapeutics (presentation times 8 min)

Use of artificial intelligence in the electronic health record to ascertain outcomes, estimate treatment effects, and conduct 25-year follow-up of the COURAGE trial
N Butala1,*, N Rahman2, N Murali2, S Cave3, S Ayandeh4, M Plomondon5, J Cunningham6, W Weintraub7, R Yeh8, W Boden9, S Waldo1
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Large language model–based adjudication of specific causes of death in cardiovascular clinical trials
A Cruz-Solbes1,*, R Helseth2, M Ruppert3, P Marti-Castellote1, S Badrouchi4, B Claggett1, S Khurshid5, P Ellinor5, J Ho6, M Pfeffer1, P Jhund7, A Desai1, J Mcmurray7, S Solomon1, J Cunningham1
1Brigham and Women's Hospital - Boston (United States), 2Oslo Center for Clinical Heart Research - Oslo (Norway), 3Semmelweis University - Budapest (Hungary), 4Charles Nicolle University Hospital - Tunis (Tunisia), 5Mass General Brigham - Boston (United States), 6Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center - Boston (United States), 7University of Glasgow - Glasgow (United Kingdom)

AI-enabled ECG for hypertension and hypertensive heart disease: development, external validation, and prognostic value versus cardiac biomarkers in SPRINT and ACCORD
A Pandey1,*, M Usman2, S Reddy N3, S Mendiratta4, A Anto4, S Asfahan4, W Ip5, R Suratekar4, A Armoundas6, E Priest7, E Brittain8, V Somers9, Z Zoghby9, J Oh9, P Noseworthy9, A Attia9, D Rushlow9, A Desai10, F Lopez-Jimenez9, J Butler7, S Shah11, S Awasthi12, I Meredith13
1University of Michigan - Ann Arbor (United States), 2University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center - Dallas (United States), 3Anumana - Bengaluru (India), 4Anumana Inc - Bengaluru (India), 5Anumana Inc - Cambridge (United States), 6Massacusetts General Hospital - Charlestown (United States), 7Baylor Scott and White Research Institute - Dallas (United States), 8Vanderbilt University - Nashville (United States), 9Mayo Clinic - Rochester (United States), 10Brigham and Women's Hospital - Boston (United States), 11Northwestern University - Chicago (United States), 12Anumana - Cambridge (United States), 13Monash University - Clayton (Australia)

Large Language Models to Distinguish Explained From Actionable Gaps in Guideline-Directed Therapy for Chronic Kidney Disease
S. Badrouchi1,*, K. B. Lo1, R. Helseth1, A. S. Cruz-Solbes1, P. M. Marti-Castellote1, B. L. Claggett1, P. T. Ellinor2, B. L. Neuen3, M. Vaduganathan1, S. D. Solomon1, M. M. Mcgrath1, F. R. Mc Causland1, J. W. Cunningham1,*
1Brigham and Women's Hospital - Boston (United States), 2Brigham and Women's Hospital (United States), 3George Institute for Global Health - Sydney (Australia)

Effect of Apple Watch vs Control Device on Patient-Quality of Life: Results from the Heart Watch Pragmatic Randomized Controlled Trial
S Dhruva1,*, J Akar2, A Beatty1, A Deshmukh3, J Freeman2, R Ghosh2, M Grewal2, J Hummel2, M Jeffery3, C Knepper3, P Noseworthy3, J Piccini4, E Pinci2, J Ritchie2, N Shah5, S Snow4, S Vemulapalli4, J Ross2
1UCSF School of Medicine - San Francisco (United States), 2Yale School of Medicine - New Haven (United States), 3Mayo Clinic - Rochester (United States), 4Duke Clinical Research Institute - Durham (United States), 5University of Texas, Austin - Austin (United States)

Discussant (10 min)
Rohan Khera (New Haven, CT, USA)

Q&A (10min)

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3.b Arrhythmia (presentation times 8 min)

Risk of Stroke and TIA With Pulsed Field Compared With Radiofrequency Ablation for Atrial Fibrillation
E.G. Ferro1,*, A. D'avila1, M. Reynolds1, D. Villareal1, J. Nelson1, J. Yoon1, S. Vu1, A. Nallaparaju1, A. Locke1, T. Maher1, S. Yang1, P. Tung1, R. Yeh1, P. Zimetbaum1, J. Waks1, D. Kramer1
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Rhythm control and quality of life in atrial fibrillation: a post-hoc analysis of the PVI-SHAM-AF trial
P Haag1,*, D Petroff1, M Bacak1, M Forkmann2, T Gaspar3, M Neef1, E Eckardt4, U Laufs1, G Hindricks5, N Dagres5, R Wachter1
1 - Leipzig (Germany), 2 - Coburg (Germany), 3 - Dresden (Germany), 4 - Münster (Germany), 5 - Berlin (Germany)

Direct oral anticoagulants for stroke prevention in patients with atrial fibrillation and a CHA2DS2-VA score of 1: a study-level meta-analysis of the SINGLE-AF, BRAIN-AF and AVERROES randomized trials
AP Benz1,*, D Kim2, L Rivard3, WF Mcintyre1,*, JW Eikelboom1, JS Healey1, B Joung4
1Population Health Research Institute, McMaster University - Hamilton (Canada), 2Division of Cardiology, Department of Internal Medicine, Severance Hospital, Yonsei University College of Medicine - Seoul (Korea, Republic of), 3Department of Medicine, Université de Montréal - Montréal (Canada), 4Division of Cardiology, Department of Internal Medicine, Severance Hospital, Yonsei University College of Medicine - Seoul (Korea, Republic of) - Seoul (Korea, Republic of)

EQ-5D-3L functional dimensions define patient-reported phenotypes for risk stratification and response to echocardiographic screening: a secondary analysis of the OPT-PACE trial.
F. Varian1, 2,*, T. May1, S. Straw1, 2, J. Gierula1, J. Lowry1, N.A. Samad1, O.I. Brown1, 2, M. Mcginlay1, R. Cubbon1, M.T. Kearney1, K.K. Witte1, M.F. Paton1, 2
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Discussant (10 min)
Paulus Kirchhof (Hamburg, GER)

Q&A (10min)

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Chairpersons: Pamela Taub (San Diego, CA, USA) & Andre Zimerman (Porto Allegre, BRA)

Session 1 (presentation times 8 min)

Efficacy and Safety of Enlicitide, an Oral PCSK9 Inhibitor, in Statin-Intolerant Participants on No Background Statin Therapy in the CORALreef Lipids Trial
A Navar1,*, M Zhou2, P Banka2, A Catapano3, E Stroes4, W Zhang2, L Gellis2, C Ballantyne5
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Bivalent RSV Prefusion F Protein-based Vaccine and Cardiovascular Outcomes in a General Adult Population: A Prespecified Analysis of the DAN-RSV Randomized Trial
M. Pareek1,*, M. Lassen1, M. Yafasov1, S. Christensen1, N. Johansen1, A. Rudolph2, C. Rodriguez-Tenreiro-Sanchez3, K. Skaarup1, D. Modin1, B. Claggett4, C. Larsen5, L. Larsen6, L. Wiese7, M. Dalager-Pedersen8, M. Lindholm7, A.M. Jensen1, M. Dons1, K. Bernholm1, F. Davidovski1, L. Duus1, C. Ottosen1, A. Nielsen1, J. Borchsenius1, C. Espersen1, G. Kose1, F. Fussing1, I. Lenz1, J. Christensen1, J. Simonsen1, M. Afzal1, K. Bartholdy1, A. Langhoff1, L. Kober9, S. Solomon4, J.U. Jensen1, C. Martel10, I. Gine-Vazquez3, C. Duran-Parrondo3, M. Pineiro-Sotelo3, M. Cribeiro-Gonzalez3, M. Conde-Pajaro3, S. Miras-Carballal3, J.M. Gonzalez-Perez3, B. Gessner2, N. Aliabadi2, C. Schwarz2, M. Skovdal2, L. Moulton2, P. Zhang2, V. Lopez-Gomez2, S. Welsh2, L. Anatale-Tardiff2, A. Cane2, K. Hayford2, F. Martinon-Torres3, E. Begier3, T. Biering-Sorensen1
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Personalized edoxaban dosing guided by a validated exposure-based risk model in ENGAGE AF-TIMI 48: value, who benefits, and implications for dosing and trials
C. Michael Gibson1, Cathy Chen2, Jacqueline Buros-Novik3, Eric Novik3,4, Elliott M. Antman5, Robert P. Giugliano5, Martin Unverdorben6
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Targeting NLRP3 Inflammasome Signalling in Clonal Haematopoiesis and Coronary Artery Disease: A Randomised Phase 2a Trial
M. Von Scheidt1,*, J.C. Tardif2, S. Cremer3, J.B. Heimlich4, C. O'donnell5, W. Koenig1, A.G. Bick4, M.M. Mendelson6
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Effects of siRNA-mediated profound FXI inhibition on ex vivo coagulation and platelet function in patients with chronic coronary artery disease: vortosiran phase 2a trial
S Svedlund1,*, A Gabrielsen2,*, J Wikström2, S Ueckert2, C Nilsson2, AC Egnell2, C Jr. Pollack2, S Gao2, J I. Weitz3, LM Gan1, CSP Lam4
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Discussant: 10 min
Wolfgang Koenig (Munich, GER)

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Session 2 (presentation times 8 min)

Heterogeneity of lipoprotein(a) distributions across cardiovascular phenotypes: A multi-cohort comparison with the general population
N Arnold1,*, A Goßling1, B Bay1, Ch Blaum1, R Twerenbold1, J Neumann1, N Sörensen1, S Blankenberg1, FJ Brunner1
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Lipoprotein(a) Composition and Coronary Plaque Phenotypes: Insights from the Essence-TIMI 73b Trial
S Tsimikas1,*, A Leikas1, X Yang1, L Lin1, V Alexander2, E Waldman2, D Li2, T Prohaska2, B Bergmark3
1UCSD - La Jolla (United States), 2Ionis - Carlsbad (United States), 3Brigham aCarlsbadnd Women's - Boston (United States)

Beyond Lp(a) Concentration: Multidomain Phenotyping of Recurrent Cardiovascular Risk and Modeled Lp(a) Lowering in Established Coronary Artery Disease
NA Arnold1,*, AG Goßling1, BB Bay1, CB Blaum1, SB Blankenberg1, FB Brunner1
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Lipoprotein (a) is associated with impaired natural killer (NK) cell function and impaired mitochondrial homeostasis
Y. Baumer1,*, A. Saurabh1, L.G. Mendelsohn1, M.R. Andrews1, T.M. Powell-Wiley1
1Nhlbi - Bethesda (United States)

High Prevalence of Coronary Inflammation Despite Low hsCRP in Clinically Stable Post-Myocardial Infarction Patients: Findings from the FORTIFY trial
C Farina1,*, W Lu1, A Gille1, K Melvin1, J Nilsson1, 2, T Villines3, G Schwartz4, C Shirodaria5, 6, C Antoniades5, 7, P Libby8, 9
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Discussant (10 min)
Robert Rosenson (New York, NY, USA)

Q&A (10min)

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PULMONARY HYPERTENSION NEXT FRONTIERS

Chairpersons: Mardi Gomberg-Maitland (Washington, DC) & Bradley Maron (Circulation, USA)

Concept of urgency in treatment of patients with pulmonary hypertension
Mardi Gomberg-Maitland (Washington, DC, USA)

Survival discrepancy between PAH patients eligible for clinical trials and clinical reality
Mark Toshner (Cambridge, GBR)

Heterogeneity of treatment effect in patients with PAH and co-existing mild lung diseases participating in randomized clinical trials
Steve Kawut (Philadelphia, PA, USA)

Remission as a goal in PAH
Jason Weatherald (Edmonton, CA)

Predictors of pulmonary hypertension in patients with interstitial lung disease
Corey Ventetuolo (Providence, RI, USA)

Pulmonary hypertension associated with interstitial lung diseases: Is it time to consider a morbidity and mortality primary endpoint?
Oksana Shlobin (Falls Church, VA, USA)

Pulmonary hypertension associated with left heart disease: Is it time to consider a morbidity and mortality primary endpoint?
Jean-Luc Vachiéry (Brussels, BE)

Investigator Viewpoints
Hap Farber (Boston, MA, USA)
Sandeep Sahay (Houston, TX, USA)

Patient Viewpoint
Coleen Brunetti (Pulmonary Hypertension Association, USA)

Industry Viewpoints
Mahesh Patel (Merck, USA), Carlos Sanmarco (Pulmovant, USA)

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Panelists: Coleen Brunetti (Pulmonary Hypertension Association), Kelly Chin (Dallas, TX, USA), Chris Cabel (Inhibikase, USA), Bjorn Dahlof (Cereno, SWE), Hap Farber (Boston, MA, USA), Mardi Gomberg-Maitland (Washington, DC), Anna Hemnes (Nashville, TN), Nick Hill (Boston, MA, USA), Marc Humbert (Paris, FRA), Steve Kawut (Philadelphia, PA, USA), Bradley Maron (Circulation, USA), Vallerie McLaughlin (Ann Arbor, MI, USA), Mahesh Patel (Merck, USA), Iona Preston (Boston, MA, USA), Mitch Psotka (FDA, USA), Franck Rahaghi (United Therapeutics, USA), Yogesh Reddy (Rochester, MN, USA), Sandeep Sahay (Houston, TX, USA), Carlos Sanmarco (Pulmovant, USA), Oksana Shlobin (Falls Church, VA, USA), Olivier Sitbon (Paris, FRA), Derek Solum (United Therapeutics, NC), Mark Toshner (Cambridge, GBR), Anjali Vaidya (Philadelphia, PA, USA), Jean-Luc Vachiéry (Brussels, BE), Corey Ventetuolo (Providence, RI), Jason Weatherald (Edmonton, CA), Rainer Zimmermann (Gossamer, USA)

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ACC-CVCT JOINT SESSION
AI MASTER CLASS 3
FROM BORROWED TO BUILT: HOW FAR CAN WE GO WITHOUT ENROLLING A PATIENT?
EMULATING, BORROWING, GENERATING AI AND SIMULATING TRIAL DATA
CAN REGULATORS AND CLINICIANS STILL TRUST IT?
Chairpersons: Rohan Khera (New Haven, CT, USA) & Harlan Krumholz (JACC, USA)

Every control arm we randomize costs money, costs time, and exposes patients to a treatment we already believe is inferior. Four distinct technologies now propose to shrink or replace it: emulating trials from routinely collected data, borrowing control patients from completed trials, generating patients with AI, and simulating them from physiology.
Each rests on a different assumption and each fails in a different way — exchangeability for the first two, model fidelity for the third, verification and validation for the fourth. This session climbs the four rungs in order and asks, at each one, what a regulator has actually accepted and what remains a promise.

Framework for Regulatory/Community Acceptance of AI-Generated Data: Context of Use, Model Influence, and Decision Consequence
Jonathan Cunningham (Boston, MA, USA)

From replicating trial findings with healthcare data to robust trial-anchored non-randomized evidence.
Sebastian Schneeweiss (Boston, MA, USA)

Real patients, borrowed: external and synthetic control arms
Miguel Hernán (Boston, MA, USA)

Digital Twins and In Silico Control Arms: When Are They Valid?
Blanca Rodriguez (Oxford, GBR)

Simulated patients: in silico clinical trials
Emmanuelle Bechet (NovoInSilico, FRA)

EHR-based eligibility surveillance and automated patient recruitment
Michael Gibson (Boston, MA, USA)

AI-Assisted clinical trials screening
Alexander Blood (AIwithCare, USA)

Industry Perspective
Alexandra Goncalves (BMS, USA)

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WITHIN 10 YEARS, AI- AND MODEL-GENERATED EVIDENCE WILL BE ACCEPTED AS EQUIVALENT TO TRADITIONAL TRIAL EVIDENCE — AND THIS IS A GOOD THING
Chairpersons : Rohan Khera (New Haven, CT, USA) & Harlan Krumholz (JACC, USA)

Panelists: Alexander Blood (AIwithCare, USA), Emmanuelle Bechet (NovoInSilico, FRA), Jonathan Cunningham (Boston, MA, USA), Viral Gandhi (Aviga Health, USA), Michael Gibson (Boston, MA, USA), Alexandra Goncalves (BMS, USA), Miguel Hernán (Boston, MA, USA), Rohan Khera (New Haven, CT, USA), Harlan Krumholz (JACC, USA), Bakul Patel (Google, USA), Blanca Rodriguez (Oxford, GBR), Sebastian Schneeweiss (Boston, MA, USA)

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Bayesian Statistics Masterclass #2
BAYESIAN STATISTICS IN CARDIOVASCULAR TRIALS: FOUNDATIONS, GUIDANCE, AND EVOLVING PERSPECTIVES
Chairpersons: Frank Harrell (Nashville, TN, USA) & Norman Stockbridge (S&S Consulting, USA)

Bayesian statistics is gaining renewed attention in cardiovascular trials, offering a framework for integrating prior knowledge, accumulating evidence, and supporting clinically meaningful decision-making. This masterclass will introduce Bayesian concepts for clinicians, explore how Bayesian thinking differs from traditional frequentist approaches, and examine how it reframes evidence thresholds, multiplicity, and interpretation of trial results. It will also review the draft Bayesian guidance and consider what doors it may open for trial design, regulatory considerations, and future cardiovascular evidence generation. The session will close with reflections on how views of Bayesian methods have evolved, from skepticism to recognition of their potential role in modernizing cardiovascular trials.

A Primer on What Bayes Offers to Randomized Clinical Trials
Scott Berry (Berry Consultants, USA)

Discussion

The Essence of Bayesian Statistics
Frank Harrell (Nashville, TN, USA)

Discussion

A Review of the Draft Bayesian Guidance and its Impacts
James Travis (FDA, USA)

Discussion

Evolving Views on Bayes
Norman Stockbridge (S&S Consulting, USA)

Discussion

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UNDERSTANDING BAYESIAN STATISTICS
Chairpersons: Frank Harrell (Nashville, TN, USA) & Norman Stockbridge (S&S Consulting, USA)

Panelists: Scott Berry (Berry Consultants, USA), Frank Harrell (Nashville, TN, USA), Norman Stockbridge (S&S Consulting, USA), James Travis (FDA, USA)

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Statistics Masterclass #3
BAYESIAN DESIGNS IN ACTION: LEARNING, BORROWING, AND ADAPTING
Chairpersons: Scott Berry (Berry Consultants) & Graeme Hickey (Medtronic, USA)

Bayesian methods offer a flexible framework for clinical trial design, allowing studies to learn and adapt as evidence accumulates. Beyond familiar uses such as interim monitoring, early stopping, and sample size selection, Bayesian approaches can support borrowing from historical or external data, adaptive enrichment of trial populations, and more flexible approaches to complex or multiple endpoints, while also offering powerful tools for earlier-phase questions such as dose selection. Through real-world trial examples, this masterclass will illustrate how Bayesian designs can use accumulating evidence to guide trial decisions, focus enrollment on populations most likely to benefit, and create more flexible and efficient cardiovascular trials.

SPYRAL HTN: Dynamic Discounting in Practice
Graeme Hickey (Medtronic, USA)

Discussion

PM RESPONDER-HF: Fixed Borrowing with a Hierarchical Endpoint
Amy Crawford (Berry Consultants, USA)

Discussion

ENRICH: Adaptive Enrichment of the Trial Population
Ben Saville (Austin, TX, USA)

Discussion

Anticoagulation in COVID-19: An Adaptive Multiplatform Trial
Patrick Lawler (Montreal, CAN)

Discussion

Palm court
Wednesday, December 9, 2026
08:00 -10:00

CARDIOVASCULAR GENE THERAPY TRIALS: WHY IS TRANSLATION SO DIFFICULT?
Chairpersons : Deborah Ascheim (Boston, MA, USA) & Andrew Baker (Edinburgh, GBR)

Contrasting irreversible genomic intervention with the conservative cardiovascular outcomes trial culture.
Deborah Ascheim (Boston, MA, USA)

What duration is sufficient for approval in the context of durability—reversibility of expression?
Roger Hajjar (Boston, MA, USA)

Gene therapy for prevention of vein graft failure
Andrew Baker (Edinburgh, GBR)

Genetic Therapies for Inherited Life-Threatening Arrhythmias: From CPVT to LQT8
Silvia Priori (Pavia, ITA)

Gene therapy for rare diseases (5min each)

Danon Disease and Rare Disease Clinical Translation
Barry Greenberg (San Diego, CA, USA)

Rare Cardio-Neuro Disorders and Precision Cardiomyopathies
Alessia Argirò (Florence, ITA)

LMNA Cardiomyopathy and Mechanobiology
Monica Shah (Nuevocor, Singapore, SGP)

Targeting Friedreichs Cardiomyopathy, One Part of a Multisystem Approach
Gabriel Brooks (Solidbio, USA)

Challenges in Rare Cardiovascular Disease. How much evidence-flexibility is acceptable?
Janet Wittes (Wittes LLC, USA)

Patient Perspectives and Acceptance of an irreversible therapy.
Pieter Glijnis (Phospholamban Foundation, NED)

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CREATIVE CLINICAL TRIALS SOLUTIONS FOR ADVANCING GENE THERAPY
Chairpersons: Deborah Ascheim (Boston, MA, USA) & Andrew Baker (Edinburgh, GBR)

Panelists : Alessia Argirò (Florence, ITA), Deborah Ascheim (Boston, MA, USA), Andrew Baker (Edinburgh, GBR), Gabriel Brooks (Solidbio, USA), Barry Greenberg (San Diego, CA, USA), Pieter Glijnis (Phospholamban Foundation, NED), Roger Hajjar (Boston, MA, USA), Monica Shah (Nuevocor, SGP), Silvia Priori (Pavia, ITA), Janet Wittes (Wittes LLC, USA)

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THE NEXT GENERATION OF CARDIOVASCULAR GENETIC MEDICINE
Part 1
Chairpersons: Roger J. Hajjar (Boston, MA, USA) & Seppo Ylä-Herttuala (Kuopio, FIN)

Where Cardiovascular Gene Therapy Becomes Clinical Reality.

To this purpose, the CVCT Gene Therapy Trials sessions will explore the transition from first-generation AAV cardiac gene therapy toward scalable cardiovascular genetic medicine. This includes
•Convergence of gene therapy, gene editing, RNA therapeutics, and engineered delivery systems
•Rare monogenic cardiomyopathies versus broad, high-prevalence heart failure indications.
•Clinical trial design evolution in advanced therapeutics
•Regulatory acceleration pathways and “plausible mechanism” frameworks
•Cardiovascular inflammation, fibrosis, and precision endotyping
•Next-generation vector engineering and repeat dosing strategies
•Real-world translational lessons from active clinical programs
•The emergence of gene editing in cardiovascular disease

Opening Perspective. Cardiovascular Genetic Medicine Has Entered Its Second Era
Roger Hajjar (Boston, MA, USA)

Disease Mechanisms and Precision Endotyping.
Victoria Parikh (Stanford, CA, USA)

Cardiac Angiogenesis and Therapeutic Vascular Gene Transfer
Seppo Ylä-Herttuala (Kuopio, FIN)

Cardiac Regeneration in the Clinic
James Martin (Dallas, TX, USA)

PART 1 DISCUSSION

Panelists: Greg Aubert (Lexeo Therapeutics, USA), Narinder Bhalla (Lexeo Therapeutics, USA), Gabriel Brooks (Solid Biosciences, USA), Kevin Costa (Novoheart, CAN), Roger Hajjar (Boston, MA, USA), Kiyotake Ishikawa (New York, NY, USA), Kiyotake Ishikawa (New York, NY, USA), James Kim (Medera, USA), James Martin (Dallas, TX, USA), Victoria Parikh (Stanford, CA, USA), Christina Quarta (Alexion, USA) Luke Roberts (Bayer, GER), Lothar Roessig (AskBio, GER), Whit Tingley (Tenaya Therapeutics, USA), Seppo Ylä-Herttuala (Kuopio, FIN)

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THE NEXT GENERATION OF CARDIOVASCULAR GENETIC MEDICINE
PART 2 : DELIVERY: ARE WE TESTING THE GENE OR THE PROCEDURE? OUTCOMES MAY DEPEND MORE ON DELIVERY SUCCESS THAN BIOLOGICAL CONSTRUCT QUALITY
Chairpersons: Roger J. Hajjar (Boston, MA, USA) & Seppo Ylä-Herttuala (Kuopio, FIN)

Advanced Cardiac Gene Delivery Platforms
Kiyotake Ishikawa (New York, NY, USA)

Cardiac gene delivery and next-generation capsids.
Gabriel Brooks (Solid Bio, USA)

Precision cardiac gene delivery & Hemodynamic Endpoints in heart failure
James Kim (Medera, USA)

Human Engineered Tissue and IND-Enabling Translation
Kevin Costa (Novoheart, USA)

Neutralizing Antibodies and the GENEPHIT Experience
Luke Roberts (Bayer, GER)

Large-Scale Translation of Cardiovascular Gene Therapy
Lothar Roessig (Askbio, GER)

Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Programs
Whit Tingley (Tenaya Therapeutics, USA)

BAG3 Cardiomyopathy and the DCM-RESTORE Trial
Jonathan Lu (Alexion, USA)

Friedreich Ataxia Cardiomyopathy and Rare Disease Translation
Greg Aubert (Lexeo Therapeutics, USA)

Regulatory Viewpoints
Josh Hare (Miami,FL, USA)
Maritza McIntyre (Advanced Therapies Partners, MD, USA)

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GENE THERAPY TRANSLATABILITY AND READINESS FOR CLINICAL STAGE
Chairpersons: Roger J. Hajjar (Boston, MA, USA) & Seppo Ylä-Herttuala (Kuopio, FIN)

Panelists: Greg Aubert (Lexeo Therapeutics, USA), Narinder Bhalla (Lexeo Therapeutics, USA), Gabriel Brooks (Solid Biosciences, USA), Kevin Costa (Novoheart, CAN), Roger Hajjar (Boston, MA, USA), Josh Hare (Miami,FL, USA), Kiyotake Ishikawa (New York, NY, USA), James Kim (Medera, USA), Jonathan Lu (Alexion, USA), Maritza McIntyre (Advanced Therapies Partners, MD, USA), James Martin (Dallas, TX, USA), Victoria Parikh (Stanford, CA, USA), Luke Roberts (Bayer, GER), Lothar Roessig (AskBio, GER), Whit Tingley (Tenaya Therapeutics, USA), Seppo Ylä-Herttuala (Kuopio, FIN)

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ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY WILL BE PART OF STROKE PREVENTION IN 2030
Chairpersons: Paulus Kirchhof (Hamburg, GER) & Ken Mahaffey (Stanford, CA, USA)

AF Burden and Stroke Risk: Can we measure more to treat less?
Lindsey Rosman (Chicago, IL, USA)

EAST-AFNET 4, OCEAN, ALONE, OPTION: Is rhythm control a stroke-prevention therapy?
Jason Andrade (Vancouver, CAN)

Debate: "Ready or Reckless: Are left atrial occluders a valid replacement for oral anticoagulation?"
PRO: Oussama Wazni (Cleveland, OH, USA)
CON: Atul Verma (Hamilton, CAN)

Better stroke prevention with novel drugs: Factor XI antagonists for stroke prevention
Ken Mahaffey (Stanford, CA, USA)

Anti-vWF aptamers and their antidotes for thromboembolic stroke
Shahid Nimjee (Basking Biosciences, USA)

The 'EP Collaboratory' proposal: addressing systemic challenges in clinical trials
Paul Wang (Stanford, CA, USA)

NIH Viewpoint
Patrice Desvigne-Nickens (NIH/NHLBI, USA)

Industry Viewpoint: "Can Industry Build Comparative Evidence Without Killing Innovation?"
Greg Michaud (JnJ, USA)

Industry Viewpoint: "Beyond Anticoagulation: A Biotech Perspective on Residual Stroke Risk in AF"
David Gutstein (Regeneron, USA)

Industry Viewpoint: "Rhythm control and LAAO. A Medtech perspective on stroke prevention"
Kenneth Stein (Boston Scientific, USA)

Patient Viewpoint: "Stroke and bleeds: What matters for AF patients"
Trudie Lobban (London, GBR)

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HOW ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY MAY BE PART OF STROKE PREVENTION IN 2030?
Chairpersons: Paulus Kirchhof (Hamburg, GER) & Ken Mahaffey (Stanford, CA, USA)

Panelists : Jason Andrade (Vancouver, BC, CAN), Patrice Desvigne-Nickens (NIH/NHLBI, USA), David Gutstein (Regeneron, USA), Paulus Kirchhof (Hamburg, DEU), Trudie Lobban (London, GBR), Kenneth Mahaffey (Stanford, CA, USA), Greg Michaud (JnJ, USA), Shahid Nimjee (Basking Biosciences, USA), Yogesh Reddy (Rochester, MN, USA), Lindsey Rosman (Chicago, IL, USA), Kimberly Selzman (FDA, USA), Kenneth Stein (Boston Scientific, USA), Atul Verma (Hamilton, CAN), Oussama Wazni (Cleveland, OH, USA), Paul Wang (Stanford,CA, USA)

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HEART FAILURE MEETS ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY: THE QUESTIONS THAT WON'T GO AWAY
Chairpersons: Javed Butler (Dallas, TX, USA) & Tina Baykaner (Stanford, CA, USA)

AF ablation outcome trials: The EP community is growing up
Emma Svennberg (Stockholm, SWE)

Debate: "AF ablation in HFrEF: The question is answered"!
PRO: Christian Sohns (Hannover, GER)
CON: Mark Petrie (Glasgow, GBR)

Bidirectional effects of cardiometabolic drugs on atrial and ventricular function.
Anne-Christine Ruwald (Copenhagen, DK)

Beyond the Primary Endpoint: Can Atrial Fibrillation Be Better Tracked in Heart Failure Trials?
Nicolas Girerd (Nancy, FRA)

AF burden and heart failure trajectories: Known unknowns.
Paulus Kirchhof (Hamburg, GER)

Industry Viewpoint: "Measuring More, Treating Smarter": Industry View of HF–EP Trial Design"
Nirav Patel (Medtronic, USA)

Industry Viewpoint: Entresto and Beyond: Reimagining Disease Modification Across the HF–AF Continuum
Steve Lubitz (Novartis, USA)

Industry Viewpoint: "Connecting HF and AF: A Pharma Perspective on Anticoagulation, Cardiorenal Protection, and Trial Design"
Maria Borentain (Bayer, GER)

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ROADMAP FOR HEART FAILURE & ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY TRIALISTS COLLABORATIONS
Chairpersons: Javed Butler (Dallas, TX, USA) & Tina Baykaner (Stanford, CA, USA)

Panelists : Tina Baykaner (Stanford, CA, USA), Maria Borentain (Bayer, GER), Javed Butler (Dallas, TX, USA), Kieran Docherty (Glasgow, GBR), Nicolas Girerd (Nancy, FRA), Paulus Kirchhof (Hamburg, GER), Steve Lubitz (Novartis, USA), Nirav Patel (Medtronic, USA), Mark Petrie (Glasgow, GBR), Anne-Christine Ruwald (Copenhagen, DNK), Christian Sohns (Hannover, GER), Emma Svennberg (Stockholm, SWE)

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CRF THT TECHNOLOGY AND HEART FAILURE THERAPEUTICS

CVCT-THT JOINT SYMPOSIUM
DEVICE THERAPIES FOR HEART FAILURE
SLOW DEVELOPMENT AND SLOW ADOPTION
WHAT IS THE PROBLEM AND WHAT CAN WE DO?
Chairpersons: Dan Burkhoff (New York, NY, USA) & Faiez Zannad (CVCT, Paris, FRA)

Should devices always follow failure of comprehensive drug therapy?
Finn Gustafsson (Abbott, USA)

What is the development and adoption landscape?
Marat Fudim (Durham, NC, USA)

Can In-Silico Evidence Address the Device Development Bottleneck
Simon Sonntag (Virtonomy, GER)

Impediments and solutions to more sham control trials
Rita Redberg (San Francisco, CA, USA)

Why not more event driven trials? When and how
Robert Mentz (Durham, NC, USA)

Maximizing follow-up, Open Label Extension, and Real World Evidence
Maria Rosa Costanzo (Naperville, IL, USA)

Diuretic intensification and GDMT change – endpoints?
Javed Butler (Dallas, TX, USA)

PRO assessment, sham, blinding and placebo adjustment
Gregg Stone (New York, NY, USA)

Endpoints – hierarchical, Bayesian – what will work and what will be believe in?
Graeme Hickey (Medtronic, USA)

Industry Perspective
Philip Adamson (CVRx, USA), Navin Kapur (Abiomed/JnJ, USA), Faouzi Kallel (Berlin Heals, GER)

FDA Perspective: Ileana Pinea (FDA, USA)

Payers' viewpoints. The Device Evidence-to-Coverage Gap: Why Good Trials Do Not Guarantee Patient Access
JoAnna Baldwin (CMS, USA)

The European HTA/JCA and Member State implementation perspective
Marco Marchetti (AGENAS, ITA)

Patient viewpoint: Corinne Hudson (Pumping Marvellous, GBR)

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FROM EVIDENCE GENERATION TO UPTAKE
IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE AND PAYMENT REFORM IN CARDIOMETABOLIC MEDICINE
Chairpersons: Ankeet S. Bhatt (San Francisco, CA, USA) & Neha Pagidipati (Durham, NC, USA)

Why positive CV trials still fail at uptake
Ankeet S. Bhatt (San Francisco, CA, USA)

Designing phase 3 trials for implementation from day 1
Harriette Van Spall (Hamilton, CAN)

Can pragmatic health-system trials help?
Tor Beiring Sorenson (Copenhague, DEN)

FDA's Total Life Cycle Advisory Program (TAP)
April Marrone (FDA, USA)

Implementation of science for equity in HF and cardiometabolic care
Mariam Elmegaard (Herlev, DEN),

Financial Toxicity
Karen Joynt Maddox (St. Louis, MO, USA)

Payment reform and New Models
Rishi Wadhera (Boston, MA, USA)

Payer/HTA perspective: coverage, affordability, and access after positive trials
Jaime Murillo (Bogotá, COL)

Industry Perspectives
Udi Fainberg (NOVO, DNK)

Patient Perspective
Steven Macari (AVEC, FRA)

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IMPLEMENTATION-READY EVIDENCE GENERATION
Chairpersons: Ankeet S. Bhatt (San Francisco, CA, USA) & Neha Pagidipati (Durham, NC, USA)

Panelists : Ankeet S. Bhatt (San Francisco, CA, USA), Mariam Elmegaard (Herlev, DEN), Udi Fainberg (NOVO, DNK), Karen Joynt Maddox (St. Louis, MO, USA), Steven Macari (AVEC, FRA), April Marrone (FDA, USA), Jaime Murillo (Bogotá, COL), Neha Pagidipati (Durham, NC, USA), Tor Beiring Sørensen (Copenhagen, DNK), Harriette Van Spall (Hamilton, ON, CAN), Rishi Wadhera (Boston, MA, USA)

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CVCT-NIH/NHLBI joint session
THE TRIAL YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE RUNNING: IMPLEMENTATION PROBLEMS AS CARDIOVASCULAR SCIENCE
Chairpersons: Cara Lewis (NIH/NHLBI, USA) & Harriette Van Spall (Hamilton, CAN)

Some of the most consequential cardiovascular research of the past two decades didn't start with a molecule or a device — it started with a clock. When door-to-balloon time got attention, something deceptively radical occurred: treating the process of care delivery as a scientific problem worthy of rigorous investigation. The result was a body of evidence that changed how hospitals are organized, not just what drugs or devices they use.

This session invites cardiovascular trialists to look at their own work through the same lens: within or alongside the trials you are already running, what are the implementation problems hiding in plain sight?

Welcome and framing: What the clock taught us — the door-to-balloon story as a model for cardiovascular science
George Mensah (NIH/NHLBI, USA)

From trialist to implementation scientist: Rethinking what counts as a research question
Muthiah Vaduganathan (Boston, MA, USA)

The evidence-practice gap: When the evidence is sufficient, but the system is not
Christopher Granger (Durham, NC, USA)

Delivery as intervention: Designing trials around the prevention gap
Clara Chow (Syndney, AUS)

Where the gap is widest: Implementation science in low- and middle-income country cardiovascular care
Mohan Sailesh (New Delhi, IND)

The methodological toolkit: How to turn a care delivery problem into a rigorous trial
Mark Huffman (St Louis, MO, USA)

Journal Editors' Viewpoint: What journals need to see — making implementation science publishable in high-impact cardiovascular medicine
Flavia Geraldes (The Lancet, GBR)

Should implementation outcomes be co-primary endpoints in phase 3 cardiovascular trials?
Harriette Van Spall (Hamilton, CAN)

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IF THE GAP BETWEEN EVIDENCE AND PRACTICE IS THE HIGHEST-YIELD TARGET IN CARDIOVASCULAR MEDICINE, WHAT IS STOPPING US?
Chairpersons: Cara Lewis (NIH/NHLBI, USA) & Harriette Van Spall (Hamilton, CAN)

Panelists : Michael Basson (Nature, USA), Clara Chow (Sydney, AUS), Anthony Etyang (Kilifi, KEN), Flavia Geraldes (The Lancet, GBR), Christopher Granger (Durham, NC, USA), Mark Huffman (St. Louis, MO, USA), Cara Lewis (NIH/NHLBI, USA), Steven Macari (AVEC, FRA), George Mensah (NIH/NHLBI, USA), Mohan Sailesh (New Delhi, IND), Muthiah Vaduganathan (Boston, MA, USA), Harriette van Spall (Hamilton, ON, CAN)

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WEARABLES IN CARDIOVASCULAR CLINICAL TRIALS: FROM SIGNAL TO ENDPOINT
Chairpersons: Jessilyn Dunn (Durham, NC, USA) & Abhinav Sharma (Montreal, CAN)

The 2025 CVCT wearables session ("Wearables for CV Trials") and AI Masterclass established that wearables are ready to participate in trials. The 2026 session advances the conversation by committing to a single, narrow question: how do we take a signal off a wrist and make it count as an endpoint? The structure is pipeline-based rather than stakeholder-based, and the case-study arc deliberately includes the one wearable-derived primary endpoint qualified anywhere in the world (SV95C in DMD) alongside a cardiovascular-adjacent pivotal trial that missed on a wearable endpoint (REBUILD). We explore the steps needed to bring wearables into larger scale clinical trials through multi-stakeholder discussions including understanding the impact of wearables on people with lived experience.

Setting the frame: from signal to endpoint in cardiovascular trials
Abhinav Sharma (Montreal, CAN)

Analytical validation: turning sensor signals into trustworthy digital measures
Jessilyn Dunn (Durham, NC, USA)

Clinical validation case studies: from measure to endpoint
Wearable activity monitoring in HF rehabilitation trials (REHAB-HF and beyond)
Ambarish Pandey (Dallas, TX, USA)

AFib burden
Jason Andrade (Vancouver, CAN)

Apple Heart & Movement Study
Calum Mac Rae (Boston, MA, USA)

Ambulatory / nocturnal BP– Cuffless devices
Paul Muntner (Birmingham, AL, USA)

Novel biomarkers: sleep, HRV, respiratory rate
Mintu Turakhia (Stanford, CA, USA)

REBUILD MVPA endpoint: lessons from a negative trial: Steven Nathan (Falls Church, VA, USA)

Safety monitoring: wearables as pharmacovigilance tools. Remote detection of decompensation and SAEs
Michael Gibson (Boston, MA, USA)

US Regulatory qualification pathways: Stephen Browning (FDA, USA)

Industry and CRO viewpoints
Punag Divanji (Cytokinetics, USA), Christine Guo (Ametris , USA) , Steven Lubitz (Novartis, USA),

NIH-NHLBI viewpoint: Yves Rosenberg (NIH, USA)

Regulatory viewpoint: Tariq Ahmad (FDA, USA)

Patient viewpoint: adherence, burden, and equity: Marc Bains (HeartLife, CAN)

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WEARABLES IN CARDIOVASCULAR CLINICAL TRIALS. READY FOR MAINSTREAM?
Chairpersons: Jessilyn Dunn (Durham, NC, USA) & Abhinav Sharma (Montreal, CAN)

Panelists: Tariq Ahmad (FDA, USA), Jason Andrade (Vancouver, BC, CAN), Marc Bains (HeartLife, CAN), Juuso Blomster (CardioSignal, FIN), Stephen Browning (FDA, USA), Punag Divanji (Cytokinetics, USA), Jessilyn Dunn (Durham, NC, USA), Charu Gandotra (FDA, USA),Michael Gibson (Boston, MA, USA), Christine Guo (Ametris, USA), Steven Lubitz (Novartis, USA), Calum Mac Rae (Boston, MA, USA), Paul Muntner (Birmingham, AL, USA), Steven Nathan (Falls Church, VA, USA), Ambarish Pandey (Dallas, TX, USA), Yves Rosenberg (NIH, USA), Abhinav Sharma (Montreal, CAN), Mintu Turakhia (Stanford, CA, USA)

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DRIVERS OF HEART FAILURE: WHERE ARE WE?
Chairpersons: Lynne Warner Stevenson (Nashville, TN, USA) & Mark Petrie (Glasgow, GBR)

Overview of residual risk in heart failure.
Michele Senni (Bergamo, ITA)

Is pulmonary hypertension a treatment target in HFpEF?
Milton Packer (Dallas, TX, USA)

Hemodynamics as potential mechanistic target in pulmonary hypertension-related heart failure
Stuart Rich (Chicago, IL, USA)

Device therapy trials in pulmonary hypertension associated with left heart disease
Gegg Stone (New York, NY, USA)

Decompensated Heart Failure Trials. Where are we?
Jan Biegus (Wraclaw, POL)

Is there any value to singling out HFmrEF?
Gianluigi Savarese (Stockholm, SWE)

Racing the remodeling clock: Rapid-fire communications

Ghrelin for fast remodeling/recovery:
Lars Lund (Stockholm, SWE)

Fast full GDMT for fast remodeling/recovery
Alexandre Mebazaa (Paris, FRA)

Industry viewpoints
Mahesh Patel (Merck, USA), So Young Kim (Tenax, USA)

Regulatory viewpoints
Charu Gandotra (FDA, USA)

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WHAT ARE THE NEXT HEART FAILURE TRIALS TARGET PATIENT POPULATIONS?
Chairpersons: Lynne Warner Stevenson (Nashville, TN, USA) & Mark Petrie (Glasgow, GBR)

Panelists: Jan Biegus (Wrocław, POL), Javed Butler (Dallas, TX, USA), Kieran Docherty (Glasgow, GBR), Charu Gandottra (FDA, USA), Josephine Harrington (Denver, COL), Riccardo inciardi (Brescia, IT), So Young Kim (Tenax, USA), Lars Lund (Stockholm, SWE), Alexandre Mebazaa (Paris, FRA), Rhonda Monroe, (Charlotte, USA), Rachel Neubrander (FDA, USA), Milton Packer (Dallas, TX, USA), Mahesh Patel (Merck, USA), Mark Petrie (Glasgow, GBR), Stuart Rich (Chicago, IL, USA), Gianluigi Savarese Stockholm, SWE), Michele Senni (Bergamo, ITA), Gregg Stone (New York, NY, USA), Rhian Touyz (Montreal, CAN), Lynne Warner Stevenson (Nashville, TN, USA)

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LBCT 5
Hypertension, Obesity, and kidney disease
Chairpersons: Josephine Harrington (Aurora, CO, USA) & Pam Taub (San Diego, CA, USA)

Session 1 (presentation times 8 min)

Carotid baroreceptor activation therapy vs. usual care in patients with resistant hypertension to four antihypertensive medications including spironolactone: a multicenter, open-label, blinded endpoint randomized controlled trial
P Rossignol1,*, M Azizi2,*, H Pereira2, JM Alsac2, G Chatellier2, F Zannad1
1Université de Lorraine - Nancy (France), 2Hopital Europeen Georges Pompidou, AP-HP - Paris (Monaco)

Sustained Remission of Primary Aldosteronism Two Years after an Extended Course of Adosterone Synthase Inhibition
MJ Brown, Frs1,*, AF Turcu, Md, Ms2, R Sam, Md3, LS Kirschner, Md, Phd4, O Hamidi, Do5, A Eren, Md4, A Ben-Shlomo, Md6, W Huang, Md7, I Bancos, Phd8, AH Hamrahian, Md9, MW Freeman, Md10
1Queen Mary University of London - London (United Kingdom), 2University of Michigan - Ann Arbor (United States), 3University of California - San Francisco (United States), 4Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center - Columbus (United States), 5University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center - Dallas (United States), 6Cedars-Sinai Health Sciences University - Los Angeles (United States), 7Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine - Chicago (United States), 8Mayo Clinic - Rochester (United States), 9Johns Hopkins University - Baltimore (United States), 10Harvard Medical School - Boston (United States)

Transform-HTN open label extension and embedded randomized treatment withdrawal trial: Long-term effects of lorundrostat, a novel aldosterone synthase inhibitor, in uncontrolled hypertension
M Saxena1,*, B Kopjar2, M Novin3, L Laffin4
1Barts Health NHS Trust and Queen Mary University - London (United Kingdom), 2University of Washington - Seattle (United States), 3Mineralys Therapeutics - Radnor (United States), 4Cleveland Clinic Foundation - Cleveland (United States)

Intensive blood pressure lowering in patients with diabetes: an individual participant data analysis of the OPTIMAL Program Implementation Trials
E Martins1,*, K Santo1, G S. Silva1, 2, P O. Guimarães1, C A.m. Tavares1, J Brainer1, 2, F Monfardini1, J Nieri1, S R.I. Assis1, R Nakagawa1, O Berwanger3, 4
1Hospital Israelita Albert Einstein - São Paulo (Brazil), 2Universidade Federal de São Paulo (UNIFESP), 3George Institute for Global Health UK - London (United Kingdom), 4Imperial College London

Participant Demographic Representation and Its Association with Primary Outcome Results and Downstream Impact of Major Cardiovascular Trials
B Bikdeli1,*, S Sina2, A Ashkan3, K Kushal4, S Syed5, P Pedro2, S Seng Chan6, Y Younwoo6, G Gregory2, D David7, R Roxana8, H Harlan9, G Gregg10
1BWH (United States), 2BWH - Boston (United States), 3UCSD - San Diego (United States), 4MGH - Boston (United States), 5Mayo Clinic - Scottsdale (United States), 6Yonsei University - Seoul (Korea, Republic of), 7Cardiovascular Research Foundation - New York (United States), 8Mount Sina Hospital - New York (United States), 9Yale University - New Haven (United States), 10Mount Sinai Hospital - New York (United States)

Discussant (10 min)
Anthony Rodgers (Sydney, AUS)

Q&A (10min)

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ESC-CVCT JOINT SESSION
LBCT 5
Hypertension, Obesity, and kidney disease
Chairpersons: Josephine Harrington (Aurora, CO, USA) & Pam Taub (San Diego, CA, USA)

Session 2 (presentation times 8 min)

Real-world Initiation, Persistence, and Target Trial Emulation of GLP-1 Receptor Agonist Therapy in Adults with Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease and Overweight or Obesity
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Expanding Evidence of Cardiovascular Outcomes Trials for Tirzepatide, Semaglutide, and Dulaglutide to Patients Without Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease
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Prognostic enrichment beyond albuminuria for kidney outcome trials
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A Four-Category Definition of Worsening Renal Function Improves Prognostic Discrimination Beyond Binary Thresholds in Heart Failure With Reduced Ejection Fraction: An Individual Patient Data Analysis of EPHESUS, EMPHASIS-HF, and RALES
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Cardiovascular-Kidney-Liver-Metabolic Syndrome in Heart Failure with Reduced and Preserved Ejection Fraction
R Ono1,*, M Riccardi2, A Desai3, K Docherty1, A Henderson1, P Jhund1, L Køber4, M Komajda5, M Metra6, M Packer7, J Teerlink8, M Vaduganathan3, F Zannad9, M Zile10, S Solomon3, J Mcmurray1
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Discussant (10 min)
Naveed Sattar (Glasgow, GBR)

Q&A (10min)

Ballroom
Wednesday, December 9, 2026
08:00 -10:00

WHO IS IN THE COMMAND ROOM?
HOW BIG PHARMA, CROs, AROs AND REGULATORY BODIES ARE RESHAPING THE FUTURE OF CV INNOVATION.

Chairpersons : Robert Califf (Durham, NC, USA) & Martin Landray (Oxford, GBR)

Oncology, Device and rare disease have become the prototype ecosystem for accelerated innovation (surrogate endpoints, precision medicine, adaptive approvals, companion diagnostics, payer tolerance for uncertainty), whereas cardiovascular medicine remains more conservative, outcomes-driven, reimbursement-constrained, and operationally expensive. Has cardiovascular innovation become economically unviable? Are regulators slowing innovation — or protecting science? Did oncology “win” because it accepted uncertainty? Are heavy mega-trials now unsustainable?

Keynote lecture
How investors may help shift the Paradigm: Designing Trials for Ultra-Long-Acting and Permanent Adherence in Population-Scale CRM Disease»
TBD

Why does oncology move faster than cardiovascular medicine?
Bonnie Ky (JACC Oncology, USA)

Are rare diseases the oncology-ization of cardiovascular medicine?
Sanjay Kaul (Los Angeles, CA, USA)
Jonathan Fox (BridgeBio, USA)

Why do cardiovascular devices and drugs follow different evidence pathways?
Roxana Mehran (New York, NY, USA)
Robert Califf (Durham, NC, USA)

Are we spending billions measuring things that no longer matter?
Martin Landray (Oxford, GBR)

Are clinical research organizations helping or hindering?
Milton Packer (Dallas, TX, USA)

The adjudication ritual: When is it really needed?
Hicham Skali (Boston, MA, USA)

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HOW CAN BIG PHARMA, CROs, AROs AND REGULATORY BODIES ALIGN TO IMPROVE THE RATE OF CV DRUG INNOVATION?

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10:30 -13:30

PUBLISHING TRIAL RESULTS AND ADOPTION BY GUIDELINES. WHAT WOULD IT TAKE FOR JOURNALS AND GUIDELINES COMMITTEES TO NOT GIVE TRIALISTS A HARD TIME?

Chairpersons: Tomasz Guzik (EHJ, GBR) & Bradley Maron (Circulation, USA)

Editorial difficulties do not usually arise because journals want to be obstructive. They often arise because authors and journals approach the trial report with different priorities. Authors want to communicate the importance of the study; journals need to protect interpretability, proportionality, and trust. Guidelines are not simply a pass-through mechanism for positive trials or regulatory approvals. Guideline committees need to judge certainty, applicability, clinical priority, feasibility, and how new evidence fits within an existing therapeutic landscape.

Before the results: trial design choices that later determine editorial scrutiny.
Jan Tijssen (Brussels, BEL)
Endpoint hierarchy, composite outcomes, estimands, multiplicity, non-inferiority margins, subgroup plans, missing data, interim analyses, external validity, and whether the trial can answer the clinical question it claims to address.

After the results: how to report positive, neutral, or mixed findings avoiding interpretive tensions.
Sanjay Kaul (Los Angeles, CA, USA), Flavia Geraldes (The Lancet, GBR)
Discordant components of composite outcomes, positive secondary outcomes after neutral primary outcomes, underpowered safety findings, subgroup “signals”, effect sizes versus p values, and statistical versus clinical importance.

The editor/statistical reviewer perspective: what makes a trial paper easier or harder to accept?
Issa Dahabreh (JAMA, USA), Jane Leopold (NEJM, USA)
Protocol and SAP transparency, CONSORT adherence, completeness of reporting, sponsor role, data access, patient-relevant outcomes, and whether the interpretation is proportionate to the data.

Case Studies
•VICTOR a neutral primary outcome with an important mortality signal.
Faiez Zannad (Paris, FRA), Flavia Geraldes (The Lancet, GBR)

•SELECT a trial with a broad claim but narrow population
John Deanfield (London, GBR) , Jane Leopold (NEJM, USA)

When is one positive trial enough?
Ibrahim Halil Tanboga (Istanbul, TUR)
Strength of evidence, replication, internal validity, magnitude and consistency of benefit, patient-centred outcomes, safety, totality of evidence, and how committees think about class and level of recommendation.

From trial population to guideline population.
Tomasz Guzik (National Heart and Lung Institute, GBR)
Heart Failure guidelines: Applicability across sex, age, geography, comorbidity, kidney function, frailty, background therapy, under-represented groups, and whether subgroup evidence should narrow or broaden recommendations.

When evidence, approval, and guidelines move at different speeds.
Rita Redberg, San Francisco, CA, USA)
Conflicting trials, rapid therapeutic innovation, surrogate versus clinical outcomes, neutral or mixed trials, changing standards of care, and whether guidelines should lead, follow, or wait.

Case Studies
•BAROSTIM and BEAT-HF: Approved interventions without formal guideline recommendations
William Abraham (Columbus, OH, USA) , Bram Zuckerman (FDA, USA)

•PARTNER 3 plus NOTION-2. TAVR versus surgery: sequencing an irreversible intervention.
Michael Mack (Dallas, TX, USA) , Andrew Farb (FDA)
A class-effect question; a positive trial with limited generalizability; or a treatment whose uptake depends on sequencing with existing therapies.

Patients viewpoints
Rhonda Monroe (Charlotte, NC, USA)

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THE MULTI-REGION REGULATORY HARMONIZATION MATRIX: PRAGMATIC REALITIES OF GLOBAL EVIDENCE ACCEPTANCE

Chairpersons: Robert M. Califf (Durham, NC, USA) & Clara Chow (Sydney, AUS)

The MHRA's Innovative Licensing and Access Pathway (ILAP): Accelerating Multi-Agency Scientific Alignment
Jacob George (MHRA, GBR)

The Mathematical Reality of ICH E17: How the FDA Evaluates Multi-Regional Clinical Trials (MRCTs)
Tzu-Yun.McDowell (FDA, USA)

Beyond Border Restrictions: The China's Evolution from Localized Phase 3 Trials to Global Multi-Center Trials
Clara Chow (Sydney, AUS)

One Global Trial, Multiple Regulatory Decisions: What Evidence Can Japan Accept—and What Still Needs to Be Local
Manabu Inoue (PDMA, JPN)

Erasing the «Drug Lag»: Operational Mechanics of Simultaneous Global Regulatory Submissions
Akihiro Ishiguro (PMDA, Tokyo, JPN)

How and where do Africa and other LMICs contribute?
Mpiko Ntsekhe (Cape Town, SA)
Habib Gamra (Sousse, TUN)
Zainab Dakhil (Baghdad, IRA)

Industry viewpoint
Charles Lee (AstraZeneca, USA)

Patient's viewpoints
Ratna Devi (DakshamA Health, IND)

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«Friction & Alignment»: Navigating Conflicting Endpoint Requirements, Ethnic Sensitivity Bridging, and the Future of Sovereign Data Acceptance

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