

Advances and Essentials in Cardiovascular Disease 2026 Conference

February 6-7, 2026

Purpose

The UC Irvine Advances and Essentials in Cardiovascular Disease Program is designed to expand upon and fill knowledge gaps in cardiovascular disease management. Designed specifically for physicians, trainees, and other healthcare professionals, this two day comprehensive program delves into the latest issues at the heart of patient care and explores cutting-edge treatments and technologies.

Target Audience

Specialties – Medicine, Surgery, Cardiology, General Internal Medicine & Primary Care, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Transplantation

Professions – Physician, Medical Assistant, Medical Student, Nurse, Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant, Resident Physician

Activity Objectives

1. Identify high-risk patients for SCD and apply appropriate therapies. Evaluate new technologies in VT ablation and PFA.
2. Apply echocardiographic techniques to assess diastolic function. Learn about utilizing cardiac CT and TEE in perioperative and other conditions.
3. List indications and contraindications for various cardiac catheterization, electrophysiology, and cardiovascular imaging procedures. Identify complications and their management.
4. Identify new methods for interventional cardiology procedures, the use of hemodynamic support devices, transcatheter valve repair/replacement, coronary stents, intravascular coronary physiology and echocardiography imaging.
5. Identify the use of support devices, pharmacological agents and organ transplant to manage advanced heart failure.
6. Discuss knowledge of cardiovascular care with a focus on expanding definitive therapies for improved cardiovascular outcomes, recognizing limitations, and expanding care to all members of the population.

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Agenda

Friday, February 6, 2026

7:30-8:15 a.m.	Breakfast and Visit Exhibits
8:15-8:25 a.m.	Opening Remarks – Pranav Patel, MD
8:25-8:35 a.m.	Introduction Thu H. Le, MD, FAHA, Chair, Department of Medicine, School of Medicine, UCI
Session I: Electrophysiology	
8:35-9:00 a.m.	Advances in VT Ablation Presented by: Stacey Howell, MD
9:00-9:25 a.m.	The Future of Device therapy Presented by: Michael Rochon-Duck, MD
9:25-9:35 a.m.	Questions and Answers
9:35-9:55 a.m.	Break and Visit Exhibits
9:55-10:15 a.m.	Newest Technology in EP Presented by: Gregory Feld, MD
10:15-10:35 a.m.	PFA technology Presented by: David Donaldson, MD
10:35-10:55 a.m.	Latest Trials in EP Presented by: Junaid Zaman, MD, PhD
10:55-11:10 a.m.	Questions and Answers
11:10 a.m.-12:05 p.m.	Non-CME Lunch Product Theater from Regeneron and Visit Exhibits Location: Venture Cove A Presentation Title: Learn More About EVKEEZA® (evinacumab-dgnb) an adjunct treatment for Homozygous FH in patients 5 years and older Speaker: Matthew Budoff, MD
Session II: Imaging	
12:05-12:25 p.m.	Cardiac PET reimaged: F-18 Flurpiridaz for Myocardial Perfusion Imaging Presented by: Shyam Srinivas, MD, PhD
12:25-12:45 p.m.	ICI Myocarditis: Bridging Immunotherapy and Cardiovascular Care Presented by: Ali Naqvi, MD, MPH
12:45-1:05 p.m.	Updates on CT and MRI based assessment of myocardial perfusion and microvascular function Presented by: Pablo Abbona, MD
1:05-1:25 p.m.	Intraoperative Management of Durable LVADs Presented by: Lindsey Senozan, MD, MPH
1:25-1:45 p.m.	Peripartum Cardiomyopathy and the Role of Imaging Presented by: Nare Torosyan, MD

1:45-2:05 p.m.	Diastology Update Presented by: Jin Kyung Kim, MD, PhD
2:05-2:25 p.m.	Break and Visit Exhibits
2:25-2:45 p.m.	Artificial Intelligence in Echo: Update Presented by: Jennifer Xu, MD
2:45-3:05 p.m.	Multimodality Imaging Assessment of the Right Heart with Echocardiography and Beyond Presented by: Sina Kianoush, MD, MPH
3:05-4:05 p.m.	Show-And-Tell Imaging Cases – Moderated by: Sarah Harirforoosh, MD Presented by: Roxana Ghashghaei, MD, Chris Gravitt, RDCS, Uyen Nguyen, RDCS, RVT & Bryan Gen Kuong, RDCS
4:05-4:25 p.m.	Questions and Answers
4:25-4:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks and Adjourn – Pranav Patel, MD

Saturday, February 7, 2026

7:30-8:15 a.m.	Breakfast and Visit Exhibits
8:20-8:35 a.m.	Opening Remarks – Pranav Patel, MD
Session I: Heart Failure	
8:35-8:50 a.m.	Advanced Heart Failure, Heart Transplantation and MCS Program Overview and Shared Care Model Presented by: Dawn Lombardo, DO
8:50-9:05 a.m.	When to Refer – Stage C Heart Failure Presented by: Felice Lin, MD
9:05-9:20 a.m.	When to Refer – Stage D Heart Failure Presented by: Behram Mody, MD
9:20-9:35 a.m.	Recognizing Cardiogenic Shock Presented by: Michael Gibson, MD
9:35-9:45 a.m.	Questions
9:45-10:05 a.m.	Break and Visit Exhibits
10:05-10:25 a.m.	Myocardial Recovery GDMT in LVAD Patient Presented by: Monica Ahluwalia, MD
10:25-10:30 a.m.	LVAD Patient Story
10:30-10:50 a.m.	Net Prolongation of Life Strategies Presented by: Aditi Nayak, MD
10:50-11:10 a.m.	Advances in Surgical Techniques for LVAD and Heart Transplantation Presented by: Katherine Wood, MD
11:10-11:25 a.m.	Questions
11:25 a.m.-12:20 p.m.	Non-CME Lunch Product Theater from Boehringer Ingelheim and Visit Exhibits Location: Venture Cove A Presentation Title: Albuminuria & Cardiovascular Risk: The Power of Early Detection & CKD Diagnosis Speaker: Norman Lepor, MD
Session II: Structural Heart/Interventional Cardiology	
12:25-12:50 p.m.	T-TEER vs. TTVR Presented by: Antonio H. Frangieh, MD, MPH
12:50-1:10 p.m.	Lifetime Management in AVR: TAVR vs. SAVR Presented by: Fabio Sagebin, MD

1:10-1:30 p.m.	Complex Structural Heart Cases: A Case Based Discussion Presented by: Antonio H. Frangieh, MD
1:30-2:00 p.m.	Common Transcatheter Procedures in Congenital Heart Disease Presented by: Angela Li, MD
2:00-2:35 p.m.	Clinical Dilemmas and Congenital Heart Disease – Moderated by: Ailin Barseghian El-Farra, MD Presented by: Angela Li, MD and Raveendra Morchi, MD
2:35-3:25 p.m.	Interventional Cardiology Controversies Presented by: Ailin Barseghian El-Farra, MD and Pranav Patel, MD
3:25-3:40 p.m.	Questions and Answers
3:40-3:45 p.m.	Closing Remarks and Adjourn – Pranav Patel, MD

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