

# CONTINUING EDUCATION



Spartanburg Regional  
Healthcare System

## Heart Failure Clinic and Professional Practice and Education Presents

### The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Heart Failure Symposium

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

7:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Registration: 7:30 a.m.

Program starts promptly at: 7:55 a.m.

The Piedmont Club

361 E. Main St.

Spartanburg, SC

#### AGENDA

7:30 a.m.	Registration, Exhibits, Continental Breakfast	
7:55	Welcome, Introductions	
8:00	I. The Role of Echocardiography in the Evaluation and Treatment of Heart Failure	Shane Reighard, MD
8:45	II. That's Not the Way It's Supposed to Flow! Transcatheter Treatments for Regurgitation	Kim Valenti, MSN, FNP-C
9:30	Break, Exhibits	
9:45	III. Heart-Felt Benefits: The Role of GLP-1 Receptor Agonists in Heart Failure Management	Caroline Emery, PharmD
10:45	IV. ATTR Amyloidosis – An Overlooked Patient Experience 1. Mike Lane 2. Art Still	James Ampadu, MD
12:15 p.m.	Lunch (provided), Exhibits	
1:15	V. Pulmonary Hypertension and Heart Failure	Ikenna Onyebueke, MD
2:00	VI. RV Failure – The Silent Killer	Ryan Lapointe, MD
2:45	Break, Exhibits	
3:00	VII. Advanced Heart Failure: Referral Timing and Case Studies	Amanda Green, MSN, AGACNP-BC, FNP-C, APRN
4:00	Wrap-up, Questions, Evaluations	
4:15	Adjourn	

## LEARNING OUTCOMES/OBJECTIVES

At the end of the educational activity, 90% of attendees will be able to:

- I. Describe the role of echocardiography in the treatment of heart failure
- II. Discuss the role of the heart team in managing heart failure patients eligible for transcatheter valve therapies
- III. Explain the role of GLP-1 receptor agonists in the management of heart failure
- IV. Discuss the diagnosis and treatment for ATTR Amyloidosis
- V. Identify the diagnosis and treatment for pulmonary hypertension and heart failure
- VI. Recognize treatment modalities for RV failure
- VII. Review the impact of patient outcome on referral timing and case studies

## TARGET AUDIENCE

Nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, respiratory therapists, registered dietitians, rehab (PT/OT), long term care administrators and other interested healthcare professionals.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT (Accreditation Statement)

You must attend 90% of each of the educational sessions to receive CE credit.

### Nurses

This educational activity has been awarded **6.75** contact hours.

SRHS Professional Practice & Continuing Education is approved as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the South Carolina Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

### Respiratory Therapists, Registered Dietitians, Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists

Can avail the approved nursing CE credit.

### Long Term Care Administrators (Pending)

The program has been approved for \_\_\_\_\_ hours of continuing education by the South Carolina Board of Long Term Health Care Administrators. Approval # \_\_\_\_\_

### Registered Pharmacists



The University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider of continuing pharmacy education. The target audience for these continuing education activities is pharmacists. Please see individual activity listings on pages 4-5 below for specific information about CEU designations, learning objectives, and activity types.

To claim CE credit, participants must sign-in/register, participate in all active learning activities, respond to all learning assessment questions, and complete the online evaluations of each activity at <https://cop.sc.learningexpressce.com> to obtain credit. Detailed instructions on how to claim CPE credit will be provided. Completion of evaluations within 30 days of the program will ensure credit is transmitted; any credit claimed greater than 60 days after the conclusion of the program will not be accepted by the NABP CPE Monitor.

## REGISTRATION FEES

- \$100.00 Nurses, RDs, RRTs, Rehab, LTC Administrator
- \$130.00 Pharmacists, PAs, NPs
- \$5.00 Additional fee after September 3

Registration fees include continental breakfast, lunch, and online handouts.

Refunds are not allowed.

**Online Registration:** [www.spartanburgregional.com/CEEvents](http://www.spartanburgregional.com/CEEvents)

- Click on 19th Annual Heart Failure Symposium

**Direct Link:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/19th-annual-heart-failure-symposium-tickets-1325772203349>

## SPEAKERS

<b>James Ampadu, MD</b> Advanced Heart Failure Director Prisma Health Medical Group-Midlands 6 Columbia, SC	<b>Amanda Green, MSN, AGACNP-BC, FNP-C, APRN</b> Advanced Heart Failure, Transplant, VAD Nurse Practitioner Sanger Heart and Vascular Institute Atrium Health, Charlotte, NC
<b>Caroline Emery, PharmD</b> Clinical Pharmacist, Prisma Health Cardiology Columbia, SC	

## Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System, Spartanburg Medical Center

<b>Ryan Lapointe, MD, MS</b> Critical Care Physician Director of system-wide resuscitation committee	<b>Shane Reighard, MD, MS</b> Non-invasive Cardiologist
<b>Ikenna Onyebueke, MD, FCCP</b> Chief of Division, Pulmonary Medicine	<b>Kim Valenti, MSN, FNP-C</b> Structural Heart Nurse Practitioner

## PLANNING/ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System

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Dr. James Ampadu reports the following relevant disclosures: speaker and consultant for Alnylam Pharmaceuticals and AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, as well as an advisory board member and consultant for BridgeBio Pharmaceuticals.

Dr. Ikenna Onyebueke reports the following relevant disclosure: speaker for Verona Pharma.

All other faculty, and planning committee report no financial relationship with any ineligible company.

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## ADA

SRHS is committed to complying fully with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

For special needs, please send an email to [sherry.eison@srhs.com](mailto:sherry.eison@srhs.com) or [nhope@srhs.com](mailto:nhope@srhs.com) by September 3.

## THE PIEDMONT CLUB DRESS CODE (lunch)

Men: Gentlemen are not required to wear a jacket or tie.

Women: Suit (including business pantsuit), dress or blazer with skirt or tailored slacks, tailored pants with a blouse or sweater.

Prohibited: T-Shirts, sweatshirts, or other shirt without collar; athletic attire, tennis shoes, shorts, jeans (regardless of value), denim jackets, untucked shirts and baseball caps.

## REMINDERS

- Sign-in for:  
Pharmacists – for ACPE credit  
Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants – if paid for ACPE credit  
Long Term Care Administrators (LTC)
- Provided Name Badge – must be always worn
- CE Instructions – will be distributed at the end of the program
- Cell phones, other electronic devices: please silence your devices and refrain from using them during the program. Phone calls must be made outside of the building
- Restrooms – located outside of the conference room
- Continental breakfast, refreshments and lunch are provided as scheduled
- Door Prizes: you must be present to win

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Registrants will receive an e-mail about 2-3 days before the event with additional information

## QUESTIONS

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## ACPE ACTIVITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, September 17, 2025	
I.	<p><b>The Role of Echocardiography in the Evaluation and Treatment of Heart Failure</b> <b>Shane Reighard, MD</b>; Cardiologist- Medical Group of the Carolinas <i>ACPE UAN 0062-9999-25-092-L01-P, 0.75 contact hours, knowledge-based activity</i></p> <p><i>At the completion of this activity, the participant will be able to:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Discuss the ACC/AHA recommendations regarding ECHO imaging in heart failure</li><li>2. Discuss the relevant echocardiographic information for patients being treated for heart failure</li><li>3. Describe new ECHO technologies that will aid in the diagnosis and treatment of heart failure</li></ol>
II.	<p><b>That's Not the Way It's Supposed to Flow! Transcatheter Treatments for Regurgitation</b> <b>Kimberly W. Valenti, MSN, APRN, FNP-C</b>; Structural Heart Nurse Practitioner, Spartanburg Medical Center <i>ACPE UAN 0062-9999-25-093-L01-P, 0.75 contact hours, application-based activity</i></p> <p><i>At the completion of this activity, the participant will be able to:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Explain the relationship between congestive heart failure and mitral/tricuspid valve regurgitation on heart failure progression</li><li>2. Identify patients with heart failure who are appropriate candidates for MitraClip or TriClip based on echocardiographic findings and guideline recommendations</li><li>3. Describe current research and evolving role of transcatheter valve repair in heart failure management</li></ol>
III.	<p><b>Heart-Felt Benefits: The Role of GLP-1 Receptor Agonists in Heart Failure Management</b> <b>Caroline Emery, PharmD</b>; Clinical Pharmacist - Outpatient Cardiology, Prisma Health Richland <i>ACPE UAN 0062-9999-25-094-L01-P, 1.0 contact hours, application-based activity</i></p> <p><i>At the completion of this activity, the participant will be able to:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Describe the mechanism of action of GLP-1 receptor agonists and their cardiovascular effects</li><li>2. Summarize the current clinical evidence supporting the use of GLP-1 receptor agonists in patients with heart failure, with or without diabetes</li><li>3. Apply guideline-based evidence to optimize therapy in patient cases</li></ol>

IV.	<p><b>ATTR Amyloidosis - An Overlooked Patient Experience</b></p> <p><b>James Ampadu, MD</b>; Medical Director for Heart Failure and LVAD Program, Prisma Health  ACPE UAN 0062-9999-25-095-L01-P, 1.50 contact hours, knowledge-based activity</p> <p><i>At the completion of this activity, the participant will be able to:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discuss the presentation and diagnosis of ATTR amyloidosis</li> <li>2. Identify the patient populations at risk for ATTR amyloidosis</li> <li>3. Discuss treatments for ATTR amyloidosis</li> </ol>
V.	<p><b>From Diagnosis to Treatment: A comprehensive view of Pulmonary Hypertension</b></p> <p><b>Ikenna Onyebueke, MD, FCCP</b>; Chief of Pulmonary Medicine, Spartanburg Medical Center  Attending Pulmonologist, Lung and Chest Medical Associates  ACPE UAN 0062-9999-25-096-L01-P, 0.75 contact hours, application-based activity</p> <p><i>At the completion of this activity, the participant will be able to:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Differentiate the pathophysiologic mechanisms and classifications of pulmonary hypertension, including the five WHO groups and hemodynamic subtypes</li> <li>2. Identify causes, risk factors, and comorbid conditions associated with the development of pulmonary hypertension</li> <li>3. Recognize clinical signs, symptoms, and diagnostic findings that support the identification of pulmonary hypertension</li> <li>4. Evaluate current treatment strategies for pulmonary hypertension, including general measures and targeted therapies, to support appropriate patient referral and management</li> </ol>
VI.	<p><b>RV Failure - The Silent Killer</b></p> <p><b>Ryan Lapointe, MD, MS</b>; Attending Physician - Critical Care Medicine, Spartanburg Medical Center  ACPE UAN 0062-9999-25-097-L01-P, 0.75 contact hours, knowledge-based activity</p> <p><i>At the completion of this activity, the participant will be able to:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Define RV failure</li> <li>2. Recognize RV failure based on clinical exam findings</li> <li>3. Differentiate Septic vs Cardiogenic Shock based on POCUS findings</li> <li>4. Identify treatment modalities for RV failure</li> </ol>
VII.	<p><b>Advanced Heart Failure: Referral Timing and Case Studies</b></p> <p><b>Amanda Green, MSN, AGACNP-BC, FNP-C</b>; Nurse Practitioner, Sanger Heart and Vascular Institute/Heart Failure  ACPE UAN 0062-9999-25-098-L01-P, 1.0 contact hours, application-based activity</p> <p><i>At the completion of this activity, the participant will be able to:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify current gaps in the timing of referrals to heart failure clinics and their impact on patient outcomes across all stages of heart failure</li> <li>2. Recognize the clinical benefits of timely and appropriate referrals to specialized heart failure care, including improved patient management and outcomes</li> <li>3. Apply evidence-based guidelines and best practices to optimize referral timing and decision-making for patients with heart failure</li> </ol>