

# Agenda

Day 1 – November 15, 2024

XIX Edition  
Navigating the Maze

TECHNIQUES AND OUTCOMES OF ATRIAL FIBRILLATION ABLATION

## Surgical Concomitant AF

- 08:30** Latest Developments in AF  
**Jose Luis Merino, MD** – La Paz University Hospital, Madrid, Spain
- 09:00** Master Anatomy Class for EPs and Surgeons  
**Andrew Cook, MD** – University College London, UK
- 09:30** ESC/EACTS 2024 Recommendations for Surgeons  
**Thorsten Hanke, MD** – Asklepios Klinikum Harburg, Hamburg, Germany
- 10:00** Break
- 10:30** Video Case: MAZE IV  
**Filip Rega, MD** – University Hospital KU Leuven, Belgium
- 10:45** Video Case: How to Make a Box Lesion for Concomitant AF  
**Keti Vitanova, MD** – German Heart Center Munich, Germany
- 11:00** Video Case: Concomitant Endoscopic AF Ablation  
**Elena Sandoval, MD** – Hospital Clínic, Barcelona, Spain
- 11:15** How We Can Improve the Interventional Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation  
**James Cox, MD** – Northwestern University Medical Center, Chicago, USA
- 11:45** Case-Based Roundtable  
**Jose Luis Merino, MD** – La Paz University Hospital, Madrid, Spain  
**Thorsten Hanke, MD** – Asklepios Klinikum Harburg, Hamburg, Germany  
**Filip Rega, MD** – University Hospital KU Leuven, Belgium  
**Keti Vitanova, MD** – German Heart Center Munich, Germany  
**Elena Sandoval, MD** – Hospital Clínic, Barcelona, Spain  
**James Cox, MD** – Northwestern University Medical Center, Chicago, USA  
**Manuel Castella, MD** – Hospital Clínic, Barcelona, Spain
- 12:30** Lunch

## Hybrid AF™ Therapies

- 13:30** Current Trends in Catheter AF Ablation  
**Nitesh Sood, MD** – Southcoast Health, New Bedford, Massachusetts USA
- 14:00** ESC/EACTS 2024 Recommendations in Standalone AF and Hybrid Treatment  
**Bart Maesen, MD** – Maastricht University Medical Center (MUMC+), the Netherlands
- 14:20** Other Fields of Hybrid Ablation  
**Mark La Meir, MD** – University Hospital Brussels, Free University of Brussels, Belgium
- 14:40** Video Case: Totally Thoracoscopic AF Ablation  
**Stefano Benussi, MD** – Spedali Civili di Brescia University Hospital, Italy
- 15:00** Break
- 15:30** Video Case: Hybrid Convergent + LAAX From Left Side  
**Jorge Alcocer, MD** – Hospital Clínic, Barcelona, Spain  
**Andreu Porta Sánchez, MD** – Hospital Clínic, Barcelona, Spain
- 15:50** Case-Based Roundtable  
**Nitesh Sood, MD** – Southcoast Health, New Bedford, Massachusetts USA  
**Bart Maesen, MD** – Maastricht University Medical Center (MUMC+), the Netherlands  
**Mark La Meir, MD** – University Hospital Brussels, Free University of Brussels, Belgium  
**Jorge Alcocer, MD** – Hospital Clínic, Barcelona, Spain  
**Andreu Porta Sánchez, MD** – Hospital Clínic, Barcelona, Spain  
**Jolanda Kluin, MD** – Erasmus MC University Medical Center, Rotterdam, the Netherlands  
**Manuel Castella, MD** – Hospital Clínic, Barcelona, Spain
- 16:20** Long-Term Vision: The Future of Heart Surgery  
**Jolanda Kluin, MD** – Erasmus MC University Medical Center, Rotterdam, the Netherlands
- 16:50** Conclusion Day 1
- 17:00** Finish
- 19:00 – 22:30** Dinner

Buses depart at 19:00 from hotels.



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Day 2 – November 16, 2024

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## LAA Exclusion

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- 09:00** The Importance of the Left Atrial Appendage in AF  
**Josep Brugada, MD** – SJD Barcelona Children’s Hospital, Barcelona, Spain
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- 09:20** ESC/EACTS 2024 Recommendations in LAA Management  
**Piotr Suwalski, MD** – Central Teaching Hospital of the Ministry of the Interior, Warsaw, Poland
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- 09:40** Excluding the Appendage. Evidence in ALL Surgical Patients  
**Richard Whitlock, MD** – McMaster University Medical School, Hamilton, Canada
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- 10:10** Break
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- 10:40** Video Case: Robotic Surgery in LAA  
**Thorsten Hanke, MD** – Asklepios Klinikum Harburg, Hamburg, Germany
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- 11:00** Best Technical Tricks for AtriClip Implantation  
**Mark La Meir, MD** – University Hospital Brussels, Free University of Brussels, Belgium
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- 11:20** AF, LAA and its Neurological Implications  
**David Z. Rose, MD** – University of South Florida, Department of Neurology, Tampa Florida, USA
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- 11:50** Case-Based Roundtable  
**Josep Brugada, MD** – SJD Barcelona Children’s Hospital, Barcelona, Spain  
**Piotr Suwalski, MD** – Central Teaching Hospital of the Ministry of the Interior, Warsaw, Poland  
**Richard Whitlock, MD** – McMaster University Medical School, Hamilton, Canada  
**Thorsten Hanke, MD** – Asklepios Klinikum Harburg, Hamburg, Germany  
**Mark La Meir, MD** – University Hospital Brussels, Free University of Brussels, Belgium  
**David Z. Rose, MD** – University of South Florida, Department of Neurology, Tampa Florida, USA  
**Manuel Castella, MD** – Hospital Clínic, Barcelona, Spain
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- 12:30** Finish

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