



Annual Rare Cardiac Conditions Conference: February 27, 2026

Overall Conference Learning Objectives:

- Formulate a successful program for patients with rare cardiac conditions
- Summarize discovery research in biomedical, clinical and population health
- Discuss strategies to improve clinical care and collaboration with health care professionals, researchers and patient representatives

TIME (EST)	AGENDA ITEM	SPEAKER(S)
8:15-8:30	Welcome address	Dr. Ian Paterson, Director CCRCC, UOHI
Session 1: Rare Inflammatory Disorders 8:30-9:45	Rare Myocardial Inflammatory Diseases *Learning objectives: Evaluate treatment options for rare myocardial inflammatory diseases.	Dr. Leslie T. Cooper, Mayo Clinic
	Debate: Role of Steroids in the Treatment of Pericarditis *Learning objectives: Analyze multiple perspectives on the role of steroids in the treatment of pericarditis and consider practical implications.	Pro: Dr. Kevin Boczar, UOHI Con: Dr. Brittany Weber, UT Southwestern
	Discussion	
9:45-10:00	Break	
Session 2: Discovery Research 10:00-11:15	Patient Engagement in Clinical Trials *Learning objectives: Recommend strategies to integrate patient voices in clinical trials and prioritize patient perspectives in care for rare cardiac conditions.	Linda Hunter, CANTRAIN
	AI to Improve the Detection and Care of Rare Heart Conditions *Learning objectives: Assess appropriate applications of artificial intelligence in the detection and care of rare cardiac conditions.	Dr. Robert Miller, University of Calgary
	Discussion	
11:15-12:00	Lunch	
	Sub-Conferences	Session Moderators
Sub-conference sessions 12:00-13:30	Cardiac Sarcoidosis	Dr. David Birnie, UOHI
	Coronary MVD	Dr. Aun Yeong Chong, UOHI
	Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy	Dr. Hanh Nguyen, UOHI



13:30-13:45	Break	
Sub-conference sessions 13:45-15:15	Cardiac Amyloidosis	Dr. Gary Small, UOHI
	Genetic Aortopathy	Dr. Munir Boodhwani, UOHI Dr. Julie Richer, CHEO
	Inherited Arrhythmia	Dr. Simon Hansom, UOHI
15:15-15:30	Break	
Sub-conference sessions 15:30-17:00	Genetic Cardiomyopathy	Dr. Sanela Music, UOHI Dr. Maxime Tremblay-Gravel, Montreal Heart Institute
	Pericardial Diseases	Dr. Kevin Boczar, UOHI
	National ACHD case rounds: pulmonary valve disease	Dr. Markus Schwerzmann, UOHI
17:00-17:15	Closing comments	Dr. Ian Paterson and Dr. David Birnie