



# Emergency Cardiovascular Care Conference (EC3) - March 13, 2026 + Preconference Workshop - March 12, 2026

Featuring topics in Cardiogenic Shock, OHCA,  
Collaboration in CICU, Barriers to Care + more

*Gas South District Conference Center  
6400 Sugarloaf Parkway  
Duluth, GA 30097*



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The Georgia Chapter of the American College of Cardiology (GA ACC) in partnership with the Georgia Nurses Association (GNA), Georgia College of Emergency Physicians (GCEP) and the Georgia Emergency Medical Services Association (GEMSA) is pleased to announce the Emergency Cardiovascular Care Conference (EC3) being held on March 13th, 2026, and a hands-on preconference workshop on March 12, 2026, at Gas South Convention Center in Duluth, GA.

This conference will focus on the areas of Cardiogenic Shock and OHCA, Collaboration in CICU, and Barriers to Care. We have assembled top experts in these three fields to discuss the latest treatments and therapies and how to work together as a team to increase survival. The target audience for this conference is cardiologists, emergency medicine physicians, EMS, RNs, CVTs, RTs and others who treat acute coronary syndrome related illnesses and we are expecting over 700 in attendance from all of Georgia and the surrounding states.

The need for this type of conference and the importance of our industry partners cannot be understated and we would like to invite you to be a part of this groundbreaking work in Georgia. Through your participation, we will have the ability to deliver the highest level of education from top experts in their fields, translating into lives saved and communities impacted.

## **NEW THIS YEAR! Preconference Hands-On Simulation Workshop**

**March 12, 2026 | 12:30 - 5:00pm | Gas South Conference Center**

***Hands-On Mechanical Circulatory Support: Practical Impella Simulation Workshop***

***Practical Training in Mechanical Thrombectomy: Inari Device Simulation***

***Flight Ready: An Air Methods Hands-On Critical Care Transport Experience***

***Building Proficiency in ECMO: A Medtronic Simulation Experience***

# Schedule of Events - March 13, 2026

6:30am Registration Opens  
Breakfast in Exhibit Hall

7:55am **Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
Pascha E. Schafer, MD, FACC  
Georgia Chapter President  
Augusta University

**SESSION: The Language of Cardiogenic Shock**

8:00am **KEYNOTE: Breaking the Shock Barrier: Why SCAI Classification, Lactate Clearance and Communication Improves Survival**  
Srihari Naidu, MD, FACC, FAHA, MSCAI  
New York Medical College

8:45am Panel Discussion

9:00am **The Long Road to Shock Care: Pre-Hospital Classification and Critical Delays - A Case Study from EMS**  
Bryan Barnes, Paramedic  
Crisp County EMS

9:15am **From "At Risk" to "Extremis" Leveraging Technology to Optimize Cardiogenic Shock Management**  
Parag Patel, MD  
Mayo Clinic Jacksonville

9:30am Panel Discussion

9:45am **Shock and Awe: Tackling Cardiogenic Shock with Advanced MCS - A Case Study from a Level 1 ECC Center**  
Trent Magruder, MD  
Piedmont Athens

10:00am Exhibit Hall

**SESSION: Turning OHCA Data into Action**

10:30am **KEYNOTE: Cracking the Code of OHCA: Using Your Data to Improve Survival in Your Community**  
Graham Nichol, MD, MPH, FRCP  
University of Washington

10:55am **Evolution of EMS Culture: EMS Role in a System of Care**  
Jon Allen, MD, FACEP  
Augusta University

11:20am Panel Discussion

11:35am **Patient Presentation**  
Emory University

11:45am Lunch in Exhibit Hall

**SESSION: Communication and Collaboration in the CICU**

12:45pm **KEYNOTE: Shock Teams Start on the Streets: The Prehospital-CICU Connection**  
Andrea Elliott, MD  
University of Minnesota

1:05pm Panel Discussion

1:15pm **Working Within a System of Care: Experience and Challenges; A Case Study from A Level 2 ECC Center**  
Tonya Eagle, BSN, RN, CVRN-BC  
East Georgia Regional Medical Center

1:30pm **One Heart, Many Hands: The Art of Team-Based Care in the CICU**  
Casey Miller, ACNP  
Emory University

1:45pm **No Room, No Problem: Telemedicine Takes the Care to the Patient**  
Matt Lyon, MD  
Augusta University

2:00pm Panel Discussion

2:15pm Exhibit Hall

2:45pm **We Are Moving the Needle - Emergency Cardiac Care Report from the Office of Cardiac Care**  
April Moss, RN  
Tiffany Harris, MPH  
Georgia Department of Public Health

**SESSION: PLP - Pardon the Lack of Progress: Barriers to Systems of Care**

3:05pm **The New York Obstacles**  
Srihari Naidu, MD, FACC, FAHA, MSCAI  
New York Medical College

3:10pm **The Minnesota Impediments**  
Andrea Elliott, MD  
University of Minnesota

3:15pm **The Washington Hurdles**  
Graham Nichol, MD, MPH, FRCP  
University of Washington

3:20pm **The Georgia Roadblocks**  
Panel

3:25pm **What Needs to Happen Next? Is it Time to Set State/National Standards? What Does the Perfect System of Care Look Like?**  
Panel

4:10pm Closing

# General Information

## **REGISTRATION**

Everyone must register to attend the conference. Badges are required. Click the link below to register.

<https://bit.ly/EC3-2026>

**Note:** You must first create a user name and password, then hit create account. Once your email address has been verified you should be able to register for the meeting.

**Early Bird Registration:** Before March 1st

Attendees: \$25.00; Students: \$10.00

**After March 1st**

Attendees: \$40.00; Students: \$10.00

## **CONFERENCE LOCATION**

Gas South District  
6400 Sugarloaf Pkwy  
Duluth, GA 30097

## **PARKING**

Travel carefully through the construction area all the way to Parking Deck 1. The bridge to the convention center is located from Parking Deck 1. Parking for the day is \$5.00-\$10.00. NO CASH, credit card only.

## **LODGING**

The Westin Atlanta Gwinnett is within walking distance to the convention center. We have a block of rooms in GA ACC for our attendees that want to stay overnight. Book your room at the link below.

<https://bit.ly/2026-EC3-Hotel>

## **DIRECTIONS**

Gas South Convention Center is located north of Atlanta on Interstate 85. Detailed directions are on Gas South District's website.

## **ATTIRE**

Business casual attire is appropriate throughout the conference.

## **CME CREDIT**

The Georgia Chapter of the American College of Cardiology is in the process of securing accreditation. More information to come.

Please note that the Preconference Hands-On Workshop will not be accredited.

## **RECEIVING CREDIT**

For CEU, EMS, ASRT/RCIS or Nursing:  
Sign in – please make sure we have your correct email address and medical license number. You will receive an email. Click on the link to access and complete the survey questions as required by the ACCME. If you do not receive the email within 30 days: First, check your spam email folder. If you have not received an email, please contact [mconnor@pami.org](mailto:mconnor@pami.org).

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