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September 25–26, 2026
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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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Swissotel
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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.

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 - 8:10 AM	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS Christopher Mehta, MD
8:10 - 8:45 AM	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: Regional Strategies to Improve Aortic Care Hiroo Takayama, MD, Ph.D.
8:45 - 10:30 AM	MANAGEMENT OF THE AORTIC VALVE, ROOT & ASCENDING AORTA Moderators: Jeffrey Schwartz, MD, Hiroo Takayama, MD, Ph.D., Christopher Malaisrie, MD
8:45 - 9:00 AM	Bicuspid Aortic Valve-Sparing Aortic Root Replacement Christopher Mehta, MD
9:00 - 9:15 AM	SAVR vs. Ross for Aortic Regurgitation S. Christopher Malaisrie, MD
9:15 - 9:30 AM	Emerging Transcatheter Therapy for Aortic Regurgitation Marysa Leya, MD
9:30 - 9:45 AM	Alternative Conduits for Aortic Root Replacement Pat Pappas, MD
9:45 - 10:30 AM	Case Presentations and Rapid Fire Q&A Panel Disucssion All Faculty in this Session
10:30- 10:45 AM	Break & Exhibits
10:45 - 12:00 PM	MANAGEMENT OF THE AORTIC ARCH & THORACOABDOMINAL AORTA Moderator: Michael Soult, MD, Christopher Mehta, MD, Hiroo Takayama, MD, Ph.D.
10:45 - 11:00 AM	TEVAR for Type A Aortic Dissections Neel Mansukhani, MD
11:00 - 11:15 AM	Variations in Open Aortic Arch Replacement Takeyoshi Ota, MD
11:15 - 11:30 AM	Novel Techniques in Endovascular Arch Repair Cheong Jun Lee, MD
11:30 - 11:45 AM	Updates in Fenestrated Endovascular Aortic Repair Michael Soult, MD
11:45 - 12:00 PM	How I Do It: Thoracoabdominal Aortic Aneurysm Repair Jeffrey Schwartz, MD
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, Hiroo Takayama, MD, Ph.D.
1:15 - 1:30 PM	Standardizing Care and Quality Improvement in Acute Aortic Syndromes Ashley Vavra, MD
1:30 - 2:00 PM	Using Rare and Common Genetic Variation to Guide Aortic Disease Management Lisa Wilsbacher, MD
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? Matthew Bramlet, MD
2:30 - 2:45 PM	Closing Panel Discussion All Faculty
2:45 - 3:00 PM	Closing Remarks S. Christopher Malaisrie, MD

ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

Statement of Need:

This CME activity is needed to provide cardiovascular clinicians with evidence-based updates, case-based learning, expert perspectives, and multidisciplinary discussion of contemporary and emerging approaches to aortic disease. By addressing identified knowledge and practice gaps, the program is intended to improve clinical decision-making, strengthen multidisciplinary and regional systems of care, promote appropriate application of advanced therapies and technologies, and ultimately improve the quality and outcomes of care for patients with complex aortic disease.

Overall Goal:

The overall goal of this activity is to enhance the knowledge, clinical decision-making, and multidisciplinary collaboration of cardiovascular healthcare professionals involved in the care of patients with aortic disease. Through evidence-based updates, case-based learning, and expert discussion, participants will be better prepared to evaluate complex aortic conditions, select appropriate surgical, endovascular, transcatheter, and medical management strategies, incorporate emerging technologies and innovations into practice, and strengthen regional and multidisciplinary approaches to care. Ultimately, the activity aims to translate current evidence and best practices into improved quality, coordination, and outcomes for patients with aortic disease.

Target Audience:

Physicians, Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, and the entire CV Team.

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