



Basic Cardiovascular Sciences

BCVS 2026 Scientific Sessions
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Boston, MA

Moderator Guidelines and Responsibilities

Session Format

All program participants should arrive at the location of their session 15-30 minutes prior to the beginning of the session. The moderators should confirm attendance of all presenters.

The **Speaker Ready Room** is in Liberty C, Level 2 at the Sheraton Boston.

Hours:

Sunday, July 12: 7:30 am – 5:00 pm

Monday, July 13: 6:30 am – 5:00 pm

Tuesday, July 14: 6:30 am – 5:00 pm

Wednesday, July 15: 6:30 am -5:00 pm

Thursday, July 16: 6:30 am – 11:00 am

Moderator and Presenter Disclosure – Mandatory for Continuing Education Requirements

- **All moderators and presenters must include an opening slide listing any disclosures.** For presenters, if unlabeled use of a commercial product, or an investigational use not yet approved for any purpose is discussed, the presenter must also include a slide disclosing that the product is not labeled for the use under discussion or that the product is still investigational. The presenter must also verbally disclose this use to the audience.
- If the presenter fails to display a disclosure slide, *it is the responsibility of the moderator to ask the presenter if there are any relationships to disclose before he proceeds with the presentation.*
- If the presenter references work within his presentation previously published by another author, he must include a complete citation at the bottom of the appropriate slide.
- Presenters must exclude any information that may compromise or violate patient confidentiality.

On-Site

Call to Order

- Arrive in the meeting room 15-30 minutes in advance and introduce yourself to the speakers.
- The moderator will address the audience 5-10 minutes prior to session start time and inform them that they should be seated, as the meeting will begin shortly. **The moderator will remind attendees that recording of sessions by video or still photography is prohibited.** Only if permission is obtained from the speaker, non-flash photography is acceptable.

Convene the Session

- The moderator will call for audience attention, introduce him/herself and the co-moderator(s) and announce the overall subject of the session.
- All speakers are required to begin their presentation with a disclosure slide. If a slide is not included in a speaker's presentation or if the speaker fails to verbally disclose commercial relationships and/or

discussion of unlabeled/unapproved uses of products, please ask the speaker to give a verbal disclosure statement.

- The moderator will remind attendees that recording of sessions by video or still photography is prohibited (see policy below):

Photography and Audio/Visual Recording Policy

Unauthorized recording of the American Heart Association's Basic Cardiovascular Sciences Scientific Sessions is prohibited, whether by video, still or digital photography; audio; or any other recording or reproduction mechanism. This includes recording of presentations and supporting A/V materials, as well as poster presentations and supporting poster materials. The American Heart Association and American Stroke Association reserve the rights to all recordings or reproductions of presentations at AHA/ASA scientific conferences and meetings.

Science shared by investigators at the meeting is confidential and often unpublished data. Taking photos of meeting room slides is considered intellectual piracy and unethical. Attendees who ignore this policy will be asked to leave the educational session and are at risk of losing their badge credentials.

- The moderator will introduce the first presenter and begin the session.
- The moderator will encourage all presenters to adhere to their allotted times, ensure that all presenters comply with disclosure (see below), and will open the floor to questions at the appropriate times. A speaker timer on the podium will be in the room to assist the moderator.
- A moderator's role is more than just introducing the speakers. In a session that has time for discussion, it is your role to stimulate discussion by either taking questions from the audience or creating topics of your own. The intent is to engage the speaker(s) and the audience into a lively discussion and/or debate. Be prepared with challenging and stimulating questions.
- When taking questions/comments from the floor, please ask the audience participant to verbally disclose their name, employer and any relevant conflicts prior to asking his/her question.

No-Shows

In the event of a no-show, the moderator should fill the time with questions and discussion, rather than go to the next speaker. This allows the remaining program to stay on schedule and attendees to hear designated speakers of their choice at the pre-scheduled time.

Adjourn

The moderator may want to briefly summarize the presentations and add a few last-minute comments. The moderator will adjourn as closely as possible to the scheduled adjournment time.