

Cardiovascular Disease in Women Symposium

November 1, 2025

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

	Session	Speaker/Moderators
7:30AM-8:30AM	Registration/Visit Exhibitors/Breakfast(Provided)	
8:30AM-8:35AM	Welcome	Patricia Rodriguez-Lozano, MD, MS Director of the Women's Heart Care Program
8:35AM-8:45AM	Opening Remarks Dr. Kramer, Chief, Cardiovascular Division "Driving Change in Women's Heart Health: A Presidential Perspective"	Christopher Kramer, MD President American College of Cardiology
8:45AM-9:15AM	Keynote: Patient Testimonials (SCAD-ANOCA)	Patricia Rodriguez-Lozano, MD, MS
SESSION ONE: Prevenence Reduction and Early	ention Women's Cardiovascular Prevention: Novel Strategies for Risk Intervention	Moderator: Nisha Hosadurg MD
9:15AM-9:25AM	"Personalizing Prevention: Leveraging Sex-Specific Risk Assessment in Women's Cardiovascular Care"	Gina Lundberg, MD
9:25AM-9:35AM	"Plaque, Prevention, and Precision: Contemporary Lipid Management in Women"	Todd Villines, MD
9:35AM-9:45AM	"Social Determinants of Health and Cardiovascular Risk in Women: A Call for Equity"	Arnethea Sutton, PhD
9:45AM-10:00AM	Session One: Question and Answer Panel	
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SESSION FOUR: SCAD New Insights About This Not-So-Rare Condition		Moderator: Nisha Hosadurg MD
12:45PM-12:55PM	"Diagnosing and Managing SCAD: Best Practices and Evolving Strategies"	Angela Taylor MD,MS, MBA
12:55PM-1:05PM	"SCAD: Bridging Knowledge Gaps and Research Priorities"	Esther Kim, MD
1:05PM-1:15PM	"SCAD and Fibromuscular Dysplasia: Exploring the Overlap."	Randy Ramcharitar, MD
1:15PM-1:30PM	Session Four: Question and Answer Panel	
SESSION FIVE: Sex	Differences in Heart Failure	Moderator: Kirstie Perry, PharmD
1:30PM-1:40PM	"Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction (HFpEF): Why Women Are at Greater Risk"	Mohammed Abuannadi, MD
1:40PM-1:50PM	"Postpartum Cardiomyopathy: Understanding Risk, Diagnosis, and Long- Term Outcomes"	Steven Philips MD,MS
1:50PM-2:00PM	"Cardio-Oncology and Heart Failure: Managing Women at the Intersection of Cancer and Cardiovascular Disease"	Ana Barac, MD
2:00PM-2:15PM	Session Five: Question and Answer Panel	•
2:15PM-2:35PM	NETWORKING BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITORS	
SESSION SIX: Sex D	ifferences in Valvular and Vascular Disease	Moderator: Leora Yarboro, MD
2:35PM-2:45PM	Sex Differences in Valvular Disease: From aortic stenosis to mitral valve prolapse."	Mohamed Morsy, MD
2:45PM-2:55PM	"Aortic Disease in Young Women: Unique Risks and Management Strategies"	Jared Beller, MD
2:55PM-3:05PM	"PAD in Women: Why Outcomes Lag Behind"	Merry Ellen Barnett, MD
3:05PM-3:20PM	Session Six Question and Answer Panel	
SESSION SEVEN : C Perspectives	losing the Gap: Women's Visibility in Cardiovascular Trials and Industry	Moderator: Antonio Abbate, MD
3:20PM-3:30PM	"The Gender Gap in Cardiovascular Clinical Trials: Where Are We Now?"	Nosheen Reza, MD
3:30PM-3:40PM	"Translating Research into Practice: Why Women's Inclusion in Trials Matters for Clinical Care"	Pamela Douglas, MD
3:40PM-3:50PM	"Research Funding that Addresses the Unique Needs of Women's Cardiovascular Health"	Tracy Wang, MD, MHS, MSc, FACC
3:50PM-4:05PM	Session Seven Question and Answer Panel	•
4:05PM-4:15PM	Conference Wrap Up	Patricia Rodriguez-Lozano, MD, MS Angela Taylor MD,MS, MBA Leora Yarboro, MD
4:15PM-5:15PM	Networking Reception	

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