

Agenda

Day 1 – November 14, 2025

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Navigating the Maze

TECHNIQUES AND OUTCOMES OF ATRIAL FIBRILLATION ABLATION

Surgical Concomitant AF

- 08:30** Innovations Redefining AF Treatment Today
Dipak Kotecha, MD – University of Birmingham, Birmingham, UK
- 09:00** EACTS in Action: Empowering AF Treatment
Rafael Sádaba, MD – Navarra University Hospital, Pamplona, Spain
- 09:15** AF–Mitral Valve: The Interdependent Challenge
Nikolas Bonaros, MD – Medical University of Innsbruck, Innsbruck, Austria
- 09:45** Break
- 10:15** Learning From MAZE IV in Practice
TBC – TBC
- 10:30** Is the Box Lesion Strategy Sufficient?
Bart Maesen, MD – Maastricht University Medical Center (MUMC+), the Netherlands
- 10:45** The Rise of Robotic Solutions in AF
Husam H. Balkhy, MD – University of Chicago Medicine, Chicago, USA
- 11:05** The Effects of Surgical Ablation or LAA Closure on Cardiac Function
Olga Kislitsina, MD – Northwestern University, Chicago, USA
- 11:35** The Pathophysiology and Different Treatments of Post-Ablation Peri-Mitral Atrial Flutter
James Cox, MD – Northwestern University Medical Center, Chicago, USA
- 12:05** Case-Based Roundtable
Manuel Castella, MD – Hospital Clínic, Barcelona, Spain
- 13:00** Lunch

Hybrid AF™ Therapies

- 14:00** Understanding the Boundaries of Catheter-Based AF Therapy
Jose Luis Merino, MD – La Paz University Hospital, Madrid, Spain
- 14:30** The Power of Minimally Invasive AF Surgery
Nicolas Doll, MD – Schüchtermann Klinik, Bad Rothenfelde, Germany
- 14:50** Hybrid Ablation: Epi-Endo Synergy in AF Treatment
Jorge Alcocer, MD – Hospital Clínic, Barcelona, Spain
Andreu Porta Sánchez, MD – Hospital Clínic, Barcelona, Spain
- 15:10** Innovations in Hybrid Ablation
Agnino Alfonso, MD – Gavazzeni Hospital, Bergamo, Italy
Eduardo Celentano, MD – Gavazzeni Hospital, Bergamo, Italy
- 15:30** Break
- 16:00** Expanding the Hybrid Ablation Frontier
Piotr Suwalski, MD – Central Teaching Hospital of the Ministry of the Interior, Warsaw, Poland
- 16:20** Case-Based Roundtable
Manuel Castella, MD – Hospital Clínic, Barcelona, Spain
- 16:50** The Naked Surgeon: the Power of Data in Surgery
Samer Nashef, MD – Papworth Hospital, Cambridge, UK
- 17:20** Finish
- 19:30 – 22:30** Dinner

Buses depart at 19:30 from hotels.



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Day 2 – November 15, 2025

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LAA Exclusion

09:00	Why the Left Atrial Appendage Matters in Cardiac Surgery Richard Whitlock, MD – McMaster University Medical School, Hamilton, Canada
09:30	LAA: A Hidden Arrhythmogenic Substrate? Syed Ahsan, MD – Bart's Heart Centre, London, UK
10:00	Filling the Gaps: How LAA Closure Complements Anticoagulation in AF Management David Holmes, MD – Mayo Clinic, Rochester, USA
10:30	Break
11:00	How to Build Up a Thoroscopic LAA Closure Program Stefano Branzoli, MD – Santa Chiara Hospital, Trento, Italy
11:30	Hands-On Video Session: AtriClip via Ministernotomy and Thoracoscopy – Avoiding Incomplete Closure Bart van Putte, MD – Bart van Putte, MD - St Antonius Hospital, Nieuwegein, Netherlands
11:40	Case-Based Roundtable Manuel Castella, MD – Hospital Clínic, Barcelona, Spain
12:30	Finish

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