Course Objectives
At the conclusion of this conference, participants should be able to:

- Assess and analyze the prevalence and nature of acute coronary events, including early assessment, timely intervention, public health implications, and the rationale for a surgical or non-surgical approach.
- Examine the role of mechanical support devices in the most critically ill patient with an acute myocardial infarction and how these devices affect patient outcomes with timely treatment intervention.
- Evaluate the current role of coronary revascularization in the treatment of the patient with ischemic cardiomyopathy.
- Analyze and critique strategies for circulatory support devices and transplantation as interventions, including outcomes in patients with ischemic cardiomyopathy.
- Apply decision support guidelines for atrial fibrillation regarding the use of anticoagulants and left atrial appendage occlusive devices as a replacement for anticoagulants.
- Evaluate current approach and rationale for a non-surgical approach to aortic stenosis and to determine who is at high risk or inoperable for aortic valve surgery.
- Assess and implement practice guidelines regarding statin intolerance in patients with coronary artery disease.
- Differentiate between current treatment modalities for various patients that put them at risk for cardiotoxicity from cancer therapies.
- Examine new and emerging therapies, including most recent evidence based guidelines in the management of patients with hypertensive disease.
- Assess and implement strategies for the evaluation of patients who present with renovascular hypertension.
- Analyze current classification system for pulmonary hypertension and apply assessment findings to accurately diagnosis patients, and those at risk for pulmonary hypertension.
- Analyze and critique strategies for the evaluation and management of women with heart disease.
- Assess their individual practice in light of the information and discussions during the course, and identify specific strategies to implement as part of a continuing improvement process for their practices.