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We are excited to welcome you to our 29th PICS Symposium where you will join nearly 1,000 colleagues at our “intellectual feast” of live cases, stimulating debates, early career programs, nurses/technologists session, our Latin Session, special recognition events, industry symposia, lectures, abstracts, our 3D I3 Imaging session, and the profession’s most comprehensive exhibit hall. Here is how we’ve grown since last year in Chicago.



A Brief Look Back: At the start of the 2020 PICS Symposium, PICS Symposium Founder **Dr. Ziyad M. Hijazi** noted that the first Symposium was held in 1997 (with 87 attendees) and had grown considerably since then. Then he made a major announcement: PICS had just transformed to become the long-envisioned professional home for Congenital Heart Disease Interventionalists and their teams throughout the globe.

Thanks to your involvement, much has been accomplished since that announcement. In our seventh year as a full-service medical professional society—along with celebrating 29 years of The PICS Symposium—we have much to report.

Here are a few of the many highlights from the past year:

- Growth in PICS membership: 63 countries – member #1,000 within reach
- Growth in allied professionals’ membership: Member #100 to be announced in San Diego
- Landmark philanthropic commitments expanding educational programs
- Strong, transparent partnerships with industry: R&D, policy, dialogue, sponsorship
- DocMatter Community dramatic growth: Thank you NuMED for Children & B. Braun Interventional Systems
- More programs and leadership slots for early career colleagues
- Deep pipeline of guidelines from those who know our field best: **YOU**
- Advocacy with regulatory agencies to expand devices availability
- Close partnerships with national societies on every continent
- Growing recognition as the field’s global “go to” professional society
- Increasing educational content for colleagues in the developing world
- New PICS website content, format, resources
- Expanded social media and public relations presence

A Look at the Present and Beyond: An important part of PICS’ growth has been to “expand the table,” providing more opportunities for all PICS members to participate in your society and, by definition, to chart the future direction of your profession overall. We have grown considerably in that regard, and now have nineteen active committees. Here is our “report card” showing highlights from a sample of those volunteer-led committees, and some of the many opportunities that lie ahead.

Also of note, there will be much activity in San Diego regarding *The PICS Society Mussallem Early Career Development*

COMMITTEE	LEADERS	HIGHLIGHTS	WHAT’S NEXT
Adult CHD	Dr. Jamil Aboulhosn	Organized roundtable of relevant societies and patient groups to coordinate in advocacy, education, and guidelines	Global training directors survey (Dr. Gabriele Egidy Assenza) in final stage, publish results defining future ACHD training frameworks.
Advocacy & Policy	Drs. Frank Ing & Sarosh (Shawn) Bativala	Identified devices most at-risk of withdrawal from market; dialogue with stakeholders to reverse that case-by-case; policies limiting innovation & access remain major concerns (e.g., EU MDR).	Much work ahead. Focused, collective engagement—with hard data—continues as goal #1.
Clinical Guidelines	Drs. Athar Qureshi, Tom Fagan, Chris Petit, Catherine Tomasulo, Varun Aggarwal	Coordinated development, review & endorsement of several clinical documents.	Finalize the profession’s first global compendium of all such documents relevant to our field; prioritize those to update.
Communications & Social Media	Dr. Kamel Shabbani	Active and growing presence on LinkedIn, Instagram, and X. New PICS website launch in progress, new content rolling out monthly.	Expanded pursuit of the committee’s mission: to establish PICS as the voice of the CHD interventional community through consistent, engaging information.
Early Career Committee	Dr. Tacy Downing	Longterm strategy for continued development of programs by and for early career interventionalists; evaluation plan for current PICS offerings.	Evaluation of PICS’ numerous programs for early career interventionalists and their teams.
Education	Dr. Guru Hiremath Mallikarjun	Designed 2-year webinar plan. Recruited & engaged elite global committee. Rapidly growing “Tips & Tricks” series.	Rapidly growing Tips & Tricks series; quarterly Master Class webinars; long-term education plan.
Governance & Strategy	Dr. Bill Hellenbrand (Budget); Dr. Ziyad M. Hijazi (Nominating & Bylaws); Drs. Vivian Dimas & Frank Ing (Strategic Plan)	Sound financial stewardship, governance and planning ensure PICS is built to last. Long-range strategic planning working group underway.	Finalize and adopt the PICS long-range strategic plan; update Bylaws as necessary; nominate candidates for Board.
Lymphatics Working Group	Dr. Yoav Dori	Organize and lead annual lymphatics program at Symposium.	Develop long-range plan for PICS involvement with education, research, policy in this rapidly emerging area.
Membership	Drs. Lee Benson, Sharon Cheatham, Bharat Dalvi	Growth accelerated significantly 2025-2026, as has engagement on PICS committees.	Inform members about volunteer opportunities, serve as “eyes & ears” of the Society, submit papers to Pediatric Cardiology Journal.
Nurses & Allied Health Professionals (NAHP)	Emily Kish, Curtis Alford, Caroline Turner, Veronica Zitterman, 100+ others	Growing fast! NAHP members serve on several other committees. Expanded educational programming. Quarterly “all nurse/tech” education zooms; led efforts to abstract 300+ PICS didactic videos; deep engagement on DocMatter.	Continuing the momentum. Join us!
Quality Improvement	Dr. Ralf Holzer	Led and published the profession’s definitive guideline on quality in the CHD cath lab.	Leading the definitive guideline on patient selection (publish in the coming months).
PICS/CCISC DocMatter Community	Drs. Tom Forbes & Damien Kenny; 15-member Advisory Committee	Leading global online forum for case discussions, emerging device debates, research exchange, more.	Continued engagement across all member categories. Included with PICS membership thanks to unrestricted support (NuMED for Children, B. Braun Interventional Systems Inc.).
PICS-IPC Istanbul	Drs. Ahmet Çelebi, Mario Carminati, Ziyad Hijazi, Damien Kenny	Highly successful 2023 and 2024 partnerships brought PICS programming to audiences in Asia, Europe, and the Middle East.	PICS-IPC Istanbul returns April 14–17, 2027. Mark your calendars.
Publishing Partners	Kate Baldwin (Editor-in-Chief, CCT); Pediatric Cardiology Journal (Dr. Karim Diab, Editor-in-Chief)	CCT is PICS’ official News & Information Partner. Pediatric Cardiology Journal is the official PICS Society journal.	Both continue FREE for all PICS members. Continued growth of PICS member content in both publications.

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Academy. After two years as five teams (each with five early career participants and one senior mentor), the first class of twenty-five participants will graduate at PICS San Diego, with one team selected for the Best Research Project Award. Thanks goes to the founding supporters of Class #1; Medtronic, Edwards, Gore, Abbott, the Gloria Baylis Foundation, and the Shah Family Foundation. Class #2 (2026–2028) will begin its efforts as well in San Diego, with gratitude to our continuing supporters and with the Academy renamed in honor of a multi-year commitment from the Mussallem Congenital Heart Disease Alliance. Thanks also goes to the Academy's Co-Founders, Drs. Gianfranco Butera and Aimee Armstrong, Committee Chair, Dr. Butera, and Co-Chair, Dr. Raul Rossi Filho.

To all of our committee and working group leaders—and to the scores of others who volunteer their time for these efforts—we say thank you! If you would like to volunteer for committee service contact PICS staff at membership@CHDinterventions.org.

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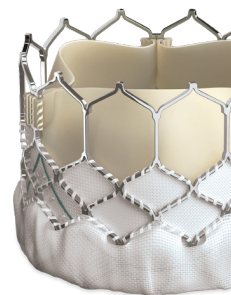
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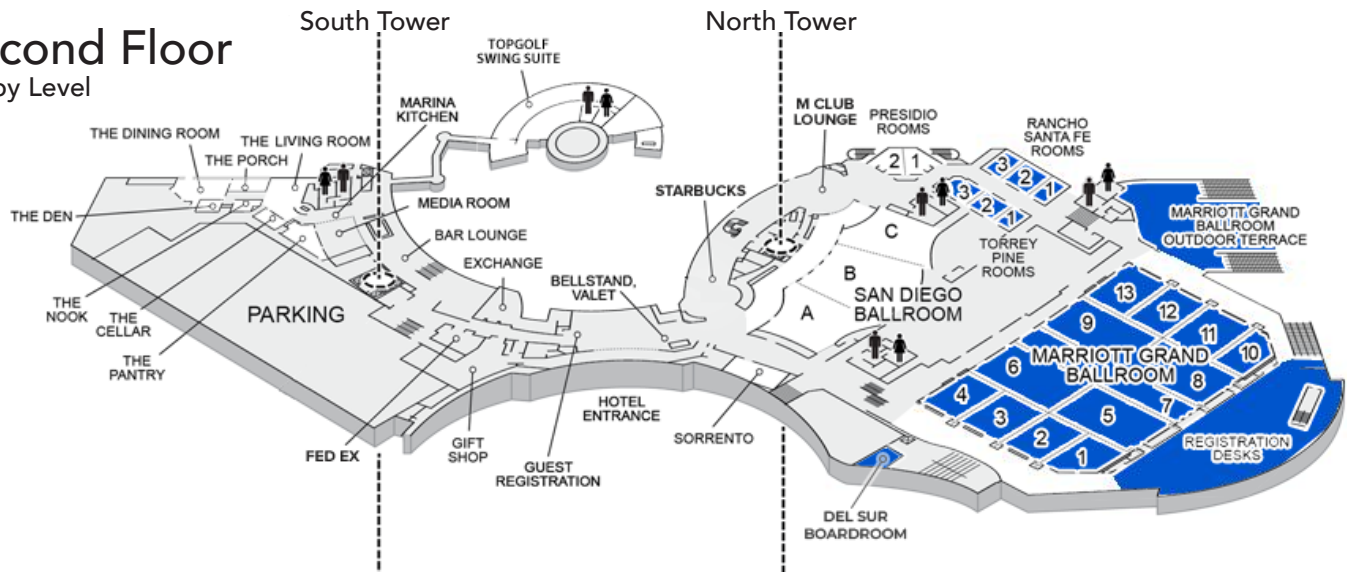
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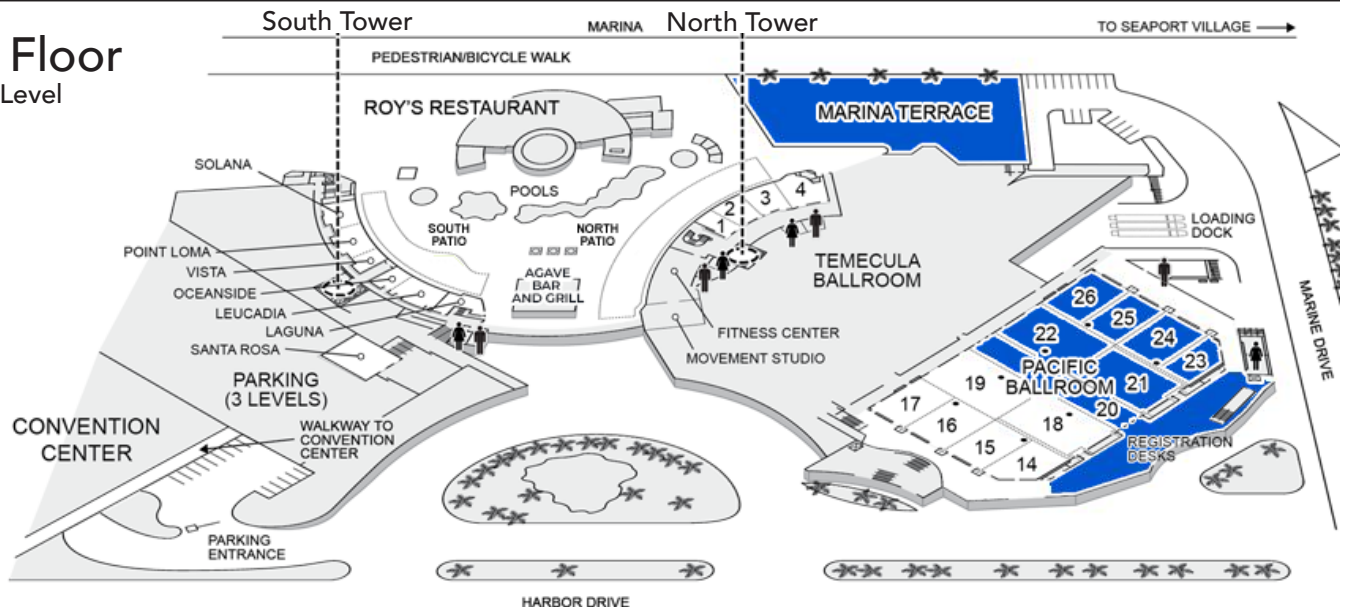
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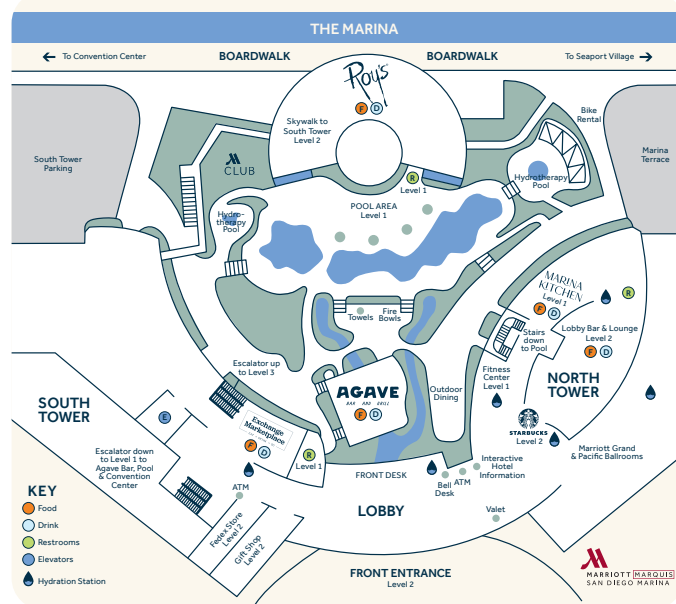
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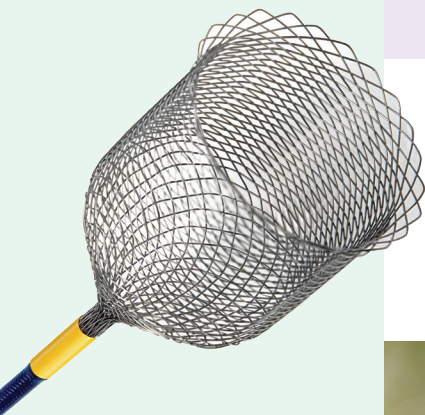
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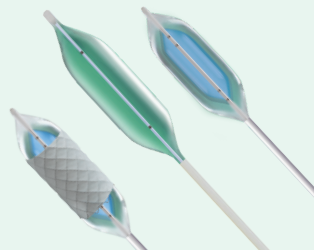
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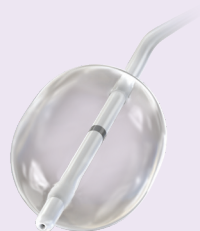
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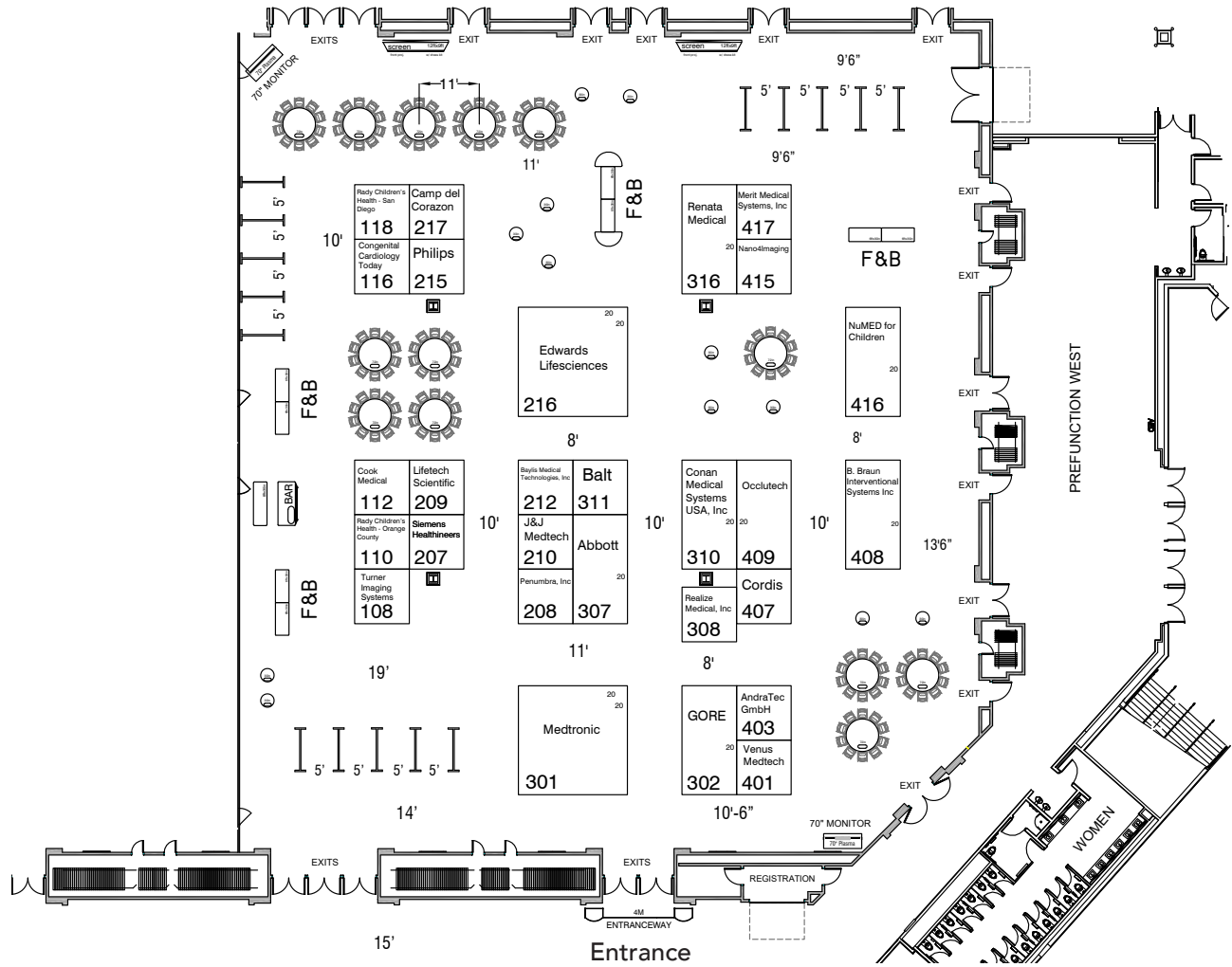
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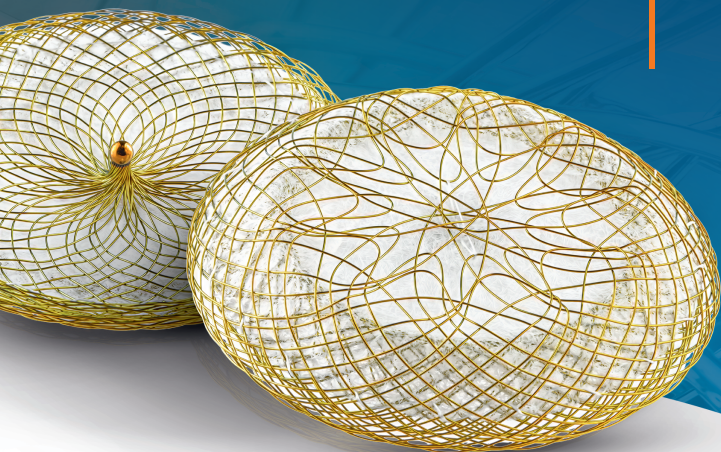
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7:00am-6:00pm Registration Open
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7:00-8:30am Breakfast Available
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7:00am-5:00pm Poster Abstracts
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7:45-8:00am Welcome – Main Session
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8:00-8:20 Taped Case – International – Damien Kenny

8:21-8:41 Taped Case – North America
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8:42-9:02 Taped Case – International
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9:03-9:10 Q&A

9:11-9:31 Taped Case – International
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9:32-9:52 Taped Case – International – Petru Liuba

9:53-10:13 Taped Case – North America
Jenny Zablah & Gareth Morgan

10:14-10:34 Taped Case – International – Philip Roberts
10:35-10:45 Q&A

10:30-11:00am Coffee Available
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10:55am-12:50pm Oral Abstract Presentations
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Industry Symposium – Grab your lunch and join the Abbott Symposium

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PDA Closure with the Amplatzer Piccolo™

Occluder: When and Where to Close?

Moderator: R. Allen Ligon, Jr, MD, FSCAI, FPICS, FAWM

- **PDA Closure: Who, When, and How?**

Shyam Sathanandam, MD, FACC, FPICS, FSCAI

- **Collaborating with Neonatology**

Amir Ashrafi, MD

- **Why I Don't Close Bedside**

Matthew J. Gillespie, MD, FSCAI, FPICS

- **Why I Started a Bedside Program**

Darren Berman, MD, FPICS, FSC

2:30-4:00pm

Transcatheter Pulmonary Valve Replacement

Moderators: John Cheatham, Dan Levi,
 Shabana Shahanavaz

General Session

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Self-expanding TPVR: When to Involve Your EP Specialist – Alejandro Borquez

2:43-2:55

Dysfunction and Degeneration of Transcatheter Pulmonary Valves at Follow-up: Prevention and Management Options – Ahmet Celebi

2:56-3:08

Simulated TPVR: Assessing RVOT Material Properties – Matthew Jolley

3:09-3:21

Decision Tree: The Borderline Anatomy for Balloon Expandable vs Self-expanding Platforms – Darren Berman

3:22-3:34

From a Surgeon's Perspective: Options Outside the Self-expanding TPVR System
 Mark Galantowicz

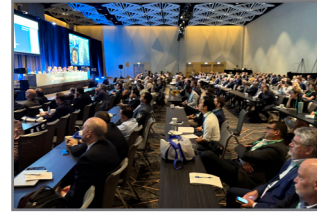
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Lifetime Pulmonary Valve Management – Can Surgery After the Neonatal Period be Avoided Forever? – Brian Morray

3:50-4:00

Q&A

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2:30-4:00pm

Advances in the Bread & Butter of Congenital Intervention – Breakout Session

Moderators: Elchanan Bruckheimer,
 Bharat Dalvi, Jacqueline Kreutzer

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PA Stenting from 3kg: Potential and Limitations of Old and New Platforms

Patrick Sullivan

2:43-2:55

Neonatal PDA Device Closure: New and Upcoming Insights – Brian Boe

2:56-3:08

3D ICE for Transcatheter ASD Closure
 Alan Nugent

3:09-3:21

Differential Pulmonary Flow Determined in the Cath Lab – An Essential Tool for Pulmonary Vein Stenosis Treatment

Jenny Zablah

3:22-3:34

Ductal Stenting: Tips and Tricks to Set Yourself Up for Success – Howaida El-Said

3:35-3:47

When, Why and How to Stent the Transverse Arch – Ahmet Celebi

3:50-4:00

Discussion

4:00-4:30pm

Coffee Available

Marriott Grand Foyer – 2nd Fl Lobby Lvl

4:15-5:45pm

My Nightmare Case in the Cath Lab

Marriott Grand Main Ballroom – 2nd Fl Lobby Lvl

Moderators: Matt Gillespie &
 Sir Shakeel Qureshi

6:00-7:30pm

Welcome Reception – Exhibit Hall Opens

Pacific Ballroom – 1st Fl Ground Lvl

Monday, August 31st

7:00am-6:00pm

Registration Open

Marriott Grand Foyer – 2nd Fl Lobby Lvl

7:00-8:30am

Breakfast Available – Exhibit Hall

Pacific Ballroom – 1st Fl Ground Lvl

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- 7:00am-5:00pm Poster Abstracts**
Pacific Ballroom – 1st Fl Ground Lvl
- 7:00-7:30am Moderated Poster Abstract Presentations**
Exhibit Hall – Pacific Ballroom – 1st Fl Grnd Lvl
Moderators:
Group 1: Tom Fagan & Kiran Mallula
Group 2: Makram Ebeid & Sanjay Sinha
Group 3: Varun Aggarwal, Tacy Downing, Pramod Sagar
Group 4: Martin Bocks & Brent Gordon
- 7:45-8:00am Update on Live Cases 2025 – General Session**
Allen Ligon & Kamel Shibbani
Marriott Grand Main Ballroom – 2nd Fl Lobby Lvl
- 8:00-10:00am Live Case Session #1**
Moderators: Vivian Dimas & Ziyad M. Hijazi
Panelists: Mazeni Alwi, Brian Boe, Howaida El-Said, Sonia El-Saiedi, Alejandro Peirone, Hideshi Tomita, David Winlaw
- **Hospital Universitario Austral**
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Marcelo Rivarola
 - **Dante Pazzanese Instituto de Cardiologia** Sao Paolo, Brazil
Carlos Pedra
 - **Toronto General Hospital**
Toronto, Canada
Eric Horlick / Mark Osten
- 10:00-10:30am Coffee Available – Exhibit Hall**
Pacific Ballroom – 1st Fl Ground Lvl
- 10:30am-12:30pm Live Case Session #2**
Moderators: Mario Carminati & Sir Shakeel Qureshi
Panelists: Elchanan Bruckheimer, Jae Young Choi, Yoav Dori, Tacy Downing, Gi-Beom Kim, John Nigro
- **Hospital Universitario Austral**
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Marcelo Rivarola
 - **Dante Pazzanese Instituto de Cardiologia**
Sao Paolo, Brazil – Carlos Pedra

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- **Toronto General Hospital**
Toronto, Canada
Eric Horlick / Mark Osten
- 12:30-1:30pm Lunch Available – Exhibit Hall**
Pacific Ballroom – 1st Fl Ground Lvl
- 1:00-2:00pm Industry Symposium – Grab your lunch and join the Medtronic Symposium**
Marriott Grand Main Ballroom – 2nd Fl Lobby Lvl
Round Table Panelists: TBD from Medtronic
Performance You Can Plan Around: A Look at the Last Five-Years of Patient Care and the Global Impact of Harmony Valves
- 2:05-2:30pm Keynote Speaker with Dr. Mark Galantowicz**
Introduction: David Balzer
Congenital Surgery and Transcatheter Techniques: Evolving Hand-in-Hand Into the New Era
Marriott Grand Main Ballroom – 2nd Fl Lobby Lvl
- 2:30-4:00pm ACHD Session 1 – General Session**
Moderators: Jamil Aboulhosn, Ada Stefanescu, Gejun Zhang
Marriott Grand Main Ballroom – 2nd Fl Lobby Lvl
- 2:30-2:42 The ACHD Patient: From Anti-coagulation to Medical Optimization Prior to Cath Intervention – Osamah Aldoss**
- 2:43-2:55 The Adult Single Ventricle and Catheterization Considerations**
Jonathan Rome
- 2:56-3:08 Order of Operations – Transcatheter Management of Polyvalvular Disease**
Clifford Kavinsky
- 3:09-3:21 ACHD Intervention from the Mindset of a Structural Interventionalist – Colum Owens**
- 3:22-3:34 Non-operative Management of Valve Endocarditis – Zach Steinberg**
- 3:35-3:47 Cath Lab Disasters: Cautionary Tales in the ACHD Patient – Ada Stefanescu**
- 3:48-4:00 How Cath Interventions Set Up (or complicate) the Job of the Cardiothoracic Surgeon – David Winlaw**
- 4:00-4:30pm Coffee Available – Exhibit Hall**
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- 2:30-4:20pm Great Debates – Breakout Session**
Moderators: Craig Fleishman, Bryan Goldstein, Alan Nugent
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ECMO Support is Best Performed Surgically
2:30-2:40 Pro: David Winlaw
2:41-2:51 Con: Jason Anderson
2:52-2:57 Discussion
PA Banding is Best Performed Surgically
2:58-3:08 Pro: Mark Galantowicz
3:09-3:19 Con: Shyam Sathanandam
3:20-3:25 Discussion
Sinus Venosus ASD Closure is Best Accomplished Via the Transcatheter Approach
3:26-3:36 Pro: Kothandam Sivakumar
3:37-3:47 Con: John Nigro
3:48-3:53 Discussion
Aggressive AP Collateral Occlusion in Single Ventricles
3:54-4:04 Pro: Gregor Krings
4:05-4:15 Con: Zahid Amin
4:15-4:20 Discussion
- 2:30-4:00pm PICES Session – Breakout Session**
Moderator: Varun Aggarwal
Panelists: Subhrajit “SJ” Lahiri, Amr Matoq, Rachel Taylor
Marriott Grand Ballroom 1 & 2 – 2nd Fl Lobby Lvl
2:30-2:35 PICES Business Update – Varun Aggarwal
2:36-2:51 Case 1 – A Stubborn Tug-of-War with a Fractured Catheter
Presenter: Ahmed Hassan
2:52-3:07 Case 2 – Uh-Ono: Retrieval to the Rescue
Presenter: Mike Shorofsky
3:08-3:23 Case 3 – An ASO, Just Out of Reach
Presenter: Sal Casella
3:25-3:45 Invited Speaker – Getting Out of Trouble
Frank Ing
3:45-4:00 PICES Congenital Interventional Mentor of the Year Award – Varun Aggarwal

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- 4:00-4:30pm Coffee Available**
Pacific Ballroom – 1st Fl Ground Lvl
- 4:30-6:00pm ACHD Session 2 – General Session**
Marriott Grand Main Ballroom – 2nd Fl Lobby Lvl
Moderators: Jamil Aboulhosn, Laith Alshawabkeh, Ziyad M. Hijazi
4:30-4:42 3D Imaging in TEER for CHD
Matthew Jolley
4:43-4:55 Transcatheter Edge-to-Edge Repair in CHD
Matt Gillespie
4:56-5:08 Transcatheter Atrioventricular Valve Replacement in Congenital Patients
Nicola Maschietto
5:09-5:21 TAVR in Congenital Heart Disease Patients
Athar Qureshi
5:22-5:34 Electrosurgery in Interventional Cardiology – TBD
5:35-5:47 Lifetime Management of CHD – Setting Ourselves Up for Success in the Next Intervention – Shabana Shahanavaz
5:48-6:00 Discussion
- 4:30-6:00pm Lymphatic Session – Breakout Session**
Moderators: Yoav Dori, Petru Liuba, Sanjay Sinha, Christopher Smith
Marriott Grand Ballroom 3 & 4 – 2nd Fl Lobby Lvl
4:30-4:40 Lymphatic Physiology in CHD: Why Patients Fail – and How We Can Fix It
Adam Kolesnik
4:41-4:51 Seeing What Matters: Lymphatic Imaging that Changes Decisions – Suren Reddy
4:52-5:02 Embolize, Decompress, or Both? Choosing the Right Lymphatic Strategy
Sanjay Sinha
5:03-5:13 Plastic Bronchitis: Finding and Fixing the Leak – Mudit Gupta
5:14-5:24 Protein-Losing Enteropathy: From Pattern Recognition to Precision Treatment
Christopher Smith
5:25-5:50 Lightning Case Round: Problem – Fix: Teaching Point
Case 1 – Ben Blais
Case 2 – Manish Bansal
Case 3 – Stanimir Georgiev
Case 4 – Lymphatic Obstruction
Christoph Bauer

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5:51-6:00 Who, When, and How: Getting Durable Results in Lymphatic Intervention
Yoav Dori

4:15-6:00pm Nursing and Allied Health Professionals – Breakout Session

Moderators: Sharon Cheatham, Ileen Cronin, Karen Iacono, Veronica Zitterman
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4:15-4:27 Beyond the Waveform: Hemodynamics
Ileen Cronin

4:28-4:40 Radiation Safety: Can We Do a Better Job?
Christina Conley

4:41-4:53 Research in the Cath Lab: Where to Begin?
Sharon Cheatham

4:54-5:06 CHD Patients Are Aging: How Do We Bring Them to the Cath Lab Safely?
Dan Levi

5:07-5:19 Pulmonary Blood Flow: How to Restrict and How to Increase – Patrick Sullivan

5:20-5:32 Stent Characteristics: Choosing the Right Stent – Aimee Armstrong

5:33-5:45 When Things Go Wrong: Coping with Adverse Outcomes – Mollie Mullaney

5:46-5:58 Guess the Catheter Course and Name the Interventional Device – Karen Iacono

6:00pm PICS Achievement Award – General Session
Ziyad M. Hijazi
Marriott Grand Main Ballroom – 2nd Fl Lobby Lvl

7:00pm Soccer Game Social – All are Welcome!
Correia Middle School – 4302 Valeta St, San Diego

Tuesday, September 1st

7:00am-6:00pm Registration Open
Marriott Grand Foyer – 2nd Fl Lobby Lvl

7:00-8:30am Breakfast Available – Exhibit Hall
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7:00am-5:00pm Poster Abstracts
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7:00-7:45am Moderated Poster Abstract Presentations Exhibit Hall – Pacific Ballroom – 1st Fl Grnd Lvl
Moderators:

Group 1: Ahmed Al-Omrani & Raul Rossi

Group 2: Alex Javois & Amjad Mahmood

Group 3: Maiy El-Sayed, Larry Latson,
Joaquim Miro

Group 4: Brian Boe & Steve Nageotte

7:45-8:00am Update on the PICS Society – General Session
Update on the NAHP – Norm Linsky
Marriott Grand Main Ballroom – 2nd Fl Lobby Lvl

8:00-10:00am Live Case Session #1
Moderators: Damien Kenny & Dan Levi
Panelists: Osamah Aldoss, Jeff Delaney, Amr Matoq Sophi-Guiti Milani, Worakan Promphan, Glen Van Arsdell

- **UC San Diego Health**
San Diego, CA
Laith Alshawabkeh / Ziyad M. Hijazi / Ehtisham Mahmud / Ryan Reeves
- **Rady Children's Hospital**
San Diego, CA
Brent Gordon / Henri Justino
- **University of Washington Medical Center – Seattle, WA**
Brian Morray / Zach Steinberg

10:00-10:30am Coffee Available – Exhibit Hall
Pacific Ballroom – 1st Fl Ground Lvl

10:30am-12:30pm Live Case Session #2
Moderators: Aimee Armstrong & Allison Cabalka
Panelists: Ali El-halabi, Maiy El-Sayed, Alex Javois, Bahram Kadyrov, Raul Rossi, Do Tin, David Winlaw

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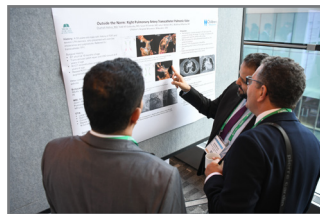
– **University of Washington Medical Center** – Seattle, WA
Brian Morray / Zach Steinberg

- 12:30-1:30pm** **Lunch Available – Exhibit Hall**
Pacific Ballroom – 1st Fl Ground Lvl
- 12:45-1:45pm** **CCISC Meeting**
Moderators: Tom Forbes & Daisuke Kobayashi
Marriott Grand Ballroom 1 & 2 – 2nd Fl Lobby Lvl
- 1:00-2:00pm** **Industry Symposium – Grab your lunch and join the GORE Symposium**
Marriott Grand Main Ballroom – 2nd Fl Lobby Lvl
Navigating Challenging ASD Closure With the GORE® CARDIOFORM ASD Occluder: Expert Insights and Clinical Discussion
Faculty / Speakers: Darren Berman, Athar Qureshi, Shabana Shahanavaz
- 2:30-4:00pm** **Collaborators of Congenital Cardiac Catheterization – General Session**
Moderators: Ziyad M. Hijazi, Terry King, Alejandro Peirone
Marriott Grand Main Ballroom – 2nd Fl Lobby Lvl
- 2:30-2:42** **The Evidence Gaps in Pediatric Congenital Heart Disease Literature – Is it Time for Reform?** – Bryan Goldstein
- 2:43-2:55** **Endovascular Recanalization** – Frank Ing
- 2:56-3:08** **The CVICU Attending Perspective: Critically Ill Cath Patients with a Quality Focus** – Gil Wernovsky
- 3:09-3:21** **Tools of the Interventional Radiologist that All Interventional Cardiologists Should Have** – Sanjay Sinha
- 3:22-3:34** **Preemie PDA Closure – The Critical Role of the Neonatologist** – Amir Ashrafi
- 3:35-3:47** **Coronary Artery Intervention Concepts that Any Congenital Cath Doctor Should Know** – Cliff Kavinsky

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- 3:48-4:00** **Autus Valve – Created for the Congenital Heart Disease Patient** – Aimee Armstrong
- 2:30-4:00pm** **The Business Side of Interventional Congenital Cardiac Cath – Breakout Session**
Moderators: Tom Forbes, Jeremy Asnes
Marriott Grand Ballroom 1 & 2 – 2nd Fl Lobby Lvl
- 2:30-2:42** **Stock Management and Optimization Strategies** – Tom Jones
- 2:43-2:55** **Cath Lab Staffing and Culture: Engaging and Empowering a Team at All Levels**
Jeff Delaney
- 2:56-3:08** **Building Collaboration via Shared Databases** – Brian Quinn
- 3:09-3:21** **How to Maximize Reimbursement for What You Do – An Interactive Session**
Matt Crystal
- 3:22-3:34** **Industry Relations – Optimizing the Technologies and Support Available for Your Lab** – Bryan Goldstein
- 3:35-3:47** **Working With (Not Against) Your Hospital Administration: Strategies to Advance the Congenital Cath Lab Presence in a Hospital System** – Shelby Kutty
- 3:48-4:00** **From Clinician to Partner: The Business Case for Physician-Led Cath Lab Optimization** – Vivian Dimas
- 2:30-4:00pm** **Pulmonary Flow Restrictors – Beginning of a New Era – Breakout Session**
Moderators: Tom Fagan & Ralf Holzer
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- 2:30-2:42** **Historical Context – What Used to be Utilized and Where We Started**
John Cheatham
- 2:43-2:55** **The Future of PFR – What Is In the Pipeline?**
Aimee Armstrong
- 2:56-3:08** **Transcatheter Removal and Sizing / Upsizing** – Dave Balzer
- 3:09-3:21** **Surgical Removal Perspective – PA Bands Versus PFR** – Glen Van Arsdell
- 3:22-3:34** **Technical Aspects of PFRs – Device Choices and Approaches** – Nicola Maschietto
- 3:35-3:47** **PFR Registry – Insights and Initial Data**
Daisuke Kobayashi
- 3:48-4:00** **Case Presentation and Panel Discussion**
Frank Ing
- 4:00-4:30pm** **Coffee Available – Exhibit Hall**
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- 4:15-6:10pm** **The Next Frontier: Forging into New Populations and Technologies – General Session**
Moderators: Dave Balzer & Ryan Callahan
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- 4:15-4:27** **Bioresorbable ASD Devices – Horst Sievert**
- 4:28-4:40** **iCMR in 2026 – Where We Are and Where We Are Going – Suren Reddy**
- 4:41-4:53** **The Role of Augmented Reality in CHD Interventions – Jenny Zablah**
- 4:54-5:06** **Radiation Reduction Strategies – New Technologies and Efforts – Vivian Dimas**
- 5:07-5:19** **Artificial Intelligence and the Role it Can Play for Congenital Cath Labs**
Laith Alshawabkeh
- 5:20-5:32** **Percutaneous VA-ECMO: Infancy to Adulthood – Gareth Morgan**
- 5:33-5:45** **HOLOSCOPE-i to Guide Transcatheter Procedures Using Intraprocedural 3D-TEE**
Elchanan Bruckheimer
- 5:46-5:58** **Bioresorbable Stents in Congenital Heart Disease – Martin Bocks**
- 5:59-6:10** **Discussion**
- 4:10-6:10pm** **Endovascular Grafts – Breakout Session**
Moderators: Jason Anderson, Allison Cabalka, Damien Kenny
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- 4:10-4:15** **Intro & Framing – Jason Anderson**
- 4:16-4:26** **Aortic Endografts: Innovation and Pipeline to a Younger Population**
Nolan C. Cirillo-Penn
- 4:27-4:37** **Core Congenital Applications**
- 4:38-4:48** **RV-PA Conduits – Jason Anderson**
- 4:49-4:59** **Coarctation of the Aorta**
Pradyumna Agasthi
- 4:50-5:00** **Fontan Pathways – Allison Cabalka**
- 5:00-5:10** **Advanced & Emerging Applications**
- 5:11-5:21** **Case #1: CoA – Kaitlyn Krebushevski**
Case #2: Systemic Venous (IVC-SVC-baffles)
Jason Anderson

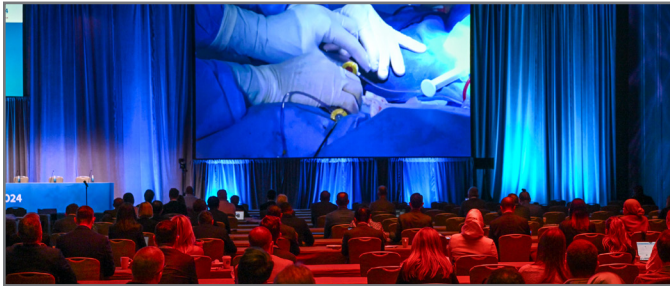
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- 5:22-5:32** **Case #3: Sinus Venosus ASD – Daniel Duarte**
- 5:33-5:43** **Case #4: Complex Aortic Disease**
Pradyumna Agasthi
- 5:44-5:54** **Spinal Cord Ischemia: History, Controversy and Collaboration – Nolan C. Cirillo-Penn**
- 5:55-6:10** **Panel: Q&A**
- 4:30-6:00pm** **Latin Session – Breakout Session**
Moderators: Jacqueline Kreutzer & Carlos Pedra
Panelists: Daniel Aguirre, Nicola Maschietto, Sophi G. Milani, Raul Rossi
Marriott Grand Ballroom 1 & 2 – 2nd Fl Lobby Lvl
- 4:30-4:42** **Low-profile Covered Stents in CHD: The Role of Gore Viabahn (VBX) Stents**
Gianfranco Butera
- 4:46-4:58** **Large Right Ventricular Outflow Tract: Is There a Limit for Balloon Expandable Valves? – Alejandro Peirone**
- 5:02-5:14** **Extra Cardiac Fontan-Kreutzer Conduit Rehabilitation.... The New Epidemic!**
Jacqueline Kreutzer
- 5:18-5:30** **Atrial Flow Restrictors in CHD – Use of Occlutech AFR – Jenny Zablah**
- 5:34-5:46** **TED (Technology, Entertainment and Design) in CHD Interventions. Why Should We Keep Playing! – Jose Luis Zunzunegui**
- 5:50-6:00** **Q&A**
- 6:15 – 7:30pm** **Early Career Academy – Highlights & Insights, Graduation for First Academy Class – General Session**
Moderators: Gianfranco Butera & Raul Rossi
Marriott Grand Main Ballroom – 2nd Fl Lobby Lvl

Wednesday, September 2nd

- 7:00am-1:00pm** **Registration Open**
Marriott Grand Foyer – 2nd Fl Lobby Lvl
- 7:00-8:30am** **Breakfast Available – Exhibit Hall**
Pacific Ballroom – 1st Fl Ground Lvl
- 7:45-8:00am** **PICS Society Annual Business Meeting**
Marriott Grand Main Ballroom – 2nd Fl Lobby Lvl
- 7:45am-12:45pm** **General Session**
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8:00-10:00am Live Case Session #1
Moderators: Ziyad M. Hijazi & Jacqueline Kreutzer
Panelists: Martin Bocks, Brent Gordon, Michel Ilbawi, Amjad Mahmood, Joaquim Miro, James Thompson

- **Rush University**
Chicago, IL
Joshua Murphy / Hussam Suradi
- **Children's Healthcare of Atlanta – Emory Healthcare**, Atlanta, GA
Allen Ligon
- **Nicklaus Children's Hospital**
Miami, FL – Shyam Sathanandam

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10:30am-12:30pm Live Case Session #2
Moderators: John Cheatham & Ralf Holzer
Panelists: Hesham Al Saloos, Gianfranco Butera, Henri Justino, Steve Nageotte, Howard Weber, Gejun Zhang

- **Rush University**
Chicago, IL
Joshua Murphy / Hussam Suradi
- **Children's Healthcare of Atlanta – Emory Healthcare**, Atlanta, GA
Allen Ligon
- **Nicklaus Children's Hospital**
Miami, FL – Shyam Sathanandam

11:00am Exhibit Hall Closes
12:30pm Closing Remarks
Ziyad M. Hijazi & Damien Kenny



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