

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
- 09:45** Break
- 10:15** Learning From MAZE IV in Practice
- 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
- 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
Mark La Meir, MD – University Hospital Brussels, Free University of Brussels, Belgium
- 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

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| 09:00 | Why the Left Atrial Appendage Matters in Cardiac Surgery |
| 09:20 | LAA: A Hidden Arrhythmogenic Substrate?
Syed Ahsan, MD – Bart's Heart Centre, London, UK |
| 09:50 | Filling the Gaps: How LAA Closure Complements Anticoagulation in AF Management
David Holmes, MD – Mayo Clinic, Rochester, USA |
| 10:20 | Break |
| 10:50 | Epicardial and Endocardial Closure Strategies: Matching Technique to Patient Need |
| 11:10 | How to Build Up a Thoracoscopic LAA Closure Program
Stefano Branzoli, MD – Santa Chiara Hospital, Trento, Italy |
| 11:40 | Hands-On Video Session: AtriClip via Ministernotomy and Thoracoscopy – Avoiding Incomplete Closure
Bart van Putte, MD – St Antonius Hospital, Nieuwegein, Netherlands |
| 11:50 | Case-Based Roundtable
Manuel Castella, MD – Hospital Clínic, Barcelona, Spain |
| 12:30 | Finish |

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