

DUKE HEART FAILURE SYMPOSIUM 2026: LEADING EDGE IN MEDICAL MANAGEMENT

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026

AGENDA

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER(S)
7:30-8:30am	Registration, Breakfast & Exhibits	
8:30-8:35am	Welcome	Marat Fudim, Stephanie Barnes, Richa Agarwal, Robert Mentz
Session 1: HFrEF Therapies & Challenges (30 min) Moderators: G. Michael Felker & Richa Agarwal		
8:35-8:45am	Current Pharmacological Treatment Strategies for Heart Failure with Reduced Ejection Fraction	G. Michael Felker
8:45-8:55am	A Titration Guide to Heart Failure Medications: All at Once or Personalize?	Stephen Greene
8:55-9:05am	Panel Discussion	G. Michael Felker, Richa Agarwal, Stephen Greene, Oksana Kamneva, Aferdita Spahillari
Session 2: Best Practices for Managing HFpEF (30 min) Moderators: Senthil Selvaraj & Carolyn Lekavich		
9:05-9:15am	Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction: Not a One Size Fits All Disease	Ryan Tedford
9:15-9:25am	Evolution of the Pulmonary Hypertension Landscape	Willard Applefeld
9:25-9:35am	Panel Discussion	Senthil Selvaraj, Carolyn Lekavich, Ryan Tedford, Willard Applefeld, Aferdita Spahillari
Keynote Lecture (30 min) Moderator: Robert Mentz		
9:35-10:05am	Where We Were, Where We Are and Where We Need to Go (20 min talk, 10 min Q&A)	Clyde Yancy
Session 3: Cardiometabolic Care in Heart Failure (30 min) Moderators: Nishant Shah & Aferdita Spahillari		
10:05-10:15am	The Evolution of the Heart Failure Space to a Cardiometabolic Space	Aferdita Spahillari
10:15-10:25am	How to Treat Obesity in Clinic – A Practical Approach	Nishant Shah
10:25-10:35am	Panel Discussion	Nishant Shah, Aferdita Spahillari, Senthil Selvaraj, Robert Mentz, Nastaran Gharkholonarehe
10:35-10:45am	Break & Exhibits (10 min)	
Session 4: Patient Centric Approaches to Heart Failure Care (35 min) Moderators: Aferdita Spahillari & Midge Bowers		
10:45-10:55am	Perspectives of Developing an Effective Heart Failure Clinic in 2026	Hassan Alhosaini
10:55-11:05am	Discussing Clinical Trials with Patients: What Matters	Senthil Selvaraj
11:05-11:20am	Panel Discussion	Aferdita Spahillari, Midge Bowers, Stephanie Barnes, Hassan Alhosaini, Marc Bains, Patient (TBD), Marat Fudim, Senthil Selvaraj

Session 5: Interventional & Device Management in Heart Failure (50 min)		
Moderators: Richa Agarwal & Marat Fudim		
11:20-11:30am	Devices in the Management of Chronic Heart Failure	Amin Yehya
11:30-11:40am	Electrophysiology and Heart Failure – Cross Silo Collaboration	Daniel Friedman
11:40-11:50am	Percutaneous Valve Therapies in the Management of Heart Failure	Matt Cavender
11:50am-12:00pm	Remote Monitoring in Heart Failure	Marat Fudim
12:00-12:10pm	Panel Discussion	Richa Agarwal, Marat Fudim, Amin Yehya, Daniel Friedman, Matt Cavender, Todd McVeigh
12:10-1:40pm	Lunch & Exhibits (90 min)	
Session 6: Cardiomyopathies: Clinical Outcomes & Disease Trajectory (35 min)		
Moderators: Karen Flores Rosario & Michel Khouri		
1:40-1:50pm	A Precision Cardiomyopathy Approach to Heart Failure	Ravi Karra
1:50-2:00pm	Practical Approach to Amyloid Diagnostics and Therapeutics	Michel Khouri
2:00-2:10pm	Genetic Cardiomyopathy: What Do Specialty Clinics Bring to the Table?	Karen Flores Rosario
2:10-2:15pm	Panel Discussion	Karen Flores Rosario, Ravi Karra, Michel Khouri, Phoenix Grover
Session 7: Artificial Intelligence in Heart Failure Care (25 min)		
Moderators: G. Michael Felker & Stuart Russell		
2:15-2:25pm	Where Does AI and Technology Play a Role in Heart Failure Today and Tomorrow?	Priyesh Patel
2:25-2:35pm	Updates on Imaging in Heart Failure	Bharathi Upadhya
2:35-2:40pm	Panel Discussion	G. Michael Felker, Stuart Russell, Priyesh Patel, Bharathi Upadhya, Marat Fudim
2:40-2:55pm	Break & Exhibits (15 min)	
Session 8: Current Therapies in Advanced Heart Failure Management (45 min)		
Moderators: Richa Agarwal & Benjamin Trichon		
2:55-3:05pm	The Importance of Timely Referrals in Heart Failure	Mirnela Byku
3:05-3:15pm	Shock Management in 2026	Daniel Loriaux
3:15-3:25pm	Updates on LVAD and Transplant Care	Jeffrey Keenan, Adam DeVore
3:25-3:40pm	Panel Discussion	Richa Agarwal, Benjamin Trichon, Mirnela Byku, Daniel Loriaux, Jeffrey Keenan, Adam DeVore, Jaime McDermott
3:40pm	Program Close	Marat Fudim, Stephanie Barnes, Richa Agarwal, Robert Mentz