

WESTERN UNIVERSITY 6th ANNUAL VIRTUAL ECHO SYMPOSIUM

Saturday, April 11, 2026

Virtually via ZOOM

FINAL PROGRAM

AGENDA

All times listed are Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

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| 8:00 am | Common Repairs in Congenital Heart Disease
Dr. Sarah Blissett and Travis Kowlessar |
| 8:30 am | Complications of Prosthetic Valves
Dr. Usha Manian |
| 9:00 am | Applying new Diastolic Guidelines
Dr Andrew Mathew |
| 9:30 am | Quality Improvements in Echocardiography
Dr Vinay Jayachandiran |
| 10:00 am | Update in Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy
Dr Andrew Thain |
| 10:30 am | <i>Visiting Professor Lecture</i>
Right Ventricular Assessment
Dr Maria Luz Garagiola |
| 11:00 am | <i>Visiting Professor Lecture</i>
Tips and Tricks in 3D Echocardiography for Everyday Use
Dr Wendy Tsang |
| 11:30 am | <i>Visiting Professor Lecture</i>
Imaging for Tricuspid Valve Interventions in 2026
Dr Geraldine Ong |
| 12:00 pm | LUNCH BREAK |
| 12:30 pm | Interesting Case Session – Drs Mina Garas, Saif AlJheish, Alex Haddad, Danning Li |
| 1:30 pm | Acknowledgements and Closing Remarks
Participants to complete program evaluation |

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

1. To review an approach to challenging echocardiograms
2. To review newer technologies in valvular heart disease and the role of echocardiography
3. To review imaging options in advanced heart failure
4. To discuss the anatomical and physiological principles underlying echocardiography images

ACCREDITATION

This event is an Accredited Group Learning Activity (Section 1) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification Program of The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and approved by Continuing Professional Development, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University. You may claim a maximum of 5 hours (credits are automatically calculated).

Each participant should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent participating in the educational program.

A minimum of 25% of this program is dedicated to participant interaction.

FEES

Physicians:
\$75.00 (plus applicable taxes)

Sonographers/Allied Health:
\$50.00 (plus applicable taxes)

Residents, Fellows and Sonographer Students – No charge

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ONLINE REGISTRATION

Registration and Program links available at:

westerncardio.com

VIRTUAL ACCESS

All lectures will be delivered via ZOOM with audience participation and interaction following each lecture.

Online links to all lectures will be provided following conclusion of the program to all registered participants.

CANCELLATION POLICY

We reserve the right to cancel this program due to insufficient registrations or circumstances beyond our control. Registrants will be notified at the earliest possible date in the event of a cancellation. Tuition fees for courses cancelled by us will be refunded in full, however we will not be liable for any loss, damages or other expenses that such cancellations may cause.

REFUND POLICY

A notice of cancellation must be received in writing 10 business days prior to the program date. A minimum of \$20 up to a maximum of 20% of the tuition fee, whichever is greater, will be charged for cancellations offered after the notice of cancellation deadline.

PRIVACY POLICY

We respect your privacy. The personal information collected is used for the following purposes:

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2. Provide follow-up information to you about this course, as necessary.
3. Inform you of future educational opportunities.
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