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September 25–26, 2026
Swissôtel, Chicago, IL

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Dear Prospective Exhibitor:

The Illinois Chapter of the American College of Cardiology invites you to exhibit at their Inaugural AORTA Conference. This event is taking place on Saturday, September 26, 2026, at the Swissotel in Chicago, IL. The meeting will give you the opportunity to interact with cardiothoracic surgeons, cardiologists and vascular physicians, nurse practitioners and cardiovascular fellows-in-training from across Illinois.

Members of the healthcare team provide care for patients with cardiovascular health needs in a wide variety of environments affecting the lives of countless patients and families. Our knowledge of the cardiovascular system and its interactions between various other organ systems continues to evolve. As the overall care of the patient with cardiovascular disease becomes increasingly complex, it is imperative that the cardiovascular professional team remain current on the diagnosis and treatment of heart disease.

We invite you to assist us by exhibiting at this meeting with a display in our exhibit hall.

We appreciate your consideration of this invitation and look forward to seeing you at the upcoming conference. Please feel free to contact Beth Quick-Andrews, CAE, our Chapter Executive, at (314) 416-2276 or ilacc@qabs.com with any questions or comments. We welcome your participation in the program because it will be an event of superb education.

Sincerely, The Symposium Planning Committee

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Statement of Need:

The entire Cardiovascular (CV) Team needs this activity in order to be up to date on the most current treatment modalities for their patients.

Overall Goal:

Overall, the entire CV Team is responding to the ever-changing healthcare environment and new treatment options for their patients. This activity will increase their knowledge of these new treatment options for the entire CV Team.

Target Audience:

Physicians, Nurses, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Pharmacists and the entire CV Team.

Exhibitor Acknowledgment

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Learning Objectives:

- Apply current evidence and guideline-based strategies to select appropriate medical, surgical, transcatheter, and hybrid interventions for patients with aortic root, ascending aortic, arch, thoracoabdominal, and genetic aortic diseases.
- Compare the indications, benefits, limitations, and patient selection criteria for contemporary treatment approaches, including valve-sparing root replacement, SAVR, TAVR, Ross procedures, endovascular repair, and open surgical techniques across the spectrum of aortic disease.
- Integrate emerging innovations—including advanced imaging, 4D flow MRI, artificial intelligence, and novel endovascular technologies—into clinical decision-making to improve diagnosis, procedural planning, and longitudinal management of patients with aortic disease.
- Implement multidisciplinary, regional systems-of-care and quality improvement strategies that enhance timely diagnosis, coordinated referral, and evidence-based management of acute and chronic aortic syndromes.
- Evaluate complex clinical cases involving aortic pathology by incorporating patient-specific anatomical, genetic, procedural, and risk factors to develop individualized treatment plans through collaborative, team-based decision-making.
- Develop evidence-based management strategies for patients with inherited and complex aortic conditions, including Marfan syndrome and thoracoabdominal aneurysms, by incorporating current best practices, expert consensus, and multidisciplinary care principles.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

6:30– 9:00 pm Faculty Welcome Dinner (By Invitation Only)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 2026

7:00 - 8:00 AM BREAKFAST AND NETWORKING

8:00 - 8:30 AM KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: Regional Strategies to Improve Aortic Care
Hiroo Takayama, MD, Ph.D.

8:30 AM WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS Christopher Mehta, MD

8:30 - 10:00 AM MANAGEMENT OF THE AORTIC ROOT & ASCENDING AORTA (CASE BASED)
Moderators: Jeffrey Schwartz, MD, Hiroo Takayama, MD, Ph.D., Christopher Mehta, MD

8:30 - 8:45 AM Bicuspid Aortic Valve-Sparing Aortic Root Replacement Christopher Mehta, MD

8:45 - 9:00 AM SAVR vs. TAVR vs. Ross for Aortic Regurgitation S. Christopher Malaisrie, MD

9:00 - 9:15 AM Alternative Conduits for Aortic Root Replacement Pat Pappas, MD

9:15 - 9:30 AM Advanced Techniques in Aortic Valve-in-Valve Replacement TBD

9:10 - 10:00 AM Resident Case Presentations and Rapid Fire Q&A Panel Discussion
All Faculty in this Session

10:00 - 10:10 AM Networking Break & Exhibits

10:10 - 12:00 PM MANAGEMENT OF THE AORTIC ARCH & THORACOABDOMINAL AORTA
Moderator: S. Christopher Malaisrie, MD, TBD

10:10 - 10:25 AM TEVAR for Type A Aortic Dissections Neel Mansukhani, MD

10:25 - 10:40 AM Variations in Open Aortic Arch Replacement Takeyoshi Ota, MD

10:40 - 11:00 AM Novel Techniques in Endovascular Arch Repair Cheong Jun Lee, MD

11:00 - 11:15 AM Updates in Fenestrated Endovascular Aortic Repair Michael Soult, MD

11:15 - 11:30 AM How I Do It: Thoracoabdominal Aortic Aneurysm Repair Jeffrey Schwartz, MD

11:30 - 12:00 PM Q&A Panel Discussion All Faculty in this Session

12:00 - 1:00 PM LUNCH PRESENTATION: JOHN RITTER FOUNDATION Meredith O'Neal
Moderator: Christopher Mehta, MD

1:15 - 2:30 PM INNOVATION IN AORTIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT
Moderators: Lisa Wilsbacher, MD, Neel Mansukhani, MD

1:15 - 1:30 PM Standardizing Care and Quality Improvement in Acute Aortic Syndromes
Ashley Vavra, MD

1:30 - 2:00 PM 4D Flow Imaging for Type B Aortic Dissection TBD

2:00 - 2:15 PM Multi-Disciplinary Aortic Management for Patients with Marfan Syndrome
Joseph Camarda, MD

2:15 - 2:30 PM Can AI Be Used to Predict Aortic Aneurysm Growth? TBD

Closing Panel Discussion All Faculty

Closing Remarks S. Christopher Malaisrie, MD

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