



# Cardiovascular Disease in Women Symposium

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UVA Student Health & Wellness

Hosted by: Women's Heart Care Program  
and UVA Heart & Vascular Center



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This educational program addresses critical gaps in clinician awareness and training regarding sex-specific differences in cardiovascular disease, such as SCAD, CMD, and hypertensive disorders of pregnancy. It aims to improve the application of guideline-directed therapies and increase the representation of women in cardiovascular clinical trials, thus enhancing evidence-based care. The program provides education on emerging diagnostic tools, risk stratification, and management strategies tailored to women's cardiovascular health. It also highlights systemic barriers and advocates for multidisciplinary care models to optimize outcomes. The activity is designed to enhance clinicians' understanding of sex-specific cardiovascular pathophysiology, improve their use of contemporary risk assessment tools, and encourage team-based care strategies. Additionally, it promotes increased participation of women in cardiovascular research.

## DESIRED OUTCOMES

At the end of the educational activity, learners will be able to:

- Recognize the unique cardiovascular challenges faced by women across different life stages, from pregnancy to advanced age.
- Analyze sex-specific differences in IHD pathophysiology and diagnostic testing, highlighting its unique phenotypes and conditions more commonly seen in women.
- Evaluate the significance of gender-specific considerations in the management of valvular disorders and aortopathies.
- Develop strategies for promoting comprehensive women's cardiovascular health, encompassing prevention, early detection, and tailored treatment approaches.

## TARGETED AUDIENCE

This program is designed for health care professionals including community-based and academic physicians, advanced practice providers, nurses, and trainees.

# PROGRAM AGENDA

## Morning Sessions

Time	Session	Speaker/Moderators
7:30AM-8:30AM	<b>Registration/Visit Exhibitors/Breakfast(Provided)</b>	
8:30AM-8:35AM	<b>Welcome</b>	Patricia Rodriguez-Lozano, MD, MS Director of the Women's Heart Care Program
8:35AM-8:45AM	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Dr. Kramer, Chief, Cardiovascular Division <i>"Driving Change in Women's Heart Health: A Presidential Perspective"</i>	Christopher Kramer, MD President American College of Cardiology
8:45AM-9:00AM	<b>Keynote: Patient Testimonials (SCAD-ANOCA)</b>	Patricia Rodriguez-Lozano, MD, MS
<b>SESSION ONE: Prevention Women's Cardiovascular Prevention: Novel Strategies for Risk Reduction and Early Intervention</b>		Moderator: Nisha Hosadurg MD
9:00AM-9:10AM	<i>"Personalizing Prevention: Leveraging Sex-Specific Risk Assessment in Women's Cardiovascular Care"</i>	Gina Lundberg, MD
9:10AM-9:20AM	<i>"Plaque, Prevention, and Precision: Contemporary Lipid Management in Women"</i>	Todd Villines, MD
9:20AM-9:30AM	<i>"Social Determinants of Health and Cardiovascular Risk in Women: A Call for Equity"</i>	Arnethea Sutton, PhD
9:30AM-9:50AM	Session One: Question and Answer Panel	
9:50AM-10:10AM	<b>NETWORKING BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITORS</b>	
<b>SESSION TWO: CardioObstetric: Managing Cardiovascular Health During Pregnancy</b>		Moderators: Jennifer Choffel, AG-ACNP Erin Tennyson, AG-ACNP
10:10AM-10:20AM	<i>"Risk Stratification and Pregnancy Planning in Women with Cardiovascular Disease"</i>	Garima Sharma, MD
10:20AM-10:30AM	<i>"Hypertensive Disorders of Pregnancy and Long-Term Cardiovascular Risk"</i>	Agnes Koczo, MD
10:30AM-10:40AM	<i>"Multidisciplinary Approach to High-Risk Pregnancies: The Role of Maternal-Fetal Medicine and Cardiology."</i>	Christopher Ennen, MD
10:40AM-11:00AM	Session Two: Question and Answer Panel	
<b>SESSION THREE: Unraveling the Mysteries of NOCAs</b>		Moderator: Nisha Hosadurg MD
11:00AM- 11:10AM	<i>"Insights from Physiology and Microvascular Function"</i>	Jonathan Lindner, MD
11:10AM-11:20AM	<i>"The NOCAs and Beyond: Diagnostic Challenges and Evolving Therapies."</i>	Patricia Rodriguez- Lozano, MD, MS
11:20AM-11:30AM	<i>"Decoding Ischemia: The Role of Coronary Functional Testing in Non-Obstructive CAD."</i>	Olga Toleva, MD
11:30AM-11:45AM	Session Three Question and Answer Panel	
11:45AM- 12:45PM	<b>LUNCH(Provided)/ VISIT EXHIBITORS</b>	

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## Afternoon Sessions

Time	Session	Speaker/Moderators
<b>SESSION FOUR: SCAD New Insights About This Not-So-Rare Condition</b>		Moderator: Patricia Rodriguez-Lozano, MD, MS
12:45PM-12:55PM	<i>"Diagnosing and Managing SCAD: Best Practices and Evolving Strategies"</i>	Angela Taylor MD,MS, MBA
12:55PM-1:05PM	<i>"SCAD: Bridging Knowledge Gaps and Research Priorities"</i>	Esther Kim, MD
1:05PM-1:15PM	<i>"SCAD and Fibromuscular Dysplasia: Exploring the Overlap."</i>	Randy Ramcharitar, MD
1:15PM-1:30PM	Session Four: Question and Answer Panel	
<b>SESSION FIVE: Sex Differences in Heart Failure</b>		Moderator: Kristy Perry, PharmD
1:30PM-1:40PM	<i>"Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction (HFpEF): Why Women Are at Greater Risk"</i>	Mohammed Abuannadi, MD
1:40PM-1:50PM	<i>"Postpartum Cardiomyopathy: Understanding Risk, Diagnosis, and Long-Term Outcomes"</i>	Steven Philips MD,MS
1:50PM-2:00PM	<i>"Cardio-Oncology and Heart Failure: Managing Women at the Intersection of Cancer and Cardiovascular Disease"</i>	Ana Barac, MD
2:00PM-2:15PM	Session Five: Question and Answer Panel	
<b>2:15PM-2:35PM</b>	<b>NETWORKING BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITORS</b>	
<b>SESSION SIX: Sex Differences in Valvular and Vascular Disease</b>		Moderator: Leora Yarboro, MD
2:35PM-2:45PM	<i>Sex Differences in Valvular Disease: From aortic stenosis to mitral valve prolapse."</i>	Mohamed Morsy, MD
2:45PM-2:55PM	<i>"Aortic Disease in Young Women: Unique Risks and Management Strategies"</i>	Jared Beller, MD
2:55PM-3:05PM	<i>"PAD in Women: Why Outcomes Lag Behind"</i>	Merry Ellen Barnett, MD
3:05PM-3:20PM	Session Six Question and Answer Panel	
<b>SESSION SEVEN : Closing the Gap: Women's Visibility in Cardiovascular Trials and Industry Perspectives</b>		Moderator: Antonio Abbate, MD
3:20PM-3:30PM	<i>"The Gender Gap in Cardiovascular Clinical Trials: Where Are We Now?"</i>	Nosheen Reza, MD
3:30PM-3:40PM	<i>"Translating Research into Practice: Why Women's Inclusion in Trials Matters for Clinical Care"</i>	Pamela Douglas, MD
3:40PM-3:50PM	<i>"Research Funding that Addresses the Unique Needs of Women's Cardiovascular Health"</i>	Tracy Wang, MD, MHS, MSc, FACC
3:50PM-4:05PM	Session Seven Question and Answer Panel	
<b>4:05PM-4:15PM</b>	<b>Conference Wrap Up</b>	Patricia Rodriguez-Lozano, MD, MS Angela Taylor MD,MS, MBA Leora Yarboro, MD
<b>4:15PM-5:15PM</b>	<b>Networking Reception</b>	

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## LOCATION & PARKING

This course will be held at the UVA Student Health & Wellness Center. Located at 550 Brandon Avenue, in Charlottesville, VA. Parking will be available for attendees at the Student Health and Wellness Center Parking Garage.

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