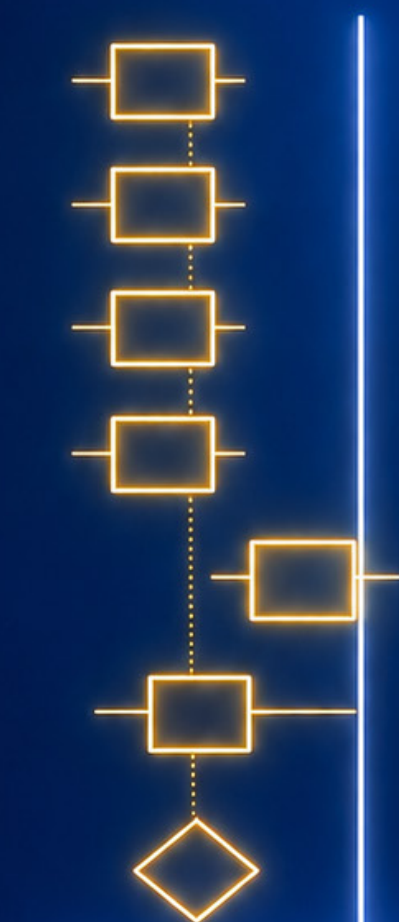


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RISK OF ASCVD

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PATIENT SUMMARY
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ASSIST DEVICES**

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DENOVO PCI**

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GREAT DEBATES

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13.00 - 14.30: KEYNOTE LECTURE BY MARC PFEFFER (BOSTON, MA, USA) & VICTOR J. DZAU (BOSTON, MA, USA)
19.30 - 21.00: RECEPTION OR POSTER WINE AND CHEESE OR AWARDS

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DRIVERS OF HEART
FAILURE

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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) & Lesley Curtis (Duke Clinical Research
Institute, USA)**

AI in Devices and Hardware. What Evidence Do We Need? Defining future evaluation frameworks
Michelle Tarver (FDA, USA)

Planning an AI in Devices trial: regulatory pathways (510(k), De Novo, PMA) and what each demands
Bram Zuckerman (FDA, USA)

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

Prospective validation, real-world evidence, and pragmatic trial designs for device-AI
Manesh Patel (Durham, NC, USA)

Case study: AI-ECG - multiple products, heterogeneous validation, and no head-to-head data
Philip Croon (Amsterdam, NLD)

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

Generalizability, dataset shift, and the demographic gap in device-AI validation
Ziad Obermeyer (Berkeley, CA, USA)

Industry viewpoints
David Albert (AliveCor, USA), Brandon Fornwalt (Tempus, USA), Campbell Rogers (Heartflow, USA)

Investor perspective: how capital is allocated and what signals matter for device-AI
Julie Yoo (a16z, USA)

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**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) & Lesley Curtis (Duke Clinical Research
Institute, USA)**

Panelists: David Albert (AliveCor, USA), Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo (JAMA, USA), Philip Croon (Amsterdam, NLD), Lesley Curtis (Durham, NC, USA), Brandon Fornwalt (Tempus, USA), Udo Hoffmann (Cleverly/MGH, USA), Manesh Patel (Durham, NC, USA), Ziad Obermeyer (Berkeley, CA, USA), Campbell Rogers (HeartFlow, USA), Michelle Tarver (FDA, USA), Mintu Turakhia (iRhythm/Stanford, USA), Julie Yoo (Andreessen Horowitz (a16z), USA), Bram Zuckerman (FDA, 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)

The SaMD evidence framework. What Evidence Do We Need? Defining future evaluation frameworks
Bakul Patel (former FDA, 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 (ex FDA, USA)

Alert fatigue, workflow disruption, clinician trust: the implementation science of CDS
David Bates (Boston, MA, USA)

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

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

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

Industry viewpoints
Shiv Rao (Abridge, USA)

Regulatory viewpoints
Jordan Pomeroy (FDA, USA)

Investor perspective: how capital is allocated and what signals matter for SaMD
Brenton Fagnoli (Lightspeed Ventures, 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: David Bates (Boston, MA, USA), John Deanfield (London, GBR), Brenton Fagnoli (Lightspeed Ventures, USA), Harlan Krumholz (JACC, USA), Carolyn Lam (Singapore, SGP), Ann Marie Navar (Dallas, TX, USA), Bakul Patel (former FDA, USA), Manesh Patel (Durham, NC, USA), Jordan Pomeroy (FDA, USA), Rob Kazmierski (ex FDA, USA), Evangelos K Oikonomou (New Haven, CT, USA), Shiv Rao (Abridge, USA), John Spertus (Kansas City, MO, USA), Michelle Tarver (FDA, USA), Harriette Van Spall (Hamilton, ON, CAN)

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AI MASTER CLASS 3
GENERATIVE AI AND AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS: EVALUATING THE UNEVALUABLE
CAN EXISTING FRAMEWORKS ASSESS GENERATIVE AI - OR DO WE NEED TO BUILD FROM SCRATCH?
Chairpersons: Rohan Khera (Stanford, USA) & Haider Warraich (ARPA-H, USA)

Unbiased Evaluation of Generative AI and Autonomous Systems
Sneha Jain (Stanford, CA, USA)

Generative AI deployment at the point of care: from accurate answers to adoption and workflow
Travis Zack (OpenEvidence / UCSF, USA)

Generative AI for Implementation of Evidence-Based Cardiovascular Therapies
Lovedeep Dhingra (New Haven, CT, USA)

Red-Teaming and Adversarial Testing AI Before Clinical Deployment
Isabella Wiest (Dresden, GER)

Guardrails and governance: deployment safety, liability frameworks, and institutional oversight
Suchi Saria (Baltimore, MD, USA)

Funder perspective: what should be funded for clinical agentic and autonomous systems?
Haider Warraich (ARPA-H, USA)

Regulatory Perspective
Bram Zuckerman (FDA, USA)

Digital Health Industry Perspectives
Ashwin Nayak (UpDoc, USA)

Investor Perspective
Julie Yoo (a16z, USA)

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GENERATIVE AI IN CLINICAL MEDICINE: CAN EXISTING FRAMEWORKS ASSESS GENERATIVE AI - OR
DO WE NEED TO BUILD FROM SCRATCH?
Chairpersons: Rohan Khera (Stanford, USA) & Haider Warraich (ARPA-H, USA)

Panelists: Lovedeep Dhingra (New Haven, CT, USA), Sneha Jain (Stanford, CA, USA), Rohan Khera (Stanford, CA, USA), Ashwin Nayak (UpDoc, USA), Suchi Saria (Baltimore, MD, USA), Haider Warraich (ARPA-H, USA), Isabella Wiest (Dresden, GER), Julie Yoo (Andreessen Horowitz (a16z), USA), Travis Zack (OpenEvidence, USA), Bram Zuckerman (FDA, USA)

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CARDIAC TARGETED BIOLOGICS, REGENERATION, REALITY, AND REINVENTION
Chairpersons : Stefanie Dimmeler (Frankfurt, GER) & Emerson Perin (Houston, TX, USA)

Issues related to routes of administration

Cardiac mapping-guided Catheter system injection
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.
Mario Gimona (Salzburg, AUT)

In vivo editing of CAR-T cells targeting cardiac fibrosis-associated proteins
Howard Levin (Deerfield Catalyst / Axon Therapies, USA)

Digital twins in cell therapy clinical trials
Stephen Levine (Dassault, FRA)

Industry briefings (2-3 slides, 5 minutes)

Peter Altman (BioCardia, USA), Cord Dohrmann (Evotec, GER), Stefan Irion (BlueRock Therapeutics/Bayer, GER), Silviu Itescu (Mesoblast, AUS), Gavin Jeffries (Fluicell, SWE), Michael Krebs (HeartBeat.bio, AUT), Jordan Lancaster (Avery Therapeutics, USA), Marshelle Smith (Secretome Therapeutics, USA), Eugene Wang (HELP Therapeutics, CHN), Fred Kamal (Medley Tx, USA)

Industry briefings: From in-vivo immune-cell engineering to myocardial precision delivery: can targeted vectors be redirected to the heart?

Kevin Friedman (Kelsonia, USA), Saar Gill (Interius BioTherapeutics, USA), Jean-Pierre Latere (EsoBiotech, BEL), Luke Walker (Umoja Biopharma, USA)

Regulatory guidance
Pierre Demolis (EMA, NLD), Nicole Verdun (FDA, USA), Christian Schneider (NIBSC, GBR)

Patients viewpoints: TBD

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), Pierre Demolis (EMA, NLD), Cord Dohrmann (Evotec, GER), Stefanie Dimmeler (Frankfurt, GER), Kevin Friedman (Kelsonia, USA), Keiichi Fukuda (Heartseed, JPN), Saar Gill (Interius BioTherapeutics, USA), Mario Gimona (Salzburg, AUT), Stefan Irion (BlueRock Therapeutics/Bayer, GER), Silviu Itescu (Mesoblast, AUS), Gavin Jeffries (Fluicell, SWE), Fred Kamal (Medley Tx, USA), Michael Krebs (HeartBeat.bio, AUT), Jordan Lancaster (Avery Therapeutics, USA), Jean-Pierre Latere (EsoBiotech, BEL), Howard Levin (Deerfield Catalyst / Axon Therapies, USA), Stephen Levine (Dassault Systèmes, FRA), Philippe Menasché (Paris, FRA), Chinwe Okoro (FDA, USA), Emerson Perin (Houston, TX, USA), Christian Schneider (NIBSC, GBR), Marshelle Smith (Secretome Therapeutics, USA), Thomas Thum (Hannover, GER), Nicole Verdun (FDA, USA), Luke Walker (Umoja Biopharma, USA), Eugene Wang (HELP Therapeutics, CHN)

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

Diagnosis of cardiac amyloidosis—the tip of an iceberg?
TBD

Should we systematically screen for ATTR?
Francesco Cappelli (Florence, Italy)

The role of transthyretin: stabilize, knock out, or both?

What should future control groups in future trials look like in an era of tafamidis + silencers?
Matthew Maurer (New York, NY, USA)

Innovative trial design options.
TBD

Regulatory viewpoint: Approvability issues
Nicole Verdun (FDA, USA)

What are my thoughts on the future treatment landscape including CRISPR based, other long term silencer therapies, and depleters
Isabella Cooper (Amyloidosis Research Consortium, USA)

What are the financial realities for ATTR management?
TBD

What does holistic care look like for people with ATTR-CM?
Pablo Garcia Pavia (Madrid, ESP)

Industry Viewpoints

Sameer Bansilal (Alnylam, USA), Michele Mercuri (Alexion, USA), Gillian Murtagh (Bridgebio, USA), Liron Walsh (Intellia, USA)

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**TAKING ATTR-CARDIOMYOPATHY TREATMENT TO THE NEXT LEVEL: IDENTIFYING PATIENTS,
ASSESSING FRAILITY, INTEGRATING THERAPIES.**

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

Panelists: Alberto Aimo (Pisa, IT), Sameer Bansilal (Alnylam, USA), Francesco Cappelli (Florence, ITA), Isabella Cooper (Amyloidosis Research Consortium, Boston, MA, USA), Pablo Garcia Pavia (Madrid, ESP), Mori Krantz (FDA, USA), Matthew Maurer (New York, NY, USA), Michele Mercuri (Alexion, Boston, MA, USA), Gillian Murtagh (BridgeBio, Palo Alto, CA, USA), Iacopo Olivotto (Florence, ITA), Nicole Verdun (Silver Spring, MD, USA), Liron Walsh (Intellia, 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)

Myosin inhibitors in obstructive HCM: a class effect?
Carolyn Ho (Boston, MA, USA)

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, USA)

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

Industry perspectives
Arnaud Bastien (BMS, USA), Gabriel Brooks (Solid Biosciences, USA), Justin Godown (Cytokinetics, USA), Emil deGoma (BraveHeart, USA), Natalia Paterson (Tenaya Therapeutics, USA)

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

Patient viewpoints
Lisa Salberg (HCMA, USA)

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HYPERTROPHIC CARDIOMYOPATHY TRIALS. THE SURROGATE vs. HARD OUTCOME DILEMMA

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

Panelists: Arnaud Bastien (BMS, USA), Gabriel Brooks (Solid Biosciences, USA), Caroline Coats (Glasgow, GBR), Emil deGoma (BraveHeart, USA), Perry Elliott (London, GBR), Justin Godown (Cytokinetics, USA), Laura Helbling (Silver Spring, MD, USA), Carolyn Ho (Boston, MA, USA), Martin Maron (Boston, MA, USA), Ahmad Masri (Portland, OR, USA), Iacopo Olivotto (Florence, ITA), Anjali Owens (Philadelphia, PA, USA), Natalia 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?
Folke Folkvaljon (Mölndal, SWE)

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

Does Distribution-Based Analysis Solve the Problem?
Cordula Zellar (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
Joann Lindenfeld (Nashville, TN, USA)

Regulatory Viewpoint
Charu Gandotra (FDA, USA)
Bram Zuckerman (FDA, USA)

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

Patient viewpoint
TBD

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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), Folke Folkvaljon (Mölndal, SWE), Charu Gandotra (FDA, USA), JoAnn Lindenfeld (Nashville, TN, USA), Christopher O'Connor (Washington, DC, USA), Mitch Psotka (FDA, USA), Lothar Roessig (AskBio, GER), Frances Varian (Sheffield, UK), Cordula Zellar (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)

Acute 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), TBD (Roche, CHE), David Rodman (Mineralys Therapeutics, 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), Martine Clozel (Idorsia, CHE), Jay Edelberg (Kardigan, USA), Tim Fischell (Ablative Solutions, USA), Naomi Fisher (Boston, MA, USA), James Fotheringham (NICE, GBR), Neha Pagidipati (Durham, NC, USA), Shira Perl (AstraZeneca, USA), Garrett Pilcher (Medtronic, USA), Helen Reeve-Stoffer (Recor Medical, USA), David Rodman (Mineralys Therapeutics, USA), Anthony Rodgers (Sydney, AUS), Markus Schlaich (Perth, AUS), Roland Schmieder (Erlangen, GER), Laurence Tallon (MHRA, GBR), Noriko Tojo (Otsuka, JPN), William White (Boca Raton, FL, USA), 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
William White (Boca Raton, FL, USA)

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)

Industry Viewpoints
Tim Fischell (Ablative Solutions, USA), Helen Reeve-Stoffer (Recor Medical, USA), Noriko Tojo (Otsuka, JPN), Dion Zappe (Alnylam, USA)

Cheap daily generics versus one-shot or biannual injectable therapies?

Regulatory viewpoints
Laurence Tallon (MHRA, GBR)

Payers' viewpoint
James Fotheringham (NICE, GBR)

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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), Martine Clozel (Idorsia, CHE), Tim Fischell (Ablative Solutions, USA), Naomi Fisher (Boston, MA, USA), Neha Pagidipati (Durham, NC, USA), Shira Perl (AstraZeneca, USA), James Fotheringham (NICE, GBR), Garrett Pilcher (Medtronic, USA), Helen Reeve-Stoffer (Recor Medical, USA), David Rodman (Mineralys Therapeutics, USA), Anthony Rodgers (Sydney, AUS), Markus Schlaich (Perth, AUS), Roland Schmieder (Erlangen, GER), Laurence Tallon (MHRA, GBR), Noriko Tojo (Otsuka, JPN), William White (Boca Raton, FL, USA), 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
TBD

How far can we suppress maladaptive mineralocorticoid biology without toxicity. How translational science may inform clinical trials.

Rajiv Agarwal (Minneapolis, MN, USA)

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

sMRA, nsMRA, MRM, and ASi: Will anyone ever measure aldosterone before treatment?
Peter Kolkhof (Bayer, GER)

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

nsMRA trials update
Scott Solomon (Boston, MA, USA)

Industry viewpoints
Alessandro Albuquerque (Recordati, ITA), Maria Borentain (Bayer, GER), Mikhail Kosiborod (AstraZeneca, USA), David Rodman (Mineralys Therapeutics, USA)

What level of incremental benefit justifies premium pricing?
Tamara Syrek Jensen (CMS, 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: Rajiv Agarwal (Indianapolis, IN, USA), Alessandro Albuquerque (Recordati, ITA), Maria Borentain (Bayer, GER), Javed Butler (Dallas, TX, USA), Peter Kolkhof (Bayer, GER), Mikhail Kosiborod (AstraZeneca, USA), John McMurray (Glasgow, GBR), Bertram Pitt (Ann Arbor, MI, USA), David Rodman (Mineralys Therapeutics, USA), Scott Solomon (Boston, MA, USA), Tamara Syrek Jensen (CMS, USA)

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

Chairpersons: Hiddo L Heerspink (Groningen, NLD) & Erin Michos (Baltimore, MD, USA)

Targeting combined multiorgan cardiovascular and kidney benefits. Rationale and opportunities

Nephrologist viewpoint
Hiddo L Heerspink (Groningen, NLD)

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

Virtues and limitations of composite endpoints. Statistician viewpoints.
Heidi Christ (Basel, CHE)

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

How may payers value single drug multi-organ benefits?
Amanda Adler (London, GBR)

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

Clinical viewpoint
Jennifer Green (Durham, NC, USA)

Statistical viewpoint
Brian Claggett (Boston, MA, USA)

Regulatory viewpoints
Aliza Thompson (FDA, USA)
Patrick Vrijlandt (EMA, NLD)

Industry viewpoints.
Meike Brinker (Bayer, GER), Martina Brueckmann (Roche, CH), Dustin Little (Astra Zeneca, USA), Becky Harmon (Eli Lilly, USA),
TBD (Novo-Nordisk)

Patient viewpoint.
TBD

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NLD), Dustin Little (AstraZeneca, USA), Erin Michos (Baltimore, MD, USA), Brendon Neuen (Sydney, AUS), Norman Stockbridge (S&S
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CVCT-NIH-WOMEN AS ONE 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)

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 (ORWH, NIH, USA)

Pregnant and lactating individuals in clinical trials: ethical and clinical crossroads
Catherine Spong (NICHD, NIH, USA)

Peripartum and Postpartum interventions to improve short- and long-term maternal and fetal cardiovascular health
TBD

Trials' opportunities in menopause as a vascular transition.
TBD

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

Obesity-metabolic trials in women
Rachel Batterham (Lilly, GBR)

Regulatory expectations for sex-specific evidence
Jacqueline Corrigan-Curay (FDA, USA)

Industry viewpoints
Pablo Arriagada (Bayer, CHE), Angelyn Bethel (Lilly, USA), Anna Windle (Novo Nordisk, 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)

Panelists: Pablo Arriagada (Bayer, CHE), Juan Camilo Arjona Ferreira (Organon, COL), Rachel Batterham (Lilly, GBR), Angelyn Bethel (Lilly, USA), Robert Califf (Durham, NC, USA), Ediina Cenko (Bologna, IT), Janine Clayton (Bethesda, MD, USA), Jacqueline Corrigan-Curay (FDA, USA), Martha Gulati (Los Angeles, CA, USA), Odayme Quesada (Cincinnati, OH, USA), Catherine Spong (Bethesda, MD, USA), Anna Windle (Novo Nordisk, 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
Gemma Figtree (Sydney, AUS)

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)

CKD: Prevention or prevention of progression?
TBD

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

Statistical viewpoint
Brian Claggett (Boston, MA, USA)

Regulatory viewpoint
TBD

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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), Gemma Figtree (Sydney, AUS), Valentin Fuster (New York, NY, USA), Charu Gandotra (FDA, USA), Sascha Goonewardena (Ann Arbor, MI, USA), Adrian Hernandez (Durham, NC, USA), Borja Ibanez (Madrid, ESP), Paulus Kirchhof (Hamburg, GER), Darren McGuire (Dallas, TX, USA), Guiomar Mendieta-Badimon (Barcelona, ESP), Marc Sabatine (Boston, MA, USA), Nishant Shah (Durham, NC, USA), Lale Tokgozogl (Ankara, TUR), Muthiah Vaduganathan (Boston, MA, USA), Raymond Soccio (FDA, USA), Aliza Thompson (FDA, USA)

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CVCT/PATIENT ADVOCACY CONSORTIUM JOINT SESSION
PATIENT LAY SUMMARY PUBLICATIONS AND GENERATIVE AI: HOW TO BEST CONVEY TRIAL RESULTS
TO PATIENTS AND TO NON-TRIALISTS
Chairpersons : TBD

Session under construction
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 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.

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Chairpersons: TBD

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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)

Metabolic regulators: Broadening the approach, Hitting multiple birds with a single stone
Jianping Li (Beijing, CHN)

Ethical considerations for placebo-controlled trials with PCSK9 inhibitors
Greg Schwartz (Denver, CO, 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)

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

Patient viewpoint
TBD

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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), 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), Jianping Li (Beijing, CHN), Michelle O'Donoghue (Boston, MA, USA), Pamela Morris (Mount Pleasant, SC, USA), Neha Pagidipati (Durham, NC, USA), Greg Schwartz (Denver, CO, 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)

Target patient population, generalizability, and subgroup analyses: To whom do the results apply?
Borge Nordestgaard (Copenhagen, DNK)

Safety results and implementation issues
Robert S. Rosenson (New York, NY, USA)

Statistical viewpoint and the issue of highly skewed continuous variables
Laine Thomas (Durham, NC, USA)

How HORIZON will frame the competing landscape.

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

Are primary prevention trials next?
Sascha N. Goonewardena (Ann Arbor, MI, USA)

Is one-time administration - lifelong Lp(a) suppression next?
Amit Khera (Verve Therapeutics, USA)

Is aortic stenosis next?
TBD

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), Jeff Emmick (Lilly, USA), Monica Florio (Amgen, USA), Curtis Rambaran (Silence Therapeutics, GBR), Sam Tsimikas (Ionis, USA).

Regulatory viewpoint
Jacob George (MHRA, GBR)

Payers' viewpoint
Grace Lin (ICER, USA)

Patient viewpoint
ShantaQuilette Carter (Pink Peppermint Project, 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)

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STRATEGIZING ENTERING THE CLINICAL STAGE FOR HF MEDTECH STARTUPS
Chairpersons: Dan Burkhoff (New York, NY, USA) & Martin Leon (New York, NY, USA)

Overview. The innovation landscape of HF devices

Innovators' viewpoint
Howard Levin (Deerfield Catalyst, USA)

Investors' viewpoints
Josh Makower (Coravin, USA)
Antoine Papiernik (Sofinova Partners, FRA)
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
Martin Leon (New York, NY, USA)

The competitive landscape. What is in the pipeline? Industry presentations (5min each)

The First-in-Human & Early Feasibility Masters
Sahar Boostenay (REVAMP, ISR), David Drachman (Magenta, ISR), Yaacov Nitzan (WhiteSwell, IRL)

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

Navigating Complex Niche Innovations (Neuro, Myocardial, and Pulmonary Targets)
Reynolds M. Delgado III (Procyron, USA), Howard Levin (Deerfield Catalyst / Axon Therapies, USA), Ryan Miller (BioVentrix, USA),
Martin Rothman (Pulnovo, CHN), Harry D. Rowland (Relief Cardiovascular, USA)

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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)

The innovation landscape: Regulatory viewpoints
Robert Califf (Durham, NC, USA)
Jacob George (MHRA, GBR)

The innovation landscape: Investors' viewpoints
Craig Gordon (GordonMD Global Investment LP, USA)

What de-risking do investors expect?
Francesco deRubertis (MedicXi, CH)

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 type II receptor antagonists-1
Yong Yue (Laekna Therapeutics, CHN)

Activin type II receptor antagonists-2
George Georges (38 Pharma/GSK, USA)

Activin signaling inhibitors
Alessia Urbinati (Merck, USA)

Endotrophin antagonists
Federica Genovese (Nordic Bioscience, DNK)

FGF21 Receptor Agonists
Andrew Cheng (NovoNordisk, USA)

PDE9 inhibitors
Howard Surks (Cardurion, USA)

Actin-related antibodies
Mark DiNubile (BioAegis, 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), David Bauman (Schrödinger, USA), Robert Califf (Durham, NC, USA), Andrew Cheng (Novo Nordisk, USA), Francesco De Rubertis (Medicxi, CHE), Mark DiNubile (BioAegis, USA), Chris Farina (Abcentra, USA), Federica Genovese (Nordic Bioscience, DNK), George Georges (38 Pharma/GSK, USA), Jacob George (MHRA, GBR), Craig Gordon (GordonMD Global Investment LP, USA), Filip Janku (Monterosa, USA), Sam Lefkowitz (Editas Medicine, USA), Henri Lichens (DrugFarm, USA), Peter Libby (Boston, MA, USA), Ciaran McMullan (Merck, USA), Milton Packer (Dallas, TX, USA), Howard Surks (Cardurion, USA), Alessia Urbinati (Merck, USA), Yong Yue (Laekna Therapeutics, CHN)

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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 (10 min)
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)

A Novel Anti-inflammatory Approach with a Companion Diagnostic
Henri Lichens (DrugFarm, 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
Sam Lefkowitz (Editas, Medicine, USA)

Oral NLRP3 inflammasome inhibition
Jyothis George (NodThera, GBR)

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Part 2: inflammation Atherosclerosis
Chairpersons: Peter Libby (Boston, MA, USA) & Milton Packer (Dallas, TX, USA)

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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)

Gregory Alexander (FDA, USA)

Discussion

Non-inferiority trials: Their use, misuse, and possible alternatives.

Stuart Pocock (London, GBR)

Javed Butler (Dallas, TX, USA)

Discussion

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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
Frank Harrell (Nashville, TN, USA)**

Discussion

**The Essence of Bayesian Statistics
Scott Berry (Berry Consultants, 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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KEYNOTE LECTURE

Marc Pfeffer (Boston, MA, USA)
Victor J. Dzau (Boston, MA, USA)

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**Statistics Masterclass #3
BAYESIAN DESIGNS IN ACTION: LEARNING, BORROWING, AND ADAPTING
Chairpersons: Scott Berry (Berry Consultants) & Stuart Pocock (London, GBR)**

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.

**ICONIC-HF: Dynamic Borrowing in Practice
Thomas Goldin Diness (Pharmacosmos, DNK/USA)**

Discussion

**RESPONDER-HF: Fixed Borrowing with a Hierarchical Endpoint
Scott Berry (Berry Consultants, USA)**

Discussion

**ENRICH: Adaptive Enrichment of the Trial Population
Ben Saville (Adaptix Trials, GBR)**

Discussion

**CATALYST: Adaptive Sample Size and Follow-up with Multiple Endpoints
Hong Zhao (Abbott, USA)**

Discussion

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

How to assess body composition and muscle function before and after interventions
TBD

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?
Sam Klein (St. Louis, MO, USA)

What target should we treat to: a certain weight, resolution of comorbidities, or both
TBD

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

Industry talks
Yousuf Ali (Boehringer Ingelheim, GER)
Thomas Seck (Lilly, USA)
TBD (Roche, CHE)

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

Patient viewpoint
TBD

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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), Jason Gill (Glasgow, GBR), Sam Klein (St. Louis, MO, USA), Jennifer Linge (Linköping, SWE), Julia Parris (MHRA, GBR), Naveed Sattar (Glasgow, GBR), Thomas Seck (Lilly, USA), 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) & TBD

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

ZEUS rationale and primary CKD results
TBD

Statistical viewpoint
Laine Thomas (Durham, NC, USA)

Regulatory Issues: Labeling and Safety
Mads Engelmann (NovoNordisk, DEN)

What's next?

Implications for Guidelines : hsCRP screening
Paul Ridker (Boston, MA, USA)

Implications for CKM Syndrome
Hiddo Heerspink (Groningen, NLD)

The consequence of ZEUS on the ongoing inflammation trials
Wolfgang Koenig (Munich, GER)

Regulatory viewpoints
Aliza Thompson (FDA, USA)
Kristina Dunder (EMA, NLD)

Patient viewpoint
Patrick Gee (iAdvocate, USA)

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ZEUS TRIAL DEEP DIVE: IMPLICATIONS FOR CKM TRIALS
Chairpersons: Paul Ridker (Boston, MA, USA) & TBD

Panelists: Kristina Dunder (EMA, NLD), Mads Engelmann (Copenhagen, DEN), Patrick Gee (iAdvocate, USA), Hiddo Heerspink (Groningen, NED), Wolfgang Koenig (Munich, GER), Laine Thomas (Durham, NC, USA), Paul Ridker (Boston, MA, USA), Aliza Thompson (Silver Spring, MD, 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 what to target best?
Manuel Mayr (London, GBR)

Could trials investigating an anti-inflammatory transcriptome in T-cells mediated by EPA finally solve the controversy?
Nathalie Reilly (Leiden, NLD)

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

Specialized pro-resolving lipid mediators (SPM) implications for trial design
Gabrielle Fredman (New York, NY, USA)

IL-1 β , direct NLRP3 inhibitors – Offsetting risk versus benefit.
Reginald McNulty (Irvine, USA)

Industry Viewpoints
Chris O'Donnell (Novartis, CH), Kristen Fortney (BioAge, USA), Jyothis George (Nodthera, GBR), Martin Holst Lange (Novo Nordisk, 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), Gabrielle Fredman (New York, NY, USA), Kristen Fortney (BioAge, USA), Jyothis George (Nodthera, GBR), Martin Holst Lange (Novo Nordisk, DNK), Wolfgang Koenig (Munich, GER), Mori Krantz (FDA, USA), Klaus Ley (Augusta, GA, USA), Peter Libby (Boston, MA, USA), Giovanna Liuzzo (Rome, ITA), Ziad Mallat (Cambridge, GBR), Manuel Mayr (London, GBR), Reginald McNulty (Irvine, CA, USA), Niek Baksh Mohammadnia (Nijmegen, NLD), Jorge Plutzky (Boston, MA, USA), Nathalie Reilly (Leiden, NLD), Marzia Rigolli (Eli Lilly, USA), Fortunato Senatore (FDA, USA)

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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)
Ciaran McMullan (Merck, USA)
Franck Rahaghi (United Therapeutics, USA)
Larry Zisman (Gossamer, USA)

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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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iCVCT #1

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

Regeneron FXI inhibition AF trials.

How to move from phase II less bleeding results to Phase III non-inferiority / superiority stroke prevention trial?"
Manesh Patel (Durham, NC, 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)

Novel antiplatelets: adding vs replacing, endpoints, and home vs hospital initiation

What is the ideal target patient population? Broad antiplatelet class versus precision thrombosis biology.
TBD

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

Industry viewpoints

Dietmar Berger (Sanofi, FRA), Dan Bloomfield (Anthos, USA), Carlos Cuevas (BMS/J&J, USA), Alberto Gimona (Idorsia, CHE), David Gutstein (Regeneron, USA), András Gruber (Aronora, USA), Toby S. Johnson (Band Therapeutics, USA), Richard Secer (CeleCor, USA)

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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: Michael Gibson (Boston, MA, USA), Ken Mahaffey (Stanford, CA, USA), Carolyn Lam (Singapore, SGP), Mandeep Mehra (Boston, MA, USA), Manesh Patel (Durham, NC, USA), Jeffrey Weitz (Hamilton, CAN) Dietmar Berger (Sanofi, FRA), Dan Bloomfield (Anthos, USA), Carlos Cuevas (BMS/J&J, USA), Alberto Gimona (Idorsia, CHE), David Gutstein (Regeneron, USA), András Gruber (Aronora, USA), Toby S. Johnson (Band Therapeutics, USA), Richard Secer (CeleCor, USA)

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iCVCT # 2

PERCUTANEOUS VENTRICULAR ASSIST DEVICES TRIALS.

HIGH-RISK PCI , CARIOGENIC SHOCK AND UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

Part #1: Percutaneous Mechanical Circulatory Support Devices for High-Risk PCI

Chairpersons: Mitch Krucoff (Durham, NC, USA) & Marie-Claude Morice (Massy, 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 (New York, NY, USA)

Regulatory viewpoint
Jon Resar (FDA, USA)

Industry viewpoint
Devi Govender (Abiomed, 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) & Marie-Claude Morice (Massy, FRA)

Panelists: Suzanne Baron (New York, NY, USA), Dan Burkhoff (New York, NY, USA), Rafael Cavalcante (Boston Scientific, USA) , Devi Govender (Abiomed, USA), Nicole Gillette (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) , Marie-Claude Morice (Massy, FRA), Mauro Moscucci (FDA, USA), Divaka Perera (London, GBR), Jeffrey Popma (CRF, USA), Jon Resar (FDA, USA), Nitin Salunke (Supira Medical, USA), Robert Yeh (Boston, MA, USA), Bram Zuckerman (FDA, USA)

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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)

Regulatory viewpoint
Mauro Moscucci (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
REVASCLARIZATION**

**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 viewpoint
Rafael Cavalcante (Boston Scientific, USA)

Patient viewpoint
TBD

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LEAVE-NOTHING-BEHIND STRATEGY

Chairpersons: Donald Cutlip (Boston, MA, USA) & Robert Yeh (Boston, MA, USA)

Panelists: Ziad Ali (New York, NY, USA), Rafael Cavalcante (Boston Scientific, USA), Roisin Colleran (Galway, IRL), David Cohen (Boston, MA, USA), Donald Cutlip (Boston, MA, USA), David Erlinge (Lund, SWE), Andrew Farb (FDA, USA), Lydia Glaw (FDA, USA), Bernard Gersh (Rochester, MN, USA), Margaret McEntegart (Glasgow, GBR), Roxana Mehran (New York, NY, USA), Giovanni Occhipinti (Bologna, IT), Motasim Sirhan (Elixir Medical, USA), Gregg Stone (New York, NY, USA), 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..
David Erlinge (Lund, SWE)

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

Regulatory viewpoint
Andrew Farb (FDA, USA)

Industry viewpoint
Motasim Sirhan (Elixir Medical, USA)

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LEAVE-NOTHING VS. LEAVE LESS BEHIND STRATEGIES

Chairpersons: Donald Cutlip (Boston, MA, USA) & Robert Yeh (Boston, MA, USA)

Panelists: Ziad Ali (New York, NY, USA), Rafael Cavalcante (Boston Scientific, USA), Roisin Colleran (Galway, IRL), David Cohen (Boston, MA, USA), Donald Cutlip (Boston, MA, USA), David Erlinge (Lund, SWE), Andrew Farb (FDA, USA), Lydia Glaw (FDA, USA), Bernard Gersh (Rochester, MN, USA), Mitchell Krucoff (Durham, NC, USA), Margaret McEntegart (Glasgow, GBR), Roxana Mehran (New York, NY, USA), Giovanni Occhipinti (Bologna, IT), Motasim Sirhan (Elixir Medical, USA), Gregg Stone (New York, NY, USA), Ron Waksman (Washington, DC, USA), Robert Yeh (Boston, MA, USA), Bram Zuckerman (FDA, USA)

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**iCVCT # 4
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
Mauro Moscucci (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 (Adaptix Trials, GBR)

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
TBD

Panel Discussion

ARE OUR CURRENT TRIAL DESIGNS “FIT FOR PURPOSE”?

Chairpersons : David Cohen (Boston, MA, USA) & Vinod Thourani (Atlanta, GA, USA)

Panelists: Suzanne Arnold (Kansas City, MO, USA), Suzanne Baron (New York, NY, USA), Vinay Badhwar (Morgantown, WV, USA), Wayne Batchelor (Orlando, FL, USA), Rishi Chandiramani (Baltimore, MD, USA), David Cohen (Boston, MA, USA), Ted Feldman (Chicago, IL, USA), John Gregson (London, GBR), Juan Granada (New York, NY, USA), Kendra Grubb (Medtronic, USA), Aakriti Gupta (New York, NY, USA), Jörg Hausleiter (Munich, GER), Sanjay Kaul (Los Angeles, CA, USA), Michael Mack (Dallas, TX, USA), Roxana Mehran (New York, NY, USA), Marie-Claude Morice (Massy, FRA), Mauro Moscucci (FDA, USA), Tamim Nazif (New York, NY, USA), Rishi Puri (Cleveland, OH, USA), Mark Reisman (Edwards, USA), Ben Saville (Adaptix Trials, GBR), 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?
TBD

Industry viewpoint
Kendra Grubb (Medtronic, USA)

Regulatory viewpoint
Changfu Wu (FDA, USA)

Payers' viewpoint
Joseph Hutter (CMS, USA)

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TRICUSPID VALVE INNOVATION – LESSONS FROM TRIALS AND REGISTRIES
Chairpersons : David Cohen (Boston, MA, USA) & Vinod Thourani (Atlanta, GA, USA)

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ACC-CVCT JOINT SESSION
AI MASTER CLASS 4
AI FOR CLINICAL TRIALS

**IF AI GENERATES THE EVIDENCE — THROUGH SYNTHETIC CONTROL ARMS, AUTOMATED ANALYSIS,
AND AI-DERIVED ENDPOINTS — CAN REGULATORS AND CLINICIANS STILL TRUST IT?**

Chairpersons: Rohan Khera (New Haven, CT, USA) & Harlan Krumholz (New Haven, CT, USA)

Framework for Regulatory/Community Acceptance of AI-Generated Data: Context of Use, Model Influence, and Decision
Consequence

Jonathan Cunningham (Boston, MA, USA)

Digital Twins and In Silico Control Arms: When Are They Valid?

Blanca Rodriguez (Oxford, GBR)

Synthetic and external control arms: when real-world data replaces placebo

Lesley Curtis (Durham, NC, USA)

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AI-read imaging, automated endpoint adjudication, and sensor-derived outcomes

Jeroen Bax (Leiden, NLD)

EHR-based eligibility surveillance and automated patient recruitment

Michael Gibson (Boston, MA, USA)

Conversational AI for Participant Engagement and Follow-up in Clinical Trials

Christopher Fang (Hippocratic AI, USA)

Human-in-the-Loop AI for CV Trials: What Is Meaningful Human Oversight?

Susan Ellenberg (University of Pennsylvania, USA)

Industry Perspective

Alexandra Goncalves (BMS, USA)

Regulatory Perspective

Anindita Saha (FDA, USA)

Investor Perspective

Sunny Varshney (Broadview Ventures, USA)

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**AI FOR CLINICAL TRIALS: WHEN AI GENERATES THE EVIDENCE
WITHIN 10 YEARS, AI-GENERATED EVIDENCE WILL BE ACCEPTED AS EQUIVALENT TO TRADITIONAL
TRIAL EVIDENCE — AND THIS IS A GOOD THING. DEBATE.**

Chairpersons : Rohan Khera (New Haven, CT, USA) & Harlan Krumholz (New Haven, CT, USA)

Panelists: Jeroen Bax (Leiden, NLD), Jonathan Cunningham (Boston, MA, USA), Lesley Curtis (Durham, NC, USA), Christopher Fang (Hippocratic AI, USA), Michael Gibson (Boston, MA, USA), Alexandra Goncalves (BMS, USA), Rohan Khera (New Haven, CT, USA), Harlan Krumholz (New Haven, CT, USA), Carolyn Lam (Singapore, SGP), Blanca Rodriguez (Oxford, GBR), Anindita Saha (FDA, USA), John Spertus (Kansas City, MO, USA), Sunny Varshney (Broadview Ventures, USA)

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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
TBD

Journal Editors' Viewpoints
Filippo Crea (EHJ, IT)
Flavia Geraldes (The Lancet, GBR)
Alison Huang (JAMA+Trials, USA)
Bradley Maron (Circulation, USA)

Ensuring Trust in Clinical Trials – Patient Perspective
TBD

Industry Viewpoints
Sameer Bansilal (Alnylam, USA), Maria Borentain (Bayer, GER), Steve Heitner (Cytokinetics, USA), Waheed Jamal (Boehringer Ingelheim, GER), Mahesh Patel (Merck, USA)

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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), Maria Borentain (Bayer, GER), Biykem Bozkurt (Houston, TX, USA), Robert Califf (Durham, NC, USA), Filippo Crea (EHJ, IT), Flavia Geraldes (The Lancet, GBR), Steve Heitner (Cytokinetics, USA), Alison Huang (JAMA+Trials, USA), Waheed Jamal (Boehringer Ingelheim, GER), Bradley Maron (Circulation, USA), John McMurray (Glasgow, GBR), Mahesh Patel (Merck, USA), Marc Pfeffer (Boston, MA, USA), 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)

PRO and non-cardiovascular benefits in incretin CVOTs: some surprises?
Steve Nicholls (Adelaide, AUS)

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 talks : What future CVOTs design would companies like FDA to consider
Filip Knop (NovoNordisk, DNK), Li Li (Innovent Biologics, CHN)

FDA/EMA: What future CVOTs design would regulator be willing to accept?
Cheryl Loggins (FDA, USA)
Harald Sourij (EMA, AUT)

Patient viewpoint: What do patients wish to see in future trials?
TBD

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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), Jennifer Green (Durham, NC, USA), Filip Knop (NovoNordisk, DNK), Ildiko Lingvay (Dallas, TX, USA), Li Li (Innovent Biologics, CHN), Cheryl Loggins (FDA, USA), Steve Nicholls (Adelaide, AUS), Steven Nissen (Cleveland, OH, USA), Jorge Plutzky (Boston, MA, USA), Naveed Sattar (Glasgow, GBR), Raymond Soccio (FDA, USA), Harald Sourij (EMA, AUT), Faiez Zannad (Paris, FRA)

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17:00 -19:00

CVCT GREAT DEBATES

Chairpersons: Joann Lindenfeld (Nashville, TN, USA) & Faiez Zannad (Paris, FRA)

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)

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)

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)

Debate 4

Coronary revascularization should be included in expanded MACE endpoint

Pro: Roxana Mehran (New York, NY, USA)

Con: Scott Solomon (Boston, MA, USA)

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

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LBCT 1
Chairpersons: TBD**

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LBCT 1
Chairpersons: TBD**

Palm court
Wednesday, December 9, 2026
10:00 -12:00

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)

Target patient populations

Who should receive an irreversible therapy?
Peter Marks (Lilly, USA)

What constitutes success? Should mechanistic biomarkers support accelerated approval? How do iPS derived cells & organoid predict clinical success or FDA approval
Andrew Baker (Edinburgh, GBR)

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

How and how long to monitor the safety of irreversible overexpression and DSMB-related issues.
Kiran Musunuru (Philadelphia, PA, USA)

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)

Catecholaminergic Polymorphic Ventricular Tachycardia (CPVT) first trials
Silvia Priori (Pavia, ITA)

Duchenne muscular dystrophy
Gabriel Brooks (Solidbio, USA)

Statistical 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, Netherlands)

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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, NLD), Roger Hajjar (Boston, MA, USA), Kiran Musunuru (Philadelphia, PA, USA), Peter Marks (Eli Lilly, USA), Monica Shah (Nuevocor, SGP), Silvia Priori (Pavia, ITA), Janet Wittes (Wittes LLC, USA)

**Palm court
Wednesday, December 9, 2026
13:30 -16:30**

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 : Narinder Bhalla (Lexeo Therapeutics, USA), Gabriel Brooks (Solid Biosciences, USA), Roger Hajjar (Boston, MA, USA), Kiyotake Ishikawa (New York, NY, USA), James Kim (Medera, USA), Kevin Costa (Novoheart, CAN), James Martin (Dallas, TX, USA), Hideo Makimura (Affinia Therapeutics, USA), Maritza McIntyre (Former CBER Director, FDA, USA), Victoria Parikh (Stanford, CA, USA), Luke Roberts (Bayer, GER), Lothar Roessig (AskBio, DEU), (Lexeo Therapeutics, USA), 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 UPBEAT Trial
Hideo Makimura (Affinia Therapeutics, USA)

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

Regulatory Viewpoints
Maritza McIntyre (Ex CBER director FDA, USA)
Jan Müller-Berghaus (EMA, GER)

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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), Gabriel Brooks (Solid Biosciences, USA), Roger Hajjar (Boston, MA, USA), Kiyotake Ishikawa (New York, NY, USA), James Kim (Medera, USA), Kevin Costa (Novoheart, CAN), James Martin (Dallas, TX, USA), Hideo Makimura (Affinia Therapeutics, USA), Maritza McIntyre (Former CBER Director, FDA, USA), Jan Müller-Berghaus (EMA, GER), Victoria Parikh (Stanford, CA, USA), Luke Roberts (Bayer, GER), Lothar Roessig (AskBio, DEU), 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) & Urs Fischer (Basel, CHE)

PFA at Five: The Energy Source That Changed AF Ablation
Prash Sanders (Adelaide, AUS)

AF Burden and Stroke Risk: Can we measure more to treat less?
Lindsay Rosman (Chapel Hill, NC, 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)

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

NIH Viewpoint
Patrice Desvigne-Nickens (NHLBI, USA)

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

Industry Viewpoint: "Anticoagulation in 2030: A Pharma Perspective on the Patients We Still Aren't Reaching"
Carlos Cuevas (BMS, 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) & Urs Fischer (Basel, CHE)

Panelists : Jason Andrade (Vancouver, BC, CAN), Carlos Cuevas (BMS, USA), Patrice Desvigne-Nickens (NHLBI, USA), Urs Fischer (Basel, CHE), David Gutstein (Regeneron, USA), Paulus Kirchhof (Hamburg, DEU), Trudie Lobban (London, GBR), Kenneth Mahaffey (Stanford, CA, USA), Greg Michaud (Biosense Webster, USA), Puneet Mohan (BMS-Pfizer, USA), Yogesh Reddy (Rochester, MN, USA), Lindsay Rosman (Chapel Hill, NC, USA), Prash Sanders (Adelaide, AUS), Kenneth Stein (Boston Scientific, USA), Atul Verma (Hamilton, CAN), Oussama Wazni (Cleveland, OH, USA), Paul Wang (Stanford, CA, USA)

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LBCT 2
Chairpersons: TBD

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East
Wednesday, December 9, 2026
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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)

Why opposing signals can be expected from small trials: the case for sufficiently powered trials.
Xavier Rossello (Madrid, ESP)

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), Xavier Rossello (Madrid, ESP), Anne-Christine Ruwald (Copenhagen, DNK), Christian Sohns (Hannover, GER), Emma Svennberg (Stockholm, SWE)

East
Wednesday, December 9, 2026
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**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)

Impediments and solutions to more sham control trials
Joann Lindenfeld (Nashville, TN, USA)

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

Maximizing follow-up, OLE, and RWE
Xavier Rossello (Madrid, ESP)

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)

What evidence is needed for payer?
JoAnna Baldwin (CMS, USA)
Sari Ormstad (EU JCA, NOR)

FDA Perspective
Ileana Pinea (FDA, USA)

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

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**DEVICE THERAPIES FOR HEART FAILURE. SLOW DEVELOPMENT AND SLOW ADOPTION
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East
Wednesday, December 9, 2026
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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) and 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 (Copenhagen, DEN)

FDA's Total Life Cycle Advisory Program (TAP)
Bram Zuckerman (FDA, USA)

Implementation of science for equity in HF and cardiometabolic care
TBD

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

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

How to use AI in the health plan setting.
Michael Pencina (United Health, USA)

Payer/HTA perspective: coverage, affordability, and access after positive trials
Sean Tunis (Baltimore, MD, USA)
Jaime Murillo (Bogotá, COL)

Industry Perspectives
Udi Fainberg (Novo Nordisk, DNK)

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IMPLEMENTATION-READY EVIDENCE GENERATION
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Panelists : Ankeet S. Bhatt (San Francisco, CA, USA), Mariam Elmegaard (Herlev, DEN), Udi Fainberg (Novo Nordisk, DNK), Karen Joynt Maddox (St. Louis, MO, USA), Jaime Murillo (Bogotá, COL), Neha Pagidipati (Durham, NC, USA), Michael Pencina (United Health, USA), Tor Beiring Sørensen (Copenhagen, DNK), Sean Tunis (Baltimore, MD, USA), Harriette Van Spall (Hamilton, ON, CAN), Rishi Wadhera (Boston, MA, USA), Bram Zuckerman (FDA, USA)

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LBCT 3
Chairpersons: TBD

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State
Wednesday, December 9, 2026
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WEARABLES IN CARDIOVASCULAR CLINICAL TRIALS: FROM SIGNAL TO ENDPOINT PART 1: FROM MEASURE 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). The cross-cutting payer and statistical perspectives are new.

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

Stride Velocity 95th Centile in Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Trials
TBD

Wearable activity monitoring in HF rehabilitation trials (REHAB-HF and beyond)
Ambarish Pandey (Dallas, TX, USA)

AFib burden
Jason Andrade (Vancouver, CAN)

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

Novel biomarkers: sleep, HRV, respiratory rate
Sneha Jain (Stanford, 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)

Regulatory qualification pathways
Stephen Browning (FDA, USA)
TBD

Part 1 DISCUSSION

Panelists : Marc Bains (HeartLife, CAN), JoAnna Baldwin (CMS, USA), Jason Andrade (Vancouver, BC, CAN), Ami Bhatt (Boston, MA, USA), Stephen Browning (FDA, USA), Lesley Curtis (Duke, NC, USA), Punag Divanji (Cytokinetics, USA), Jessilyn Dunn (Durham, NC, USA), Michael Gibson (Boston, MA, USA), Jennifer Goldsack (DiMe, USA), Christine Guo (Ametris, USA), Sneha Jain (Stanford, CA, USA), Steven Lubitz (Novartis, USA), Paul Muntner (Birmingham, AL, USA), Steven Nathan (Falls Church, VA, USA), Ambarish Pandey (Dallas, TX, USA), Abhinav Sharma (Montreal, CAN), Sari Ormstad (EU JCA, NOR)

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**WEARABLES IN CARDIOVASCULAR CLINICAL TRIALS: FROM SIGNAL TO ENDPOINT
PART 2: FROM TRIAL VALIDATION TO CLINICAL PRACTICE**

Chairpersons: Jessilyn Dunn (Durham, NC, USA) & Abhinav Sharma (Montreal, CAN)

From trial to clinic: translating digital endpoints into practice
Ami Bhatt (Boston, MA, USA)

Statisticien viewpoint. Digital endpoints.
Lesley Curtis (Duke, NC, USA)

Industry viewpoints
Punag Divanji (Cytokinetics, USA), Jennifer Goldsack (DiMe, USA), Christine Guo (Ametris, USA), Steven Lubitz (Novartis, USA)

Will Payers Trust Digitally Derived Endpoints? From Validation to Coverage and Reimbursement
JoAnna Baldwin (CMS, USA)
Sari Ormstad (EU JCA, NOR)

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 : Marc Bains (HeartLife, CAN), JoAnna Baldwin (CMS, USA), Jason Andrade (Vancouver, BC, CAN), Ami Bhatt (Boston, MA, USA), Stephen Browning (FDA, USA), Lesley Curtis (Duke, NC, USA), Punag Divanji (Cytokinetics, USA), Jessilyn Dunn (Durham, NC, USA), Michael Gibson (Boston, MA, USA), Jennifer Goldsack (DiMe, USA), Christine Guo (Ametris, USA), Sneha Jain (Stanford, CA, USA), Steven Lubitz (Novartis, USA), Paul Muntner (Birmingham, AL, USA), Steven Nathan (Falls Church, VA, USA), Ambarish Pandey (Dallas, TX, USA), Abhinav Sharma (Montreal, CAN), Sari Ormstad (EU JCA, NOR)

State
Wednesday, December 9, 2026
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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)

Acute Heart Failure Trials. Where are we?
Jan Biegus (Wrocław, POL)

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

Industry viewpoints
Francis Duhay (Pulnovo, CHN), Mahesh Patel (Merck, USA), Macarena Quintana-Hayashi (AstraZeneca, GBR), So Young Kim (Tenax, USA)

Regulatory viewpoints
TBD

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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), Francis Duhay (Pulnovo, CHN), Josephine Harrington (Denver, COL), Riccardo Inciardi (Brescia, IT), So Young Kim (Tenax, USA), Milton Packer (Dallas, TX, USA), Mahesh Patel (Merck, USA), Mark Petrie (Glasgow, GBR), Macarena Quintana-Hayashi (AstraZeneca, 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)

Chinese
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LBCT 4
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Wednesday, December 9, 2026
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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 (Sydney, AUS)

Where the gap is widest: Implementation science in low- and middle-income country cardiovascular care
Dorairaj Prabhakaran (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)

Who is responsible for closing the evidence-to-practice gap — trialists, health systems, regulators, or journals?
Filippo Crea (ESC, London, GBR)

Global perspective and implementation at super large scale.
Lijing Yan (Beijing, CHN)

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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 : Anushka Patel (Sydney, AUS), Clara Chow (Sydney, AUS), Filippo Crea (ESC, London, UK), 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), George Mensah (NIH/NHLBI, USA), Dorairaj Prabhakaran (New Delhi, IND), Muthiah Vaduganathan (Boston, MA, USA), Harriette van Spall (Hamilton, ON, CAN), Lijing Yan (Beijing, CHN)

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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) & Thomas Lüscher (London, 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?

Why oncology moves faster than cardiovascular medicine?
Francesco Pignatti (EMA, NLD)

Are rare diseases the oncology-ization of cardiovascular medicine?
Mathew Maurer (New York, NY, USA)
Muthu Venkateshwaran (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)
David Simmons (Launch Therapeutics, 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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PUBLISHING TRIAL RESULTS AND ADOPTION BY GUIDELINES. WHAT WOULD IT TAKE FOR JOURNALS AND GUIDELINES COMMITTEES TO NOT GIVE TRIALISTS A HARD TIME?

Chairpersons: Filippo Crea (EHJ, ITA) & Harlan Krumholz (JACC, USA) & 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.

Stuart Pocock (London, UK), Ji-Hyun Lee (Nature Medicine, USA)

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 apparently 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)

When is one positive trial enough?

TBD

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.

TBD

KDIGO CKD 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.

Isabelle Van Gelder (Groningen, NED)

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
Michael Zile (Charlestone, SC, 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.

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

Chairpersons: Robert M. Califf (Durham, NC, USA) & Jian'an Wang (Hangzhou, CHN)

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)

Bridging the Atlantic: Friction and Successes within the EMA-FDA Parallel Scientific Advice Pipeline
Steffen Thirstrup (EMA, NLD)

Beyond Border Restrictions: The NMPA's Evolution from Localized Phase 3 Trials to Global Multi-Center Trials
Siyuan Zhou (NMPA, Beijing, CHN)

One Global Trial, Multiple Regulatory Decisions: What Evidence Can Japan Accept—and What Still Needs to Be Local
Yasuhiro Fujiwara (Tokyo, JPN)

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

Power in Numbers: Reliance-Based Reviews and Unified Decisions within the Access Consortium
Choong May Ling (HSA, Singapore, SIN)

The Practical Bottlenecks of Adaptation: Re-Evaluating FDA/EMA Data within Emerging Market Ecosystems
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«Friction & Alignment»: Navigating Conflicting Endpoint Requirements, Ethnic Sensitivity Bridging, and the Future of Sovereign Data Acceptance

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