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CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

Since 2021, three separate symposia focused on HFpEF were being held in the United States:

1. The HFpEF Summit – an endeavor spearheaded by David Lefer (Cedars Sinai) and Fadi Salloum (Virginia Commonwealth) to bring together basic and translational researchers along with our industry partners;
2. The Charleston HFpEF Conference directed by Sheldon Litwin, Ryan Tedford, and Michael Zile (all at the Medical University of South Carolina); focusing on the clinical aspects of the disease
3. The UPenn HFpEF Symposium, chaired by Stuart Prenner and Payman Zamani (both at University of Pennsylvania), which also focused on the clinical diagnosis and management of HFpEF with an emphasis on exercise intolerance

The leaders from these groups have come together to create one annual HFpEF conference drawing from the most successful elements of each and leading to the creation of The North American HFpEF Summit. The goals of this conference are to provide:

1. A comprehensive guide to the diagnosis and management of HFpEF for clinicians (MDs, DOs, NPs, RNs, PAs, PharmDs) who care for these patients
2. A forum in which clinicians, basic and translational researchers, and industry partners can interact to brainstorm on current and future directions
3. A world-class faculty delivering state of the art lectures, case-based panel discussions, debates and an industry roundtable

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KNOWLEDGE GAPS

There are now more patients who have Heart Failure with preserved Ejection Fraction (HFpEF) than those with reduced Ejection Fraction (HFrEF). Making the diagnosis of HFpEF is more challenging than HFrEF as many commonly used screening tools such as physical examination, echocardiography and measurement of natriuretic peptide levels are less sensitive and specific in this population. Most importantly, no therapies have yet been shown to improve major cardiovascular outcome (i.e. reductions in hospitalization rates or lower mortality). Several ongoing studies are evaluating novel treatments for this disorder.

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COURSE AGENDA

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

7:00 a.m.	Registration/Exhibit Hall Open/Breakfast
7:50 a.m.	Join Live Stream Session/Welcome
	Session Chair, TBD
8:00 a.m.	Imaging in HFpEF, *Y.S. Chandrashekhar, M.D., DM, FACC*
8:30 a.m.	Debate: Bariatric Surgery vs. GLP1's for Obesity-Related HFpEF, *Amanda Vest, M.D. & Josephine Harrington, M.D.*
9:00 a.m.	Clinical Utility of Invasive CPET, *Mark Belkin, M.D.*
9:30 a.m.	Break/Exhibit Hall
	Session Chair, TBD
9:45 a.m.	Cardio-Kidney-Metabolic Syndrome: What Is It? How Do We Treat It? *John Ostrominski, M.D.*
10:15 a.m.	Panel: Rapid Fire Cases
10:45 a.m.	Break/Exhibit Hall
	Session Chair, TBD
11:00 a.m.	Palliative Care in HFpEF, *Vishal Rao, M.D.*
11:30 a.m.	Optimizing the Role of APP's in the HFpEF Team *Lisa Rathman, CRNP*
12:00 p.m.	Wrap-up
12:05 p.m.	MOC Assessment (for those interested in receiving MOC Credit)

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The Hyatt Place Hotel
560 King Street
Charleston, SC 29403
(843) 414-4900

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hyatt Place Charleston, 560 King Street, Charleston, SC 29403. The conference rate is **$269++** and the room block for conference registrants will be held until **Monday, May 11, 2026**. *The room block may fill prior to May 11 and availability cannot be guaranteed. We suggest you make your reservation as soon as possible.* To make your reservation, please call the hotel at 1-800-993-4751 and reference the Charleston HFpEF Conference. You can also make your reservations by going to the following link: https://www.hyatt.com/events/en-US/group-booking/CHSXH/G-HFP1 or the following QR Code:

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FRIDAY, JUNE 12

12:00 p.m.	Registration and Exhibit Hall Open
12:50 p.m.	Join Live Stream Session/Welcome
	Session Chair, TBD
1:00 p.m.	HFpEF Diagnosis and Treatment: Kittleson's Pearls, *Michelle Kittleson, MD, PhD*
1:30 p.m.	Amyloidosis 2026: State of the Art Update, *Ronald Witteles, M.D.*
2:00 p.m.	Panel: Rapid Fire Cases
2:30 p.m.	Break/Exhibit Hall
	Session Chair, TBD
2:45 p.m.	AI in the Diagnosis and Treatment of HFpEF, *Javed Butler, M.D. .*
3:15 p.m.	Invasive/Non-Invasive Remote Monitoring Overview: Why Some Trials Work and Some Don't, *Michael Zile, M.D.*
3:45 p.m.	Debate: Every Patient with HFpEF and Afib Should Get an Ablation: PVI vs. Medical or AVN Ablation, *Wilson Tang, M.D. & Sheldon Litwin, M.D.*
4:15 p.m.	Break/Exhibit Hall
	Session Chair, TBD
4:30 p.m.	Advancing HCM Treatment: Myosin Inhibitors and Beyond, *Anjali Owens, M.D.*
5:00 p.m.	Crazy New Ideas in the Field of HFpEF: Open Your Mind, Heal Your Heart, *Bill Abraham, M.D.*
5:30 p.m.	Keynote: The Adipokine Hypothesis: A Novel Unifying Framework for Understanding HFpEF, *Milton Packer, M.D.*
6:00 p.m.	Adjourn
6:05 p.m.	MOC Assessment (for those interested in receiving MOC Credit)
6:15p.m	Cocktail Reception in Exhibit Hall
7:15 p.m.	Reception Concludes

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

7:00 a.m.	Registration/Exhibit Hall Open/Breakfast
7:50 a.m.	Join Live Stream Session/Welcome
	Session Chair, TBD
8:00 a.m.	Valve Disease in HFpEF, Is it the Symptom or the Disease? *Firas Zahr, M.D.*
8:30 a.m.	Nutrition Controversies in the treatment of HFpEF *Scott Hummel, M.D.*
9:00 a.m.	Fibrosis & Inflammation: Therapeutic Targets in HFpEF? *Sumanth Prabhu, M.D.*
9:30 a.m.	Break/Exhibit Hall
	Session Chair, TBD
9:45 a.m.	Clinics Without Walls: The Future of Remote Patient Management, *Liviu Klein, M.D.*
10:15 a.m.	Debate: What is the Best Type of Exercise for HFpEF Cardio vs Resistance, *Dalane Kitzman, M.D. & Ambarish Pandey, M.D.*
10:45 a.m.	Contemporary Approaches to Medical Therapy Optimization in HFpEF, *Orly Vardeny, PharmD, MS*
11:15 a.m.	Break/Exhibit Hall
	Session Chair, TBD
11:30 a.m.	Prevention of HFpEF, *Anuradha Lala-Trindade, M.D.*
12:00 p.m.	Precision Therapies in HFpEF: the Right Treatment for the Right Patient, *Ken Margulies, M.D.*
12:30 p.m.	Adjourn for the day
12:35 p.m.	MOC Assessment (for those interested in receiving MOC Credit)

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