



2025 UVA

Aortic Symposium

May 31, 2025 | 7:00 AM - 4:15 PM

A live, hybrid conference

- UVA Pinn Hall Conference Center, Charlottesville, VA, 22903
- Virtually via Zoom

Agenda – all presentations will be in the Pinn Hall Auditorium.

7:00 am - 7:45 am	Registration, Breakfast (provided for in-person participants), and Exhibits (Meeting Room 1)
7:45 am - 7:55 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks
SESSION I	ASCENDING AORTA
8:00 am - 8:30 am	Medical Management of Aortic Diseases Randy Ramcharitar, MD, MS, FSVM
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Genetics of Aortic Disease: Who, How, and When to Screen? Matthew J. Thomas, ScM, CGC
9:00 am - 9:30 am	Imaging of the Aorta: Modalities and Interpretation Patrick Norton, MD
9:30 am – 9:40 am	Break and Exhibits
9:40 am – 10:10 am	Bicuspid Aortic Valve Disease and Aortopathy Jared P. Beller, MD & Kenan W. Yount, MD
10:10 am - 10:40 am	Advancements in Transcatheter Aortic Valve Procedures Jeffrey Chidester, MD
10:40 am - 11:10 am	Advanced Interventions for Managing Type II Endo leaks Luke R. Wilkins, MD, FSIR
11:10 am - 11:40 am	Advanced Practice Providers Managing Aortic Disease in the Ambulatory Setting Lindsey Cook, PA-C & Lauren Huck, MSN, RN, ACNPC-AG
11:40 am -12:30 pm	Lunch (provided for in-person participants) and Exhibits – Pinn Hall 2ABC
SESSION II	DESCENDING THORACIC AND THORACOABDOMINAL AORTA
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	The UVA Experience: Open Repair and Role of Hybrid TAAA Repair: Patient Selection, Approach, and Outcomes John A. Kern, MD
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Endovascular Strategies for Descending Thoracic, Thoracoabdominal, and Complex Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms Behzad S. Farivar, MD, FACS
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Experience with the Thora Flex Device for Complex Arch Reconstruction: Current Approaches to Type II Dissection John A. Kern, MD & Kenan W. Yount, MD
2:00 pm – 2:10 pm	Break and Exhibits
2:10 pm - 2:40 pm	Aortic Infections: How I manage! Margaret (Megan) Tracci, MD, JD
2:40 pm – 3:10 pm	Concomitant Aortic Disease and Mesenteric or Iliac Occlusive Disease: How I Manage! W. Darrin Clouse, MD, FACS, DFSVS, RPVI
3:10 pm – 4:00 pm	Case Study of Vascular Surgery Management for Thoracoabdominal Aneurysm Case Study of CT Surgery Management for Aortic Dissection

	Moderators: Behzad S. Farivar, MD, FACS & Kenan W. Yount, MD Presenters: Patrick McCarthy, MD, Erik Scott, MD, & Amos Zimmerman, MD
4:00 pm – 4:10 pm	Beyond the Clinic: How the Marfan Foundation and Community Can Strengthen Lifelong Care Eileen Novins, MA
4:10 pm -4:15 pm	Closing Remarks and Evaluation

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Desired Outcomes

At the conclusion of this activity, learners will be able to:

- Identify patient groups at increased risk for developing aortic pathology.
- Apply the correct diagnostic and surgical techniques on the appropriate aortic pathology.
- Choose the appropriate imaging technique to identify aortic pathologies.
- Discuss current trends of aortic surgery.
- Apply current practice guidelines when planning medical management and surgical interventions for patients with aortic disease.
- Discuss the effect of genetics and family history on risk of aortic disease.

Course Faculty and Planning Committee (*denotes Planning Committee Member)

Unless otherwise noted, all faculty and planning committee members are from the University of Virginia.

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