

3rd Annual Virginia Statewide Advanced Heart Failure Symposium



October 24th, 2026
Richmond, VA

7:00 – 7:45 am	Registration, Breakfast and Exhibits
7:45 – 8:00 am	Welcome <i>Josue Chery, MD and Melissa Smallfield, MD – VCU</i>
8:00 – 8:30 am	Keynote – AI in Heart Failure <i>Matthew Schumaecker, MD – Carilion Clinic</i>
8:30 – 9:30 am	Update in Heart Failure 8:30 - 9:00 - PH HFpEF <i>Ed Sawey, MD - Sentara</i> 9:00 - 9:30 - Heart Failure and Genetics <i>Matthew Thomas, ScM, GC - UVA</i>
9:30 – 9:45 am	Break and Exhibits
9:45 – 10:45 am	Update in Shock 9:45 -10:15 – Cardiogenic Shock <i>Melissa Smallfield, MD - VCU</i> 10:15-10:45 – Devices in Shock <i>Jason Katz, MD - VCU</i>
10:45 – 11:45 am	Update in LVADs 10:45 -11:00 – Long-Term Survival and Transplant Strategies in Patients on LVAD Support <i>Anju Bhardwaj, MD - UVA</i> 11:00 -11:15 – Risk of Right Ventricular (RV) failure <i>Nicholas Ashur, MD - UVA</i> 11:15 -11:45 – Nonsurgical Management of Valvular Heart Disease <i>Matthew Summers, MD - Sentara</i>

12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch and Exhibits
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Cases and Patient Perspectives 1:00 - 1:20 – Difficult VAD Discharge – Hemodialysis VCU LVAD Coordinators 1:20 - 1:40 – Depression in Heart Transplants <i>Taylor Goodwin, LCSW and Megan Maltby, MSW - VCU</i> 1:40 - 2:00 – Waiting for a Heart Transplant <i>Ashley Wade, RN - UVA</i>
2:00 pm	Closing Remarks – End of Lectures
2:00 – 2:45 pm	BONUS SESSION – Community Conversations for Nurses and Advanced Practice Providers Connect with fellow nurses and APPs and explore how heart failure programs are evolving across the Commonwealth!