

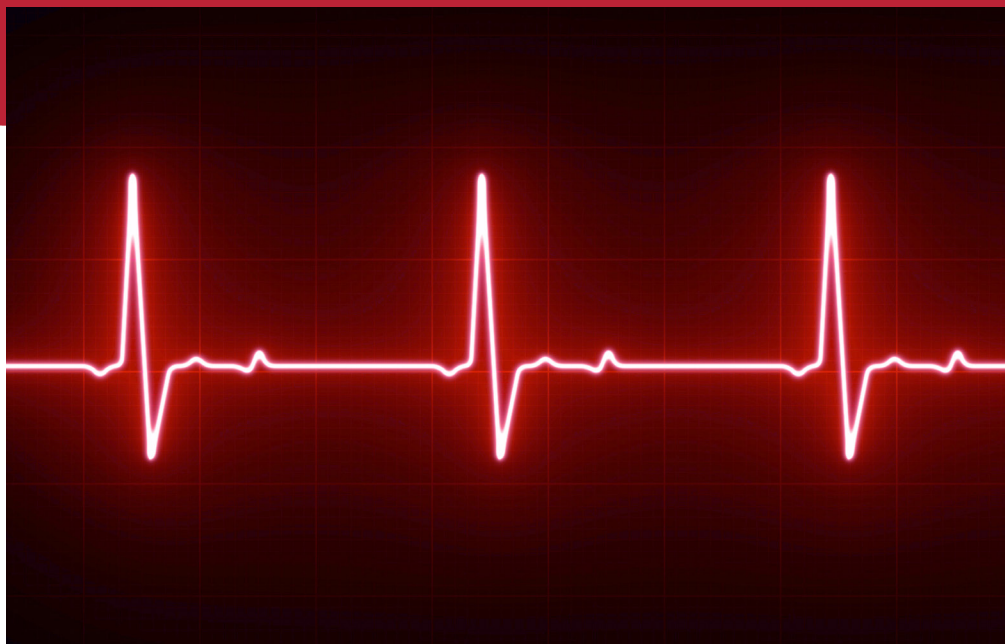
# ***2025 Piedmont Heart Arrhythmia Summit***

## ***Electrophysiology Update***

**Saturday, August 9, 2025**

Shaheen Auditorium, Piedmont Atlanta Hospital

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### **Course Directors:**

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# Saturday, August 9

**7:30 - 8:00 am**      **Registration, Breakfast and Visit Exhibits**

**8:00 - 8:10 am**      **Welcome and Introduction**  
Michael Hoosien, MD

**8:10 - 9:55 am**      **SESSION: Have You Heard? We Have New Guidelines!**  
Moderators: Michael Hoosien, MD and Thomas Deering, MD

**8:10 - 8:25 am**      **The Biggest Changes - Brief Overview**  
Thomas Deering, MD

**8:25 - 8:40 am**      **Ablation Now a First Line Option - But Why?**  
Michael Hoosien, MD

**8:40 - 8:55 am**      **Done with Aspirin - What is the Data?**  
Aaron Richardson, DO

**8:55 - 9:10 am**      **Atrial Appendage Closure - Getting Closer to Prime Time**  
Sandeep Goyal, MD

**9:10 - 9:25 am**      **Catheter Ablation in Heart Failure - A Tidal Shift**  
Edward Clermont, MD

**9:25 - 9:40 am**      **New A-fib Classification - About Time**  
Eric Black-Maier, MD

**9:40 - 9:55 am**      **Panel Discussion**  
Shuchita Gupta, MD, Thomas Deering, MD, Sandeep Goyal, MD, Ashish Bhimani, MD  
1)      Early Rhythm Control - Why and Who?  
2)      Debate - LAAC vs DOACs

**9:55 - 10:15 am**      **Coffee Break and Visit Exhibits**

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# Saturday, August 9

**10:15 am - 12:45 pm**      **SESSION: What Do We Do Now? Interesting and Challenging Scenarios in Atrial Fibrillation Management**

**10:15 - 10:30 am**      **Long-standing Persistent Atrial Fibrillation - Do We Really Need to Get to 0%?**  
Michael Hoosien, MD

**10:30 - 10:45 am**      **Hybrid Ablation in Long Standing Persistent AF:  
Why We Should Not Give Up So Easily**  
Michael Hoosien, MD and Sagar Damle, MD

**10:45 - 11:00 am**      **Discussion - How Aggressive is Too Aggressive When it Comes to Rhythm Control?**  
Sagar Damle, MD, Ashish Bhimani, MD, Sandeep Goyal, MD, and Kent Nilsson, MD

**11:00 - 11:15 am**      **Concomitant PVI and LAAO**  
Sandeep Goyal, MD

**11:15 - 11:30 am**      **What Do We Tell the Patient that Declines OAC? Ambulatory Monitors and  
DOACS on Demand - What is the Data?**  
Dhruv Chawla, MD

**11:30 - 11:45 am**      **Panel Discussion - Wearables and Digital Rhythm Monitoring**  
Ashish Bhimani, MD, Thomas Deering, MD, and Dhruv Chawla, MD

**11:45 am - 12:00 pm**      **Atrial Fibrillation in HFrEF - Drugs, Ablation, and Pacing**  
Ashish Bhimani, MD

**12:00 - 12:30 pm**      **Pulsed Field Ablation - Catheter Options, Unanswered Questions, Early Clinical  
Experience**  
Sandeep Goyal, MD

**12:30 - 12:45 pm**      **Panel Discussion - When Should We Ablate What? Posterior Wall Ablation and  
Appendage Isolation - Pros, Cons, and Unknowns**  
Sandeep Goyal, MD, Kent Nilsson, MD, and Edward Clermont, MD

**12:45 - 1:30 pm**      **Lunch Break and Visit Exhibits**

# Saturday, August 9

1:30 - 2:45 pm

## SESSION: Updates in Ventricular Tachycardia Management

1:30 - 1:45 pm

### Recent Trials for VT Ablation that Changed My Practice

Reza Karimianpour, DO

1:45 - 2:00 pm

### When Traditional RF VT Ablation Fails

Abdullah Omar, MD

2:00 - 2:15 pm

### Leveraging Analytics to Drive Clinical Strategies to Manage Patients With VT

Reza Karimianpour, DO

2:15 - 2:45 pm

### Panel Discussion

Reza Karimianpour, DO, Abdullah Omar, MD, Michael Hoosien, MD, and Sandeep Goyal, MD

- 1) Early VT Ablation (Karimianpour for, Goyal and Omar against)
- 2) Mechanical Support During VT Ablation - When and How?

2:45 - 4:00 pm

## SESSION: Cardiac Implantable Electronic Devices

2:45 - 3:00 pm

### Leadless Pacing - What Tools Do We Have Today?

Kent Nilsson, MD

3:00 - 3:15 pm

### Modular ATP and Substernal Subcutaneous ICD

Reza Karimianpour, DO

3:15 - 3:30 pm

### Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy - Biventricular Pacing, Endocardial Pacing, Conduction System Pacing

Ashish Bhimani, MD

3:30 - 3:45 pm

### Cardiac Contractility Modulation and Baroreflex Activation Therapy

Michael Hoosien, MD

3:45 - 4:00 pm

### Panel Discussion

Ashish Bhimani, MD, Edward Clermont, MD, Abdullah Omar, MD, and Shuchita Gupta, MD

- 1) Conduction System Pacing for All Scenarios

4:00 - 4:10 pm

### Concluding Remarks