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2026 Cardiology Symposium
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Course Description:

Through a series of interactive lectures, the cardiology symposium will discuss the large spectrum of disease states in multiple cardiovascular subspecialties. It will include a review of basic principles and new updates to treatment and management. Topics include calcium scoring, syncope, atrial fibrillation management, structural heart disease, occlusion myocardial infarction, right ventricle failure, and non-statin pharmacotherapy management for cholesterol.

Accreditation:

Billings Clinic is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Billings Clinic designates this Live activity for a maximum of **7.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)**™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

ASRT:

ASRT Approved by the ASRT for Category A continuing education credit.

Credit equivalencies for other non-physician learners:

AAPA

American Academy of Physician Assistants accepts certificates of participation for educational activities certified for **AAMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)**™ from organizations accredited by the ACCME. The National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) states that the **AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)**™ are acceptable for continuing medical education requirements for recertification. Physician assistants may receive a maximum of **7.0** hours of Category 1 credit for completing this program.

ANCC

Billings Clinic is accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. **7.0** hours contact awarded for this offering. Successful completion of the course includes actively participating in 90% of the activity and competing the evaluation. There are no relevant financial relationships with ineligible companies for those involved with the ability to control the content of this activity.

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Friday, February 13

7:15 – 7:55 AM	Registration
7:55 – 8:00 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks Loren Budge, MD
8:00 – 9:00 AM	A Practical Approach to Syncope Luis Alvarez, MD
9:00 – 10:00 AM	I Got a Calcium Score, Now What? - The Emerging Role of Consumer Facing Cardiovascular Screening Technologies Morgan Kellogg, MD, FACC, FSCAI
10:00 – 10:20 AM	BREAK
10:20 – 11:20 AM	Occlusion Myocardial Infarction: The New Paradigm Shift? Shunsuke Aoi, MD
11:20 – 12:20 PM	Contemporary Management of Atrial Fibrillation William Dresen, MD
12:20 – 1:20 PM	LUNCH
1:20 – 2:20 PM	Right Ventricle Failure Juan Pablo Rodriguez-Escudero, MD
2:20 – 3:20 PM	The Beat Goes On: Innovations in The Structural Heart Disease Menu Claudia Lama von Buchwald, MD, FACC, FSCAI
3:20 – 3:30 PM	BREAK
3:30 – 4:30 PM	Non-Statin Pharmacotherapy for Cholesterol Management Aidan Walser, PharmD
4:30 – 4:45 PM	Closing Remarks and Evaluations

Activity Objectives

1. Identify best practices for treatment of a variety of cardiovascular illnesses.
2. Discuss and explain differential diagnoses and treatment procedures of a variety of cardiovascular illnesses.
3. Identify and apply new guidelines and treatment pathways for a variety of cardiovascular illnesses.

Session Objectives

- Identify the multiple etiologies of syncope and near syncope; Assess the likelihood of each etiology in age and sex groups; Discuss the available treatment and preventive measures for syncope
- Identify the proper role for consumer facing cardiovascular screening technologies such as CAC; Discuss the proper response to abnormal findings; Review the contemporary data to support the management of stable ischemic heart disease
- Review the current standard of care for Acute Coronary Syndrome; Discuss the new concept of Occlusion Myocardial Infarction as opposed to STEMI; Summarize concepts of ACS and OMI when caring for ACS patients
- Review the incidence and pathophysiology of atrial fibrillation; Discuss the importance of different stroke mitigation therapies and the importance of risk factor modification; Describe the importance of patient selection for rate and rhythm control
- Identify right ventricle (RV) failure and common causes; Describe planned workup of RV failure; Determine appropriate management plan for RV failure
- Define SHD and structural Cardiology; Identify patients who can benefit from transcatheter therapies and when to refer; Identify hospitalized patients who can benefit from acute interventions when surgery is not an option
- Compare the efficacy and clinical evidence for available non-statin lipid-lowering therapies; Assess the need for non-statin lipid-lowering therapy based on lipid panel results and cardiovascular risk; Develop an evidence-based plan for cholesterol management for a patient with statin intolerance

Registration Form

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Registration by mail is due by **February 6, 2026**
Online registration is due by **February 12, 2026**

Please Print (Complete all of the information):

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Conference Questions:

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