Educational Goals
This course is designed to provide essential clinical knowledge and professional skills to facilitate patient identification, selection, pre and post management of surgical and medical aspects involved in durable mechanical circulatory support.

Target Audience
This course is designed at the level of clinicians and allied health professionals who are in the early stages of their careers. This course would also benefit to those who are part of a new program or desire a comprehensive foundational review. The information presented covers core competencies and is intended to provide a strong foundation of the overarching principles of mechanical circulatory support.

Learning Objectives
At the conclusion of this course, participants will have improved competence and professional performance in their ability to:

1. Assess suitability for durable mechanical circulatory support (MCS) implantation.
2. Assess the impact the medical and social factors which influence patient outcomes during short and long-term MCS.
3. Recognize options for MCS support and the technological differences that may impact pump selection and patient/device management.
4. Identify appropriate implantation techniques.
5. Identify issues that impact immediate post implant management in the intensive care unit.
6. Manage MCS patients during long-term support.
7. Diagnose and manage common clinical scenarios, adverse events and extreme situations encountered after MCS.
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7:00 AM – 7:45 AM
REGISTRATION & MORNING COFFEE

7:45 AM – 8:05 AM
WELCOME AND OVERVIEW
Jennifer Cook, MD, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, USA

8:05 AM – 9:30 AM
SESSION 1 – PREPARE FOR SUCCESS
Chair: Jennifer Cook, MD, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, USA

8:05 AM  MCS Technology 101
Evgenij Potapov, MD, PhD, German Heart Institute, Berlin, Germany

   Teaching/Discussion Points
   a. Devices currently utilized in clinical practice

8:20 AM  Outcomes in MCS
Andre Simon, PhD, MD, Harefield Hospital, London, UK

   Teaching/Discussion Points
   a. Review current trends of MCS utilization
   b. Reported outcomes: survival and adverse events

8:35 AM  Q&A with Panel

8:45 AM  When Should Patients be Referred: Warning Signs
Douglas Horstmanshof, MD, Integris Baptist Medical Center, Oklahoma City, OK, USA

   Teaching/Discussion Points
   a. Risk stratification in advanced heart failure
   b. Lessons learned in timely evaluation

9:00 AM  Quality of Life after VAD and the Impact of Frailty and Social Behaviors on VAD Success
Susan M. Joseph, MD, Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, TX, USA

   Teaching/Discussion Points
   a. Assessment of frailty in MCS
   b. Opportunities to improve outcomes related to social behaviors

9:15 AM Q&A with Panel

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM
COFFEE BREAK
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
SESSION 2 – STARTING RIGHT
Chair: Christopher Hayward, MD, St. Vincent’s Hospital, Sydney, Australia

10:00 AM  Session Overview
Christopher Hayward, MD, St. Vincent’s Hospital, Sydney, Australia

10:15 AM  IMACS 1: Short-Term Support
Jonathan Haft, MD, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA

Teaching/Discussion Points
  a. IMACS definition in patient assessment
  b. Mechanical support as bridge

10:30 AM  Assessing and Optimizing RV Function Pre-Operatively
Finn Gustafsson, MD, PhD, Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen, Denmark

Teaching/Discussion Points
  a. Assessment of right ventricular function
  b. Optimization of RV prior to MCS

10:45 AM  Surgical Implantation Overview
Jens Garbade, MD, University of Leipzig, Leipzig, Germany

Teaching/Discussion Points
  a. Key aspects of implantation techniques
  b. Assessment of proper VAD positioning
  c. Alternative approaches

11:00 AM  Q&A with Panel

11:15 AM  How Much is Too Much?
Diyar Saeed, MD, PhD, University of Leipzig, Leipzig, Germany

Teaching/Discussion Points
  a) Management of aortic valve insufficiency
  b) Approach to tricuspid and mitral valve insufficiency
  c) Challenges like prior Dor procedures and Congenitals
  d) Concomitant interventions

11:30 AM  Managing the RV Post-Op
Christopher T. Salerno, MD, St. Vincent’s Heart Center, Indianapolis, IN, USA

Teaching/Discussion Points
  a. Assessment of RV failure in ICU patient
  b. Methods of managing RV failure post op

11:45 AM  Q&A with Panel

12:00 PM – 1:15 PM
LUNCH BREAK (a box lunch is included in the registration fee)
1:15 PM – 3:10 PM
SESSION 3 – PUMP IT UP
Chair: Andre Simon, PhD, MD, Harefield Hospital, London, UK

1:15 PM  Session Overview
Andre Simon, PhD, MD, Harefield Hospital, London, UK

1:25 PM  Optimal Outpatient Management of VAD Recipients
Antonio Loforte, MD, PhD, S. Orsola Hospital, Bologna, Italy

   Teaching/Discussion Points
   a. Overview of essential programmatic infrastructure
   b. Outline of patient assessment in ambulatory setting

1:40 PM  Aortic Insufficiency in LVAD Recipients: Incidence, Screening, and Management
Jennifer Cook, MD, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, USA

   Teaching/Discussion Points
   a. Identification of AI in MCS patient
   b. Management of AI in MCS patient

1:55 PM  Arrythmia in MCS
Rebecca Cogswell, MD, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, USA

   Teaching/Discussion Points
   a. Assessment of arrhythmia in MCS
   b. Management of arrhythmia post MCS

2:10 PM  Q&A with Panel

2:25 PM  Alarms and Hardware Troubleshooting, Waveforms
Christopher Hayward, MD, St. Vincent’s Hospital, Sydney, Australia

   Teaching/Discussion Points
   a. Review of abnormal waveforms
   b. Techniques for triage of ambulatory alarms

2:40 PM  Pump Speed Optimization: The Role of Imaging and Hemodynamics
Palak Shah, MD, MS, Inova Heart & Vascular Institute, Falls Church, VA, USA

   Teaching/Discussion Points
   a. Review of commonly used MCS parameters
   b. Technical aspects of ramp study

2:55 PM  Q&A with Panel

3:10 PM – 3:30 PM
COFFEE BREAK

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
SESSION 4 – CLOTS AND BUGS
Chair: Jennifer Cook, MD, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, USA
3:30 PM  Session Overview
Jennifer Cook, MD, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, USA

3:40 PM  GI Bleeding
Kavitha Muthiah, MBChB, PhD, St. Vincent’s Hospital, Sydney, Australia

  Teaching/Discussion Points
  a. Assessment of GI bleeding in MCS patient
  b. Management of GI bleeding in MCS patient

3:55 PM  Antiplatelet Therapy, Anticoagulation and Bridging Strategies
Diyar Saeed, MD, PhD, Leipzig Heart Center, Leipzig, Germany

  Teaching/Discussion Points
  a. Strategy for anti-coagulation post MCS
  b. Bridging strategy for procedures and surgeries post MCS

4:10 AM  Q&A with Panel

4:20 PM  Pump Thrombosis, Embolic Complications and Hemorrhagic Stroke
Palak Shah, MD, MS, Inova Heart & Vascular Institute, Falls Church, VA, USA

  Teaching/Discussion Points
  a. Identification and management of pump thrombosis
  b. Management of stroke in the MCS patient

4:35 PM  LVAD Infections: Prevention, Diagnosis, and Management
Saima Alsam, MD, MS, University of California San Diego Medical Center, San Diego, CA, USA

  Teaching/Discussion Points
  a. Classification of infection in MCS patient
  b. Approach to drive line care and infection management

4:50 PM  Q&A with Panel

5:00 PM  SUMMARY / EVALUATION
Jennifer Cook, MD, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, USA

5:10 PM  ADJOURN