



2025 UVA

Aortic Symposium

May 31, 2025

7:00 AM - 4:15 PM

A live, hybrid conference

- UVA Pinn Hall Conference Center, Charlottesville, VA, 22903
- Virtually via Zoom



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Program Overview

This symposium highlights current trends, issues, and emerging therapies in the field of vascular and endovascular surgery for patients with aortic disease. Healthcare professionals providing care to patients with aortic disease will gain and extend knowledge in order to improve care delivery and outcomes for this patient population in both specialized settings as well as across the care continuum. Diagnosis and treatment paradigms for aortic and structural heart diseases, including medical, endovascular, surgical, and hybrid options, will be presented.

Desired Outcomes

At the conclusion of this activity, learners will be able to:

- Identify patient groups at increased risk for developing aortic pathology.
- Apply the correct diagnostic and surgical techniques on the appropriate aortic pathology.
- Choose the appropriate imaging technique to identify aortic pathologies.
- Discuss current trends of aortic surgery.
- Apply current practice guidelines when planning medical management and surgical interventions for patients with aortic disease.
- Discuss the effect of genetics and family history on risk of aortic disease.

Target Audience

This symposium is designed for vascular surgeons, cardiothoracic surgeons, interventional radiologists, cardiologists, anesthesiologists, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, perfusionists, primary care providers, and other health care professionals involved in the care and treatment of patients with aortic diseases.

Course Faculty and Planning Committee *(*denotes Planning Committee Member)*

Unless otherwise noted, all faculty and planning committee members are from the University of Virginia.

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AGENDA

7:00–7:45 am Registration, Breakfast (provided for in-person participants), and Exhibits

7:45–7:55 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

SESSION I

Ascending Aorta

8:00–8:30 am Medical Management of Aortic Diseases
Randy Ramcharitar, MD, MS, FSVM

8:30–9:00 am Genetics of Aortic Disease: Who, How, and When to Screen?
Matthew J. Thomas, ScM, CGC

9:00–9:30 am Imaging of the Aorta: Modalities and Interpretation
Patrick Norton, MD

9:30–9:40 am Break and Exhibits

9:40–10:10 am Bicuspid Aortic Valve Disease and Aortopathy
Jarred P. Beller, MD & Kenan W. Yount, MD, MBA

10:10–10:40 am Advancements in Transcatheter Aortic Valve Procedures
Jeffrey Chidester, MD

10:40–11:10 am Advanced Interventions for Managing Type II Endo leaks
Luke R. Wilkins, MD, FSIR

11:10 am–11:40 am Advance Practice Providers Managing Aortic Disease in the Ambulatory Setting
Lindsey Cook, PA-C & Lauren Huck, MSN, RN, ACNPC-AG

11:40 am–12:40 pm Lunch (provided for in-person participants) and Exhibits

SESSION II

Descending Thoracic and Thoracoabdominal Aorta

12:40–1:10 pm The UVA Experience: Open Repair and Role of Hybrid TAAA Repair:
Patient Selection, Approach and Outcomes
John A. Kern, MD

1:10–1:40 pm Endovascular Strategies for Descending Thoracic, Thoracoabdominal and Complex
Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms
Behzad S. Farivar, MD, FACS

1:40–2:10 pm Experience with the Thora Flex Device for Complex Arch Reconstruction:
Current Approaches to Type II Dissection
John A. Kern, MD & Kenan W. Yount, MD, MBA

2:10–2:20 pm Break and Exhibits

2:20–2:50 pm Aortic Infections: How I manage!
Margaret (Megan) Tracci, MD, JD

2:50–3:20 pm Concomitant Aortic Disease and Mesenteric or Iliac Occlusive Disease:
How I Manage!
W. Darrin Clouse, MD, FACS, DFSVS, RPVI

3:20–3:50 pm Case Study of Vascular Surgery Management for Thoracoabdominal Aneurysm
Case Study of CT Surgery Management for Aortic Dissection
Moderators: Behzad S. Farivar, MD, FACS & Kenan W. Yount, MD, MBA

3:50–4:15 pm Closing Remarks and Evaluation

Registration

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Rate May 12-May 22, 2025

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