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# 2024 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

November 22-24, 2024 | Ritz-Carlton Reynolds, Lake Oconee

# President's Welcome

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Welcome to the 2024 Annual Scientific Conference of the Georgia Chapter of the American College of Cardiology! We are delighted to be back at the Ritz-Carlton on Lake Oconee. In our 19th year, our tradition continues! The Program Committee has worked hard to develop a curriculum encompassing relevant topics for your enjoyment.

This year's conference will include sessions on Adjusting the Autonomic Nervous System, Pulmonary Embolism, Trends in Delivering Cardiovascular Care, Advances in Tricuspid Valve Therapies AI in Cardiology, and various Case Presentations.

Saturday will begin with a business session, followed by an update from the National ACC by Dr. Cathleen Biga who plans to spend the weekend with us. There will be time to interact for a National perspective of the challenges facing Cardiovascular Medicine, and the approach our American College is taking. After that, we'll hear an update from the Medical Association of Georgia by Dr. Charles Wilmer.

Saturday afternoon, join us for wine and cheese and learn about new products with 6 different Product Theaters.

Saturday evening, several awards will be given: the **Lifetime Achievement Award**, the **Dr. Nanette Kass Wenger Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship**, the **Dr. Robert M. Nerem Award for Excellence in Biomedical Research**, and the **GA ACC Governor's Awards for Excellence in Research**.

Sunday morning breakfast will be the combined **FIT to Fellow and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Meet and Greet**. Sunday's session concludes with a lively game of Kahoot, where fellows and audience can all participate.

As always, our goals for the weekend remain:

- *Provide information that is relevant and practical to the care of our patients.*
- *Create a forum for dialog between fellow ACC members regarding the practice issues we face every day.*
- *Develop communication and relationships between our members and our industry partners.*
- *Explore the challenges facing us in the new era of healthcare delivery, as we march along the road from volume to value-based services, and understand what the ACC is doing nationally, and what we might be doing locally and state-wide.*
- *Relax with family and friends.*

I want to welcome each of you back to our Chapter's fabulous Annual Conference and I hope to see as many of you as the Ritz-Carlton can accommodate.

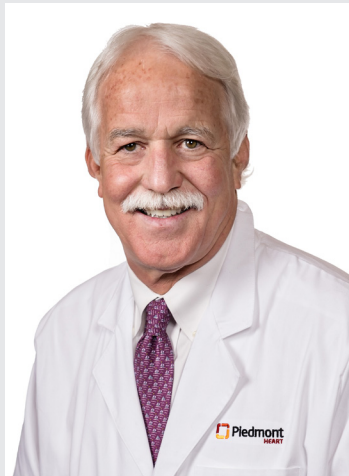
Sincerely,

Arthur B. Reitman, MD, FACC | President / Governor, GA Chapter American College of Cardiology

# Lifetime Achievement Award

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## William A. Blincoe, MD | Piedmont Heart Institute



Dr. William Blincoe was born in Midland, Texas April 30, 1953. Raised in the midwest, primarily Wichita, Kansas, with 3 siblings and wonderful, loving parents. He grew up always wanting to be a physician if he could not be a professional athlete. He decided to “go away” for college at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, graduating in 1975. He tried to play football but again was reminded this was not going to make a career. He went to med school at the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Kansas City, Kansas and graduated in 1979. He completed his first two years of Medicine residency at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas and his last year of Medicine residency at Emory Affiliated Hospitals in Atlanta, Georgia. He started a cardiology fellowship in 1982 at Emory under Dr. J. Willis Hurst. The fellowship program was one of the

largest in the nation at the time with over 50 fellows. A truly exciting time to be “in training” with the advent of coronary angioplasty and other cardiovascular advances in the early 1980’s.

Dr. Blincoe joined a small cardiology practice based at Piedmont in 1985. Over time this group grew, morphed and merged with the culmination of the development of the Piedmont Heart Institute in 2007. He practiced general and interventional cardiology from the outset but retired from the cath lab in 2017. He has held a variety of clinical, governance and leadership positions at Piedmont Hospital and Piedmont Heart Institute. Currently, Bill is Chief of Staff of the Physician Enterprise for Piedmont Healthcare, supporting over 1000 physicians and 600 advanced practice providers. He still takes call and has clinic two times a week but spends majority of his time with administrative duties.

Dr. Blincoe is a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology since 1985. He is a proud founding member of the Georgia ACC Foundation. He will be happy to tell you about the Foundation!

Dr. Blincoe is happily married to Marti Blincoe for 43 years. He moved to Atlanta and able to transfer to Emory “for love” in 1981. Marti and Bill have 3 daughters and now three son-in-law’s with five grandchildren, all living in Atlanta, Georgia.

*This award will be presented Saturday evening at the President’s Reception and Dinner.*

# Original Science Awards

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Annually, the Georgia Chapter of the American College of Cardiology solicits abstracts from medical students, biomedical engineering students and researchers throughout Georgia from our medical institutions, universities, and our technical institutions. The abstracts will be presented on Friday. They will be ranked by chosen leaders within these fields, and the authors of the top ranked abstracts will be presented with Original Science Awards at the President's Reception and Dinner. The **Dr. Nanette Kass Wenger Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship** will be presented to an author from one of our medical universities or hospitals. The **Dr. Robert M. Nerem Award for Excellence in Biomedical Research** will be presented to an author in the biomedical field. The **Georgia Chapter of the American College of Cardiology Governor's Awards for Excellence in Research** will be presented to three authors in the biomedical engineering and medical fields.

## **Dr. Nanette Kass Wenger Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship Finalists:**

Mary M. Pelling, MD | Emory University School of Medicine

*Safety and Efficacy of Mechanical Circulatory Support During VT Ablation*

Matthew E. Gold, MD | Emory University School of Medicine

*Vitamin D Deficiency, Cardiac Allograft Vasculopathy, and Cardiovascular Mortality Following Heart Transplantation*

## **Dr. Robert M. Nerem Award for Excellence in Biomedical Research Finalists:**

Taylor Sirset-Becker | Georgia Institute of Technology

*Prospective Utilization of Computational Predictive Modeling for Optimizing Bicuspid Trans-Catheter Aortic Valve Replacements*

Srujana Joshi | Georgia Institute of Technology

*Development of a Bio-inspired Anti-Calcific and Anti-Thrombotic Polymeric TAVR*

## **GA ACC Governor's Award for Excellence in Research:**

Sheriff N. Dodoo, MD | Georgia Heart Institute

*Major Adverse Periprocedural Events Following Optical Coherence Tomographic versus Intravascular Ultrasound-Guided Percutaneous Coronary Intervention: A Meta-Analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials*

Abdelrahman A. Zaied | Augusta University School of Medicine

*Elevated VEGF165b in Intermediate Monocytes Impairs VEGFR1 Activation in Peripheral Arterial Disease: A Potential Therapeutic Target*

Imran Shah | Georgia Institute of Technology

*A Novel In-Silico Paradigm for Patient-Specific Predictive Modeling of Transcatheter Aortic Valve Deployment Mechanics*

Hiroki A. Ueyama, MD | Emory University School of Medicine

*Symptomatic Benefit of SESAME According to Phenotype*

## **Dr. Nanette Kass Wenger Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship**



Dr. Nanette Kass Wenger was born September 3, 1930 in New York to parents who had emigrated from Russia to the United States and settled in New York. In 1951 she graduated summa cum laude from Hunter College in New York. She received her doctor of medicine degree from Harvard Medical School in 1954 as one of their first female graduates, and began her postgraduate work at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, where she became the first woman to be chief resident in the cardiology department. After her residency, she moved to Emory University, where she started as an instructor and eventually was named full professor of medicine in 1971. Over the course of her career, Wenger became one of the first doctors to focus on heart disease in women, since this disease was initially thought to primarily affect men. In 1993 Wenger co-wrote a landmark review article that demonstrated that cardiovascular disease does similarly affect women since, at the time, women were more likely than men to die from the disease. She has devoted the rest of her career to understand how heart disease, specifically coronary artery disease, affects women as well as advocating for the need to disaggregate study results and report gender-specific analyses from clinical trials.

## **Dr. Robert M. Nerem Award for Excellence in Biomedical Research**



Robert M. Nerem was born on July 20, 1937 and died March 7, 2020. He received his M.Sc. from in 1961 and his Ph.D. in 1964 from Ohio State University. He joined the faculty at Ohio State in the Department of Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering, being promoted to Professor in 1972 and serving from 1975-1979 as Associate Dean for Research in the Graduate School. From 1979 to 1986 he was Professor and Chairman of the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Houston. Nerem joined Georgia Tech in 1987 as the Parker H. Petit Distinguished Chair for Engineering in Medicine. He also was associate Director of the NSF Science and Technology Center for the Emergent Behavior of Integrated Cellular Systems, Director of the Georgia Tech/Emory Center (GTEC) for Regenerative Medicine and from 1995 to 2009 was the Founding Director of the Parker H. Petit Institute for Bioengineering and Bioscience, an interdisciplinary organization for biochemistry, bioengineering, and biology. His research interests included biomechanics, cardiovascular devices, cellular engineering, vascular biology, and tissue engineering and regenerative medicine. He is the author of more than 200 publications in refereed articles and 84 publications in book chapters and non-refereed articles, and of two patents.

# Schedule of Events

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## Thursday, November 21

2:00 - 5:00pm

**Council Meeting** - Council Members only

6:30 - 9:00pm

**Council Dinner** - Council Members and Program Committee only

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## Friday, November 22

7:30am - 12:30pm

**Council Presidential Presentations**

*Council Members and Presidential Sponsors only*

9:00am - 3:30pm

**CVT Conference** - Separate registration required

12:00 - 5:00pm

Registration

1:00 - 1:15pm

**President's Welcome and Program Overview**

Arthur B. Reitman, MD, FACC | Georgia Chapter President

1:15 - 2:45pm

**Session: Adjusting the Autonomic Nervous System**

**Moderators:** Alok Gambhir, MD, PhD, FACC, FHRS;  
Amar Patel, MD, FACC, FSCAI

**Keynote Lecture: Mechanisms of Autonomic Dysfunction and Cardiovascular Disease:** Peter Hanna, MD, PhD

**Case Presentations:**

**Vasovagal Syncope – Cardioneuroablation**

Sandeep K. Goyal, MD, FACC

**POTS** | Howard Snapper, MD, FACC

**Heart Failure – Barostim** | Brian Howard, MD

**Hypertension – Renal Denervation**

Chandan M. Devireddy, MD, FACC

**Metabolic Hypertension** | Sanjay Lall, MD, FACC

2:45 - 3:15pm

Break with Exhibitors and Sponsors

3:15 - 4:45pm

**Session: Pulmonary Embolism – The Times They Are A-Changin'**

**Moderators:** Vishal Arora, MD; Ahsan Ahtchi, DO, FACC



**Keynote Lecture: Pulmonary Embolism – Guidelines vs Current State of Practice:**  
Andrew J. P. Klein, MD, FACC, FSCAI

**Case Presentations:**

**Massive PE with Cardiac Arrest – Why I Didn't Follow the Guidelines**  
Michele Voeltz, MD, FACC, FSCAI

**Intermediate Risk, Submassive PE – A Case for Medical Therapy**  
Musa Sharkawi, MBBCh

**CTEPH – Why I Treated with Medical Therapy**  
Paul C. Guichard, DO, FACC

**CTEPH – Why I Performed Balloon Pulmonary Angioplasty**  
Wissam A. Jaber, MD, FACC

**CTEPH – Why I Performed Surgery** | Mani A. Daneshmand, MD

5:15 - 6:00pm

**Original Science Presentations (Top 4 Abstracts)**

**Abstract Committee:** Catherine N. Marti, MD (chair);  
Amar Patel, MD, FACC, FSCAI; George S. Hanzel, MD, FACC;  
Isida Byku, MD, FACC; Vinod H. Thourani, MD, FACC

**Finalist Presentation Judges:**

Charles L. Brown, III, MD, FACC, FSCAI;  
J. Jeffrey Marshall, MD, FACC, MSCAI;  
Arthur B. Reitman, MD, FACC; Pascha E. Schafer, MD, FACC;  
Pradyumna Tummala, MD, FACC, FSCAI

6:15 - 7:15pm

**Poster Presentations/Friday Night Reception**

**Governor's Awards for Excellence in Research Presentations**

6:00 - 9:30pm

Ritz Kids Program - *Registration required*

7:00 - 9:00pm

Friday Night Dinner

*All GA ACC members, guests and exhibitors are invited*

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## Saturday, November 23

7:00 - 7:45am

Registration, Breakfast & Exhibits

7:45 - 8:00am

**Welcome and GA Chapter Business Session**

Arthur B. Reitman, MD, FACC | Georgia Chapter President

8:00 - 8:45am

**2024 Update from ACC**

Cathleen Biga, MSN, RN, FACC | ACC President

8:45 - 9:00am

**2024 Update from MAG**

Charles Wilmer, MD | MAG Past President

9:00 - 10:15am

**Roundtable Discussion: Trends in Delivering CV Care: Non-Compete Agreements, ASCs for PCI in CON States and the Role of Venture Capital in CV Medicine**

**Moderators:**

**Piedmont Heart Institute** | Charles L. Brown, III, MD, FACC, FSCAI

**Emory Heart & Vascular** | Angel Leon, MD, FACC

**Northside Hospital Heart Institute**

J. Jeffrey Marshall, MD, FACC, MSCAI

**Wellstar Center for Cardiovascular Care**

Donald Page, MD, FACC; Arthur B. Reitman, MD, FACC

**Medical College of GA at Augusta University**

Pascha E. Schafer, MD, FACC

**Case Presentations:**

**Noncompete Agreements and FTC Ruling** | Alice Mann, MD  
Northfield Hospital Emergency Department

**CON Laws and ASC's – Summary of Legislative Session**

Thomas Worthy, JD | Chief Public Policy for Piedmont Hospital

**Private Equity: Billions Invested – The Role of Venture Capital in Cardiovascular Healthcare**

Timothy Attebery, DSc, MBA, FACHE

CEO of Cardiovascular Associates of America

10:15 - 10:45am

Break with Exhibitors and Sponsors

10:45am - 12:15pm

**Session: Advances in Tricuspid Valve Therapies**

**Moderators:** Vinod H. Thourani, MD, FACC;

George S. Hanzel, MD, FACC

**Keynote Lecture: Tricuspid Regurgitation: When and How to Repair or Replace the Tricuspid Valve** | Gorav Ailawadi, MD, MBA

**Case Presentations:**

**TR – How to Image** | Redah Mahmood, MD

**TR – Surgical Repair/Replacement** | Richard Lee, MD, JD, MBA

**TR – TTVR** | Jim Stewart, MD, FACC

**TR – TEER** | Ronnie Ramadan, MD

12:30pm

Luncheon at Gaby's and on the Lawn



12:30pm	Children's Activities - Registration required
2:15 - 3:00pm	<b>LOOP: GAACC's Communication Tool: Exhibitors' Showcase</b>
2:45 - 6:15pm	<b>Product Theaters</b>
2:45 - 3:45	<b>Tupelo Room: Boston Scientific; Beat the Beat: Navigating Early Atrial Fibrillation Management</b> Alok Gambhir, MD, PhD, FACC, FHRS and David De Lurgio, MD
4:00 - 5:00	<b>Tupelo Room: AstraZeneca; Understanding the Burden and Treatment of Hyperkalemia in Heart Failure</b> Victor N. Howard, MD, FACC
4:00 - 5:00	<b>Sassafras Room: Novartis; Managing LDL-C With LEQVIO® (inclisiran) After a Recent Coronary Event*: Putting Evidence into Practice</b>   Krista Havlin, RN, MSN, ANP-BC, FNP-BC, CLS
4:00 - 5:00	<b>Loblolly Room: Alnylam; AMVUTTRA branded product theaters: Discover AMVUTTRA® (vutrisiran): A Treatment Option for the Polyneuropathy of hATTR Amyloidosis</b> Rahul Loungani, MD, FACC
5:15 - 6:15	<b>Tupelo Room: AstraZeneca; WAINUA: Overview of a Treatment Option for hATTR-PN</b>   Victor N. Howard, MD, FACC
5:15 - 6:15	<b>Sassafras Room: Medtronic; PulseSelect: Setting a New Standard in Safety</b>   Alok Gambhir, MD, PhD, FACC, FHRS and Sandeep K. Goyal, MD, FACC
5:15 - 6:15	<b>Loblolly Room: Heartflow; Utilizing Coronary CTA and HeartFlow to Diagnose and Guide Management of CAD</b> Pradyumna Tummala, MD, FACC, FSCAI and Sarah Rinehart, MD, FACC, FSCCT
6:00 - 7:00	President's Reception
7:00 - 9:30pm	President's Dinner <i>Members, Guests and Presidential Sponsors Only</i>
	<b>Original Science Awards:</b>
	<b>Dr. Nanette Kass Wenger Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship</b>
	<b>Dr. Robert M. Nerem Award for Excellence in Biomedical Research</b>
	<b>Georgia Chapter American College of Cardiology Governor's Award for Excellence in Research</b>
	<b>Lifetime Achievement Award:</b>
	<b>William A. Blincoe, MD</b>
9:30 - 10:30pm	Dessert Reception - All are invited

# Sunday, November 24



7:00 - 8:30am	Registration, Breakfast & Exhibits
7:00 - 8:00am	<b><i>10 Key Essentials in HCM You Should Know</i></b> <b>Moderator:</b> Byron Robinson Williams, III, MD, FACC <b>Panelists:</b> Melissa Burroughs, MD, FACC; Kenneth Taylor, MD, FACC; Mehrdad Toosi, MD, FACC
7:00 - 8:15am	<b><i>Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Breakfast</i></b>
7:00 - 8:15am	<b><i>FIT to Fellow Breakfast &amp; Workshop</i></b>
8:30 - 9:40am	<b><i>Session: AI in Cardiology</i></b> <b>Moderators:</b> Cyrus Samai, MD, FACC; Joseph I. Miller, III, MD, FACC <b><i>Keynote Lecture: AI in Cardiology</i></b>   TBD Speaker <b><i>Keynote Lecture: Gut Microbiome and Cardiovascular Disease</i></b> Sabine Hazan-Steinberg, MD
9:40 - 11:00am	<b><i>Session: Cool Cases</i></b> <b>Moderators:</b> Catherine N. Marti, MD; Isida Byku, MD, FACC <b><i>Case Presentations:</i></b> <b><i>Weight Loss (+/- GLP-1) Cured my Heart Failure!</i></b> Melvin Echols, MD, FACC <b><i>Vulnerable Plaque Intracoronary Imaging Case</i></b> Michael Yaoyao Yin, MD <b><i>Bicuspid Aortic Valve – Ross Procedure</i></b>   Paul Chai, MD <b><i>Post-Ross Procedure Surgery</i></b>   J. Alan Wolfe, MD <b><i>I've Seen You Before! – ISR Case</i></b>   Pratik Sandesara, MD <b><i>Stent Regret? Let's See What We Can Do!</i></b>   John Puskas, MD <b><i>Save That Leg! (BVS Case)</i></b>   Abraham K. Lin, MD, FACC <b><i>CCM for Heart Failure</i></b>   Catherine N. Marti, MD
11:00 - 11:30am	Break with Exhibitors and Sponsors
11:30am - 12:30pm	<b><i>Kahoot!</i></b> <b>Moderator:</b> Kunal Gurav, MD, FACC <i>Fellows and audience can all participate</i> <i>Top 3 fellows make up Georgia Jeopardy Team</i>
12:30pm	Adjourn

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# Conference Information

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## MEETING REGISTRATION

Don't forget to register! If you are bringing your family, you must also register your spouse, children and guests. Dinner entry will require your badge.

Register Now at: [bit.ly/GAACC2024](https://bit.ly/GAACC2024)

### Fees are as follows:

- Members: \$650.00
- Children: see the next column
- Non-Members are not allowed to attend the GA ACC Conference. Please go to [acc.org](https://acc.org) to obtain membership to the GA ACC.

The conference registration desk will open:

Friday: 12:00pm-5:00pm;

Saturday and Sunday: 7:00am-12:00pm

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Ritz-Carlton: **SOLD OUT**

Tru by Hilton (\$280/night): [bit.ly/GAACC2024Tru](https://bit.ly/GAACC2024Tru)

**Waiting List:** If you wish to be added to the waiting list for a room at the Ritz-Carlton or Tru Hotel, you must email Melissa Connor at [mconnor@pami.org](mailto:mconnor@pami.org). The waiting list will be addressed on a first-come, first-serve basis. We cannot guarantee a room will become available so we encourage you to look into alternate lodging options.

**Cancellations:** If you need to cancel your room, you must call Melissa Connor at 770-271-0453. We will give your room to someone on the waiting list to avoid cancellation fees.

**Alternate Lodging:** Jameson Inn: 706-453-9135  
Hampton Inn: 706-342-9003

Reynolds at Lake Oconee Condos offer 2, 3 and 4 bedroom condos. The GA ACC will provide shuttle bus to and from the condos. [bit.ly/GAACC2024Condos](https://bit.ly/GAACC2024Condos)

**Ritz-Carlton Resort Fee:** \$38.00 per day

Includes overnight valet parking for one vehicle per room, per night; enhanced guest room internet access for multiple devices (does not apply to meeting space); local and long distance, domestic phone calls; his/her locker rooms featuring a whirlpool, steam room, dry sauna and cold plunge pool; 24-hour use of the Business Center (does not apply to group bulk needs); Reynolds tennis court usage (reservations required); scheduled daily morning fitness class (i.e. yoga/Pilates); use of specialized brand bicycles; non-motorized lake activities (kayaks, canoes, Yolo boards, etc.); dock and bank side fishing in Lake Oconee; access to all Reynolds driving ranges and putting greens, including range balls

## SHUTTLE SERVICE

Shuttle service will be available between the Tru Hotel and the Ritz-Carlton on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. A shuttle schedule will be posted on site.

## DIRECTIONS

The Ritz-Carlton is located just over an hour from Atlanta. Detailed directions can be located on their website at [www.ritzcarlton.com](https://www.ritzcarlton.com). Valet parking costs \$20 + tax and service charge per day.

## GA ACC CHILDREN

The GA ACC Children's Program is back! There will be a variety of activities for our member families. The children's fee covers Friday night's dinner & games, Saturday's lunch & activities, and Saturday night's movie night. **THE DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS NOVEMBER 13th.**

Children 4 and up: \$150

Children 3 and younger: Free

*On-site registration for the children's program is \$200 for all ages. We cannot guarantee we will have enough space for all families who need to register on-site, so we strongly encourage you to register by the November 13th deadline.*

## PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION AND DINNER

Our reception will begin at 6:30pm followed by dinner and the program, our Lifetime Achievement Award to **William Blincoe, MD, FACC**. Business attire is recommended.

## ATTIRE

Business casual attire is appropriate throughout the conference. Business attire is recommended for the President's Reception and Dinner on Saturday night.

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## IMPORTANT NOTES

Saturday and Sunday breakfasts are for MEMBERS AND EXHIBITORS ONLY. Families and guests are to utilize the Ritz restaurants for breakfast, and are not allowed to have breakfast in the exhibit hall under any circumstances. Children are NOT allowed in the Conference area at any time.

# Keynote Speakers

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## **Peter Hanna, MD, PhD**

Dr. Hanna is a cardiac electrophysiologist specializing in arrhythmia management, including pacemaker/defibrillator implantation and complex ablation procedures. He earned his medical degree from the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine in 2013 and a PhD from UCLA in 2021. He completed his residency at UCSF and cardiology fellowship at UCLA, where he is now an Assistant Professor of Medicine. Certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease, and Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology, he also conducts research on atrial fibrillation and is a member of multiple professional organizations.

## **Andrew J. P. Klein, MD, FACC, FSCAI**

Dr. Andrew J.P. Klein earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame and his medical degree from MCP Hahnemann School of Medicine. He completed his residency at UCSF and fellowships in cardiovascular disease, interventional cardiology, and clinical research at the University of Colorado and University of Wisconsin. Before joining Piedmont, Dr. Klein was the Director of Cardiovascular Disease Research and the Endovascular Laboratory at the John Cochran VA Medical Center in St. Louis, where he was recognized as one of St. Louis's Top Doctors for three consecutive years. Board certified in multiple specialties, Dr. Klein is an expert in complex coronary and peripheral interventions and is actively involved in several professional committees.

## **Gorav Ailawadi, MD, MBA**

Dr. Gorav Ailawadi, Chairman and Kirsh Professor of Cardiac Surgery at the University of Michigan, is an expert in mitral and aortic valve disease, minimally invasive cardiac surgery, and transcatheter valve therapies. He completed his medical education at Northwestern University and surgical training at the University of Michigan and the University of Virginia, where he pioneered several surgical firsts in the U.S. Dr. Ailawadi has published over 350 peer-reviewed manuscripts and led major clinical trials in cardiac surgery. He is internationally recognized for his contributions to advancing heart surgery and is actively involved in shaping the future of the field.

## **Sabine Hazan-Steinberg, MD**

Dr. Sabine Hazan-Steinberg is a seasoned expert in clinical trials with over 22 years of experience, serving as the Founder and CEO of Ventura Clinical Trials and Malibu Specialty Center. As a Principal Investigator, she oversees high-profile studies on diseases like Hepatitis C and Pancreatic Cancer, while her companies lead in research on cardiovascular, endocrine, and gastrointestinal disorders. A pioneer as the first female Clinical Gastroenterology Fellow at the University of Florida, Dr. Hazan-Steinberg is board certified in Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Internal Medicine, with numerous publications and awards to her name. She has also served as Chief of Medicine at Community Memorial Hospital and holds medical licenses in California, Florida, and New York.

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## **Designation Statement**

The GA Chapter American College of Cardiology designates this live activity for a maximum of 11.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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