



Cardio Obstetrics University Symposium Case-Based Challenges in Diagnosis and Management

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Cardio-Obstetrics University Symposium 2026

All times below are shown in EASTERN TIME (ET)*

Day 1 — October 23, 2026, Friday

Time (ET)	Program Details
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Introduction and Program Overview <i>Uri Elkayam (USA)</i>
SESSION 1 — Moderator: Uri Elkayam, USA	
10:15 – 10:45 AM	Case 1 – Pregnancy and Postpartum Hemodynamic Sequelae in a Woman with Fontan Circulation and Chronic Cyanosis Case Presenter: <i>Abby Frederickson (USA)</i> Case Discussant: <i>Marla Mendelson (USA)</i> Panelists: <i>Anil Mehra (USA), Marla Mendelson (USA), Uri Elkayam (USA)</i>
10:45 – 11:15 AM	Case 2 – Takotsubo Cardiomyopathy Masquerading as Maternal Cardiac Arrest – A Clinical Wake-up Call Case Presenter: <i>Ioannis Angelidis (USA)</i> Case Discussant: <i>Marie-Louise Meng (USA)</i> Panelists: <i>Katherine Arendt (USA), Marie-Louise Meng (USA)</i>
11:15 – 11:45 AM	Case 3 – Anticoagulation for Mechanical Heart Valves: A Cautionary Tale Case Presenter: <i>Annalies DeNoble (USA)</i> Case Discussant: <i>Uri Elkayam (USA)</i> Panelists: <i>Jeannette Lin (USA), Uri Elkayam (USA), Avraham Shotan (Israel)</i>
11:45 – 11:55 AM	Break
SESSION 2 — Moderator: Candice Silversides, Canada	
11:55 AM – 12:25 PM	Case 4 – Resistant Fetal SVT: A Delicate Balance Between Maternal and Fetal Safety Case Presenter: <i>Amy M. Ahnert (USA)</i> Case Discussant: <i>Danna Spears (Canada)</i> Panelists: <i>Afshan Hameed (USA), Danna Spears (Canada), Candice Silversides (Canada)</i>
12:25 – 12:55 PM	Case 5 – Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation in a Very Young Patient with Failed Bioprosthesis as a Bridge to Mechanical Aortic Valve Replacement Case Presenter: <i>Aniko Ilona Nagy (Hungary)</i> Case Discussant: <i>Doreen DeFaria Yeh (USA)</i> Panelists: <i>Uri Elkayam (USA), Doreen DeFaria Yeh (USA), Candice Silversides (Canada)</i>

12:55 – 1:25 PM	Case 6 – Recovery of Postpartum Ventricular Dysfunction in a Fontan Patient Treated with Guideline-Directed Medical Therapy Case Presenter: <i>Shantelle Bartra (USA)</i> Case Discussant: <i>Candice Silversides (Canada)</i> Panelists: <i>Melinda Davis (USA), Candice Silversides (Canada), Afshan Hameed (USA)</i>
1:25 – 1:55 PM	Case 7 – Complex Cardio-obstetrics Case: TAVI Valve in a Dysfunctional Bioprosthetic Mitral Valve Can Improve Maternal Hemodynamics and Fetal Outcomes Case Presenter: <i>Natalie Bottega (Canada)</i> Case Discussant: <i>Anil Mehra (USA)</i> Panelists: <i>Uri Elkayam (USA), Anil Mehra (USA), Candice Silversides (Canada)</i>
1:55 – 2:05 PM	Break
SESSION 3 — Moderator: Avraham Shotan, Israel	
2:05 – 2:35 PM	Case 8 – Incidental Diagnosis of Cardiac Myxoma During Pregnancy Case Presenter: <i>Kyra Deep (USA)</i> Case Discussant: <i>Robert Cusimano (Canada)</i> Panelists: <i>William Mauermann (USA), Avraham Shotan (Israel)</i>
2:35 – 3:05 PM	Case 9 – Ventricular Tachycardia and Dilated Cardiomyopathy in an Amish Woman Case Presenter: <i>Kyra Deep (USA)</i> Case Discussant: <i>Lisa Albertini (Canada)</i> Panelists: <i>Danna Spears (Canada), Lisa Albertini (Canada), Avraham Shotan (Israel)</i>
3:05 – 3:35 PM	Case 10 – Peripartum Temporary Left Ventricular Assist Device for Peripartum Ischemic Cardiomyopathy Case Presenter: <i>Liliane Ernst (USA)</i> Case Discussant: <i>Anil Mehra (USA)</i> Panelists: <i>Marie-Louise Meng (USA), Anil Mehra (USA), Avraham Shotan (Israel)</i>
3:35 – 3:45 PM	Break
SESSION 4 — Moderator: Afshan Hameed, USA	
3:45 – 4:15 PM	Case 11 – Multidisciplinary Management of Severe Mitral Regurgitation and Valve Perforation from Treated Endocarditis in a High-Risk Late Pregnancy Case Presenter: <i>Megan Gauthier (USA)</i> Case Discussant: <i>Uri Elkayam (USA)</i> Panelists: <i>Katherine Arendt (USA), Uri Elkayam (USA), Afshan Hameed (USA)</i>
4:15 – 4:45 PM	Case 12 – Use of Multimodal Evaluation to Prevent Unnecessary Interventions in a Pregnant Patient with Severe Mitral Stenosis Case Presenter: <i>Nare Torosyan (USA)</i> Case Discussant: <i>Uri Elkayam (USA)</i> Panelists: <i>Candice Silversides (Canada), Uri Elkayam (USA), Afshan Hameed (USA)</i>

Day 2 — October 24, 2026, Saturday

Time (ET)	Program Details
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Introduction <i>Avraham Shotan (Israel)</i>
SESSION 1 — Moderator: Avraham Shotan, Israel	
10:15 – 10:45 AM	Case 1 – Pregnancy Post Personalized External Aortic Root Support (PEARS) in Women with Heritable Thoracic Aortic Aneurysm and Dissection Syndromes Case Presenter: <i>Juul Molendijk (The Netherlands)</i>

	Case Discussant: <i>Julie De Backer (Belgium)</i> Panelists: <i>John Eleftheriades (USA), Julie De Backer (Belgium), Avraham Shotan (Israel)</i>
10:45 – 11:15 AM	Case 2 – Peripartum Management in Vascular Ehlers Danlos Syndrome Case Presenter: <i>Nikitha Reddy (USA)</i> Case Discussant: <i>Melissa Russo (USA)</i> Panelists: <i>Katherine Salciccioli (USA), Melissa Russo (USA), Avraham Shotan (Israel)</i>
11:15 – 11:45 AM	Case 3 – Ascending Aortic Aneurysm in a Pregnant Patient with Adult Congenital Heart Disease and Preterm Preeclampsia with Severe Features Case Presenter: <i>Joanne N. Quinones-Rivera (USA)</i> Case Discussant: <i>John Eleftheriades (USA)</i> Panelists: <i>Dan Halpern (USA), John Eleftheriades (USA), Avraham Shotan (Israel)</i>
11:45 – 11:55 AM	Break
SESSION 2 — Moderator: Candice Silversides, Canada	
11:55 AM – 12:25 PM	Case 4 – Managing a Pregnant Patient with a Prosthetic Mechanical Heart Valve and Subchorionic Hematomas Case Presenter: <i>Jenica Thangathurai, USA</i> Case Discussant: <i>Uri Elkayam, USA</i> Panelists: <i>Irving Steinberg, USA, Uri Elkayam, USA, Candice Silversides, Canada</i>
12:25 – 12:55 PM	Case 5 – Axillary Impella 5.5 for Cardiogenic Shock in Pregnancy: Bridge to Delivery and Transplant Case Presenter: <i>Monique Oye, USA</i> Case Discussant: <i>Hilary Shapiro, USA</i> Panelists: <i>Afshan Hameed, USA, Hilary Shapiro, USA, Candice Silversides, Canada</i>
12:55 – 1:25 PM	Case 6 – Management of a Pregnant Patient with Bilateral Pulmonary Embolism with Right Heart Strain, and Vaginal Bleeding Case Presenter: <i>Saila Moni, USA</i> Case Discussant: <i>Anil Mehra, USA</i> Panelists: <i>Diana Wolfe, USA, Anil Mehra, USA, Candice Silversides, Canada</i>
1:25 – 1:35 PM	Break
SESSION 3 — Moderator: Afshan Hameed, USA	
1:35 – 2:05 PM	Case 7 – A Devastating Presentation of Peripartum Cardiomyopathy: From Bedside to Long-Term Follow Up Case Presenter: <i>Karen Rausch, Australia</i> Case Discussant: <i>Sorel Goland, Israel</i> Panelists: <i>Kalgi Modi, USA, Sorel Goland, Israel, Afshan Hameed, USA</i>
2:05 – 2:35 PM	Case 8 – Management of Severe Aortic Stenosis in a Pregnancy Complicated by twin Gestation & Preeclampsia Case Presenter: <i>Lindsay Speros Robbins, USA</i> Case Discussant: <i>Samuel Siu, Canada</i> Panelists: <i>Katherine Arendt, USA, Samuel Siu, Canada, Afshan Hameed, USA</i>
2:35 – 3:05 PM	Case 9 – Eisenmenger Syndrome Unmasked in Pregnancy Case Presenter: <i>Retu Saxena, USA</i> Case Discussant: <i>Candice Silversides, Canada</i> Panelists: <i>Marie-Louise Meng, USA, Candice Silversides, Canada, Afshan Hameed, USA</i>
3:05 – 3:15 PM	Break
SESSION 4 — Moderator: Uri Elkayam, USA	
3:15 – 3:45 PM	Case 10 – Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction in Second Trimester Case Presenter: <i>Amoli Kulkarni, USA</i> Case Discussant: <i>Uri Elkayam, USA</i>

	Panelists: <i>Afshan Hameed, USA, Anil Mehra, USA</i>
3:45 – 4:15 PM	Case 11 – Management of Coronary Artery Disease in a Pregnant Patient Case Presenter: <i>Nikita Jejurikar, USA</i> Case Discussant: <i>Lee Padove, USA</i> Panelists: <i>Anil Mehra, USA, Lee Padove, USA, Uri Elkayam, USA</i>
4:15 – 4:45 PM	Case 12 – Left Main and Multivessel Scad in Late Pregnancy: Strategies for a Safe Delivery Case Presenter: <i>Beatriz Fernandez Campos, Canada</i> Case Discussant: <i>Marysia S. Tweet, USA</i> Panelists: <i>Uri Elkayam, USA, Marysia S. Tweet, USA, Candice Silversides, Canada</i>
4:45 – 5:00 PM	Concluding Remarks <i>Uri Elkayam, USA</i>