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FRIDAY, JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>

## MODERATORS

ABNER NIEVES, MD  
JONATHAN BENÍTEZ, MD

8:00AM–8:30AM

**ASYMPTOMATIC AS: RISK STRATIFICATION AND EARLY REFERRAL: HOW TO CHOOSE PATIENTS FOR VALVE REPLACEMENT.**

ISMAEL ORTÍZ CARTAGENA, MD

8:30AM–9:00AM

**PRECISION ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY: INTEGRATING GENETICS, RISK STRATIFICATION AND DEVICE THERAPY IN SCD PREVENTION**

LITSA LAMBRAKOS, MD (USA)

9:00AM–9:30AM

**CARDIAC AMYLOIDOSIS IN 2026: ADVANCES IN DIAGNOSIS, PHENOTYPING, AND DISEASE-MODIFYING THERAPY**

EDWIN MOLINA, MD

9:30AM–10:00AM

**CORONARY CALCIUM IN 2026: MODIFYING BALLOON, ATHERECTOMY AND SHOCKWAVE**

CARLOS VÁZQUEZ SOSA, MD

10:00AM–10:30AM

**IMAGING THE UNSTABLE AORTA: ADVANCED CARDIOVASCULAR IMAGING IN DIAGNOSIS AND CLINICAL DECISION MAKING IN ACUTE AORTIC SYNDROME**

ALEX RODRÍGUEZ, MD (USA)

10:30AM–11:00AM

**BREAK**

## MODERATOR

RICHARD SILVA, MD

11:00AM–11:30AM

**COMPREHENSIVE ATRIAL FIBRILLATION CARE: INTEGRATING ABALATION, ANTICOAGULATION, AND RISK FACTOR MODIFICATION**

JOSÉ JOGLAR, MD

11:30AM–12:00PM

**COMPLEX PCI IN 2026: WHAT EVERY GENERAL CARDIOLOGIST SHOULD KNOW.**

RICARDO SANTIAGO, MD

12:00PM–1:00PM

**LUNCH**

## 1:00PM–2:00PM BOOTCAMP

**BEYOND EJECTION FRACTION: INTEGRATING MYOCARDIAL STRAIN IMAGING AND 3D VOLUMES IN MODERN ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY**

1. ERIC AVILES, MD
2. ALEX RODRIGUEZ, MD
3. CRISTINA ARRAUT, MD
4. JOSUE MERCADO-CRESPO, MD
5. PEDRO VARGAS, MD



## SATURDAY, JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>

<b>MODERATORS</b>	EDWIN MOLINA, MD MIGDOEL CRUZ, MD
8:00AM–8:30AM	<b>CARDIAC MRI IN THE ERA OF PRECISION CARDIOLOGY: FROM TISSUE CHARACTERIZATION TO PROGNOSTIC STRATIFICATION</b> ALEX RODRIGUEZ, MD (USA)
8:30AM–9:00AM	<b>ADVANCES IN THE DIAGNOSIS OF PULMONARY HYPERTENSION: INTEGRATING IMAGING, HEMODYNAMICS, AND BIOMARKERS</b> STACY MANDRAS, MD (USA)
9:00AM–9:30AM	<b>ACUTE ATRIAL FIBRILLATION: FROM TRIGGER TO SUBSTRATE: RATE, RHYTHM OR EARLY ABLATION?</b> JOSÉ JOGLAR, MD (USA)
9:30AM–10:00AM	<b>THERAPEUTIC STRATEGIES IN PRECAPILLARY PULMONARY HYPERTENSION: TRANSLATING GUIDELINES INTO IMPROVED SURVIVAL</b> STACY MANDRAS, MD (USA)
10:30AM–11:00AM	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>11:00AM–12:00PM BOOTCAMP</b>	<b>CARDIOMETABOLIC FRONTIERS: INTEGRATING OBESITY AND LIPIDS MANAGEMENT IN THE CARDIOVASCULAR CARE</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. PAOLA MANSILLA LETELIER, MD (ENDOCRINOLOGY, PR)</li><li>2. ISABEL RODRÍGUEZ, MD (CARDIOLOGY, PR)</li><li>3. KATHERINE SOTO, MD (CARDIOLOGY, PR)</li><li>4. HÉCTOR SANTIAGO, MD (CARDIOLOGY, PR)</li><li>5. ALEX GONZÁLEZ BOSSOLO, MD (ENDOCRINOLOGY, PR)</li></ol>
12:00PM–1:00PM	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>MODERATORS</b>	YOLANDA FIGUEROA, MD PAOLA MERCADO, MD
1:00PM–1:40PM	<b>KEYNOTE LECTURE</b> <b>REDEFINING CARDIOVASCULAR CARE IN WOMEN: SEX-SPECIFIC MECHANISM, RISK AND PRECISION MEDICINE</b> ANA MUNERA, MD (COLOMBIA) PRESIDENTE SIAC
1:40PM–2:10PM	<b>ARRHYTHMIAS IN PREGNANCY: MECHANISM, CLINICAL COMPLEXITY AND EVIDENCE BASED MANAGEMENT</b> LITSA LAMBRAKOS, MD (USA)
2:10PM–2:40PM	<b>PERIPARTUM CARDIOMYOPATHY: FROM MOLECULAR PATHWAYS TO ADVANCED HEART FAILURE CARE</b> SUELY ROMÁN, MD (PR)
2:40PM–3:00PM	<b>BREAK</b>
3:00PM–4:00PM	<b>CARDIOLOGY FELLOW CHALLENGE: WHO WANTS TO BE A CARDIO-NARE?</b>

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SUNDAY, JULY 12<sup>TH</sup>

**MODERATOR**

JORGE BALLESTER, MD

8:00AM–8:30AM

**CARDIO-ONCOLOGY IN BREAST CANCER: PREVENTION, DETECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF TREATMENT-RELATED CARDIOVASCULAR TOXICITY**  
FRANCISCO CÓRDOVA, MD

8:30AM–9:00AM

**DEVICE-BASED NEUROMODULATION IN HEART FAILURE: CLINICAL IMPACT OF CARDIAC CONTRACTILITY MODULATION AND BAROREFLEX ACTIVATION THERAPY**  
BRADLEY KNIGHT, MD

9:00AM–9:30AM

**CARDIOMETABOLIC DRIVERS OF HEART FAILURE: MECHANISM AND THERAPEUTIC IMPLICATIONS**  
SONIA VICENTY, MD

9:30AM–10:00AM

**REFRACTORY VENTRICULAR TACHYCARDIA IN STRUCTURAL HEART DISEASE: MECHANISM AND MODERN MANAGEMENT**  
BRADLEY KNIGHT, MD

10:00AM–10:30AM

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FRANCISCO MERCED, MD  
CARLA RODRÍGUEZ, MD

10:30AM–11:00AM

**MINITHORACOTOMY CORONARY REVASCULARIZATION: MIDCAB, MICS-CABG, AND HYBRID STRATEGIES IN THE MODERN ERA**  
FRANCISCO RINCÓN, MD

11:00AM–11:30AM

**MINITHORACOTOMY VALVE SURGERY: MITRAL, AORTIC, AND TRICUSPID INTERVENTIONS THROUGH LIMITED ACCESS**  
FRANCISCO RINCÓN, MD

11:30AM–12:00PM

**PSYCHOLOGY BURDEN IN CARDIOVASCULAR PRACTICE**  
BÁRBARA BARROS, MD

