

**American College of Cardiology, Arkansas Chapter
Annual Chapter Meeting
Little Rock Marriott Downtown - Arkansas Ballroom
February 20-21, 2026**

Friday, February 20

1:00pm – 5:00pm
Exhibitor Setup – Arkansas Ballroom
Poster Setup – Arkansas Ballroom

5:30pm – 6:30pm
Opening Welcome Reception – Arkansas Ballroom
Poster Viewing with Residents

Saturday, February 21

7:30am – 8:30am
Breakfast and Registration with Exhibitors – Arkansas Ballroom

8:30am – 8:45am
Devi G. Nair, MD, FACC - Greetings from AR ACC Governor and ACC Board Member, Lee Goldberg, MD, FACC

8:45am – 9:30am
Speaker: Allan Klein, MD, Director of Cardiovascular Imaging Research, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH
Topic: Paradigm Shift in the Diagnosis and Therapeutics in Pericarditis

9:30am – 10:15am
Speaker: Prash Sanders, MBBS, PhD, FHRS, Director of the Centre for Heart Rhythm Disorders at the University of Adelaide and the Director of Cardiac Electrophysiology and Pacing at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, Adelaide, Australia
Topic: Risk Factor Management for AF: Why is This the Primary Pillar of AF Management?

10:15am – 11:00am
Coffee Break and Poster Viewing

11:00am – 11:45am
Speaker: David Dobies, MD, National Park Cardiology Associates, Hot Springs, AR
Topic: PCI vs CABG Including Unprotected LM

11:45am – 12:30pm
Speaker: Lee Goldberg, MD, Inaugural Chair of the Heart Failure Member Section of the American College of Cardiology; Member, ACC Board of Trustees
Topic: SGLT-2 Inhibitors and Their Evolving Roles

12:30pm – 1:30pm
Lunch Break & Poster Awards (cash prizes)

1:30pm – 2:30pm
Speaker: James Cox, MD, Professor of Surgery (Cardiac Surgery), Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern Medicine
Topic: Surgical Ablation for Atrial Fibrillation: Lessons from a Lifetime of Innovation

2:30pm – 3:00pm

Break

3:00pm – 3:45pm

Speaker: Nassir Marrouche, MD, Director of Heart & Vascular Institute, Professor of Medicine, Vice Chair, Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Section of Cardiology/Tulane University Heart & Vascular Institute, New Orleans, LA
Topic: From Evidence to Guidelines: The Evolution in AFib Management

3:45pm – 4:30pm

Speaker: Srikanth Vallurupalli, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Cardiology, UAMS, and a staff cardiologist at the Central Arkansas Veterans Health Care System(CAVHS), Little Rock, AR
Topic: Multi-Modality Imaging Case Presentations: Common Pitfalls in Diagnostic Techniques

FIT Presentations