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National Conference for Nurse Practitioners in Acute Care

Hyatt Regency Orlando
Orlando, FL

MARCH 4-8, 2026

Preconferences &
Advanced Procedures Workshops:
March 4-5, 2026

Main Conference: March 5-8, 2026

Exhibits: March 5-7, 2026



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Reasons Not to Miss NPAC 2026!

- ✓ Attend the largest national conference specifically for nurse practitioners and advanced practice nurses working in acute care
- ✓ Update yourself on the latest evidence-based practice guidelines, recent issues, and trends
- ✓ Maximize advanced pharmacology contact hours required for national recertification
- ✓ Refine and perfect advanced invasive procedures skills to enhance your practice
- ✓ Network with hundreds of NPs working in acute care throughout the country
- ✓ See all of the latest technologies, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, career opportunities, and other products in today's market with our exhibitors
- ✓ Barkley & Associates, Inc., is approved as a provider of nurse practitioner continuing education by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. AANP Provider Number 080518. This activity has been approved for up to **21.75** contact hours of continuing education (which includes **13.25 hours of pharmacology** and **2.75 hours of advanced procedures**).

Conference Location



Hyatt Regency Orlando
9801 International Drive | Orlando, FL 32819

Located right on **International Drive**, the Hyatt puts you in the middle of all the action. You'll be just minutes away from Orlando's top attractions like theme parks, shopping, and nightlife.

The guest rooms are spacious, stylish, and designed with comfort in mind. You'll have all the essentials—plush bedding, fast Wi-Fi, UHD TVs, and a workspace if you need to catch up on anything. Whether you're relaxing after a full day of sessions or gearing up for a fun night out, your room is the perfect place to recharge.

Take advantage of our special discounted hotel block rate. If the block rate is no longer available, member rates may be offered for some or all of your dates through the Hyatt loyalty program or other travel agencies, such as Costco Travel.

Registration Fees

LAUNCH SALE \$579 register by June 15, 2025
EARLY BIRD \$619 register by August 24, 2025
STANDARD \$659 register by October 24, 2025
REGULAR \$699 register by January 23, 2026
FINAL \$739 register by February 11, 2026
LAST MINUTE \$769 register after February 11, 2026
Student/New Graduate (2025 & 2026)/ Retired Nurse Practitioner Fees:
STANDARD \$529 register by January 23, 2026
LAST MINUTE \$629 register after January 23, 2026

Important Dates

Launch Sale Registration	Ends June 15, 2025
Early Bird Registration	Ends August 24, 2025
Standard Registration	Ends October 24, 2025
Regular Registration	Ends January 23, 2026
No Refund Period	Begins February 1, 2026
Final Registration	Ends February 11, 2026
Last Minute Registration	Begins February 12, 2026
First Day of Preconferences	March 4, 2026
First Day of NPAC	March 5, 2026

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Registration Information

Simply go to www.NPAC2026.com to register. Registration must be completed online. If you do not receive an email receipt within 2 business days, please email Barkley@NPcourses.com.

Purchase Order

If your employer or sponsoring organization is paying for Conference Registration, and it is not possible to either use a corporate credit card or make arrangements for reimbursement, a purchase order can be submitted via email to NPAC@NPcourses.com. Complete your registration process as normal and choose the "Purchase Order" option at the end of checkout.

Barkley & Associates will contact the person listed on the purchase order and send an invoice. Only verified purchase orders from hospitals, medical centers, or healthcare organizations will be honored. The purchase order must be received no later than 10 business days after the date of pending registration. The registration price may only be honored at the time the purchase order is received.

Advanced Procedures Workshops

Due to high demand and the need to reserve seats to maintain small groups, no refunds are allowed once registered for an APW, regardless of the reason. In addition, no refunds will be given to registrants who do not attend their scheduled workshop, regardless of the reason. The fee for transferring any APW to another attendee is \$60.

Registration Transfer

A transfer fee of \$100 will apply for transfers from one person to another for main conference registration. Prices are subject to change without notice.

Preconferences

Due to high demand, no refunds are allowed once registered for a Preconference, regardless of the reason. In addition, no refunds will be given to registrants who do not attend their scheduled workshop, regardless of the reason. The fee for transferring each Preconference is \$60.

Cancellation Policy & Fees

All NPAC Conference cancellations must be submitted in writing to Barkley & Associates, Inc., at Barkley@NPcourses.com.

Until October 1, 2025: **\$150 administrative fee**

Between October 2, 2025, and February 1, 2026: **\$250 administrative fee**

After February 1, 2026: **No refunds (regardless of reason)**

- *Conference prices are subject to change without notice.
- *Attendees are strongly encouraged to consider trip insurance.

We encourage all NPAC 2026 attendees to purchase travel insurance. While we do not endorse any particular company, travel insurance is extremely affordable!

Force Majeure

In the unlikely event that Barkley & Associates, Inc., has to cancel the conference for reasons beyond their control, including but not limited to acts of God or nature, strikes, war, terrorist acts, hotel labor disputes, disease (e.g., epidemics, pandemics), civil disturbances, travel advisories, or other government restrictions, the liability of Barkley & Associates, Inc., shall be limited to a refund of the attendee's course registration fee.

General Information

Contact Hours/Pharmacology

This conference is approved for up to **21.75** contact hours of continuing education (which includes **13.25** hours of pharmacology and **2.75** hours of advanced procedures). This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation standards of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).

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All NP state regulatory agencies (i.e., State Boards of Nursing) and all national certifying bodies (e.g., ANCC, AANP, AACN, PNCB, and NCC) recognize and accept AANP CE credit for recertification.

Conference Handouts

All attendees will have access to a PDF of the conference manual, including all General Session PowerPoints, in the **NPcourses.com** customer portal 1 week prior to the conference. Please download the manual prior to arriving at the conference.

For your convenience, you can reserve a printed and bound conference manual for \$50. The manual, which will feature all of the PowerPoints for all General Sessions, will be available for pickup at the conference.

Exhibits

Participate in the Exhibitor Scavenger Hunt by visiting all of the exhibit booths to qualify for a chance to win a free 2028 NPAC registration!

Advanced Procedures Workshops (APWs)

Using state-of-the-art mannequins, ultrasounds, and other equipment, these popular workshops are specifically designed as 100% hands-on, small-group experiences with expert faculty. To obtain procedural CE, and to maximize a fully hands-on experience, these workshops require attendees to review approximately 1 hour of material prior to the session. Assignments will be located in each customer’s Barkley & Associates portal approximately 4 weeks prior to the conference.

In addition to meeting ANCC, AACN, and AANPCB recertification CE credit, all Advanced Procedures Workshops are approved to meet the AANPCB requirement of 30 hours in emergency care procedural skills to be eligible to sit for national ENP certification.

Do not miss this opportunity to:

- Perfect Advanced Procedural skills that enhance your practice
- Get hands-on attention from expert faculty in workshops limited to 8 to 10 attendees
- Earn up to a maximum of 12 contact hours of CE, which includes 12 contact hours of Advanced Procedures

Wednesday, March 4 – Thursday, March 5, 2026



**Advanced Procedures Workshop A:
Landmark & Ultrasound-Guided Central Line Placement & Vascular Access**
(Landmark & Ultrasound-Guided EJ, IJ, Subclavian, Femoral Sites, & Intraosseous Line Placement)

Nichole Crenshaw, DNP, AGACNP-BC, ANP-BC, CHSE, FAANP
Rita Dello Stritto, PhD, CNS, ENP, ACNP-BC, FAANP

APW A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6
(Limited to ≈ 8 seats in each of two groups; **3 contact hours, which includes 3 hours of advanced procedures**)



**Advanced Procedures Workshop B:
Difficult Airway Management**
(Adjunct Airways [nasal trumpet, oral airway, LMA], Endotracheal Intubation, Use of Bougie, King Airway Tube Placement, Cricothyrotomy, & other strategies)

Steven W. Branham, PhD, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC, ENP-C, FAANP

APW B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, B6
(Limited to ≈ 10 seats; **3 contact hours, which includes 3 hours of advanced procedures**)



**Advanced Procedures Workshop C:
Landmark & Ultrasound-Guided Thoracentesis, Needle Decompression, & Chest Tube Insertion**

Richard McLaughlin, DNP, AGACNP-BC, FAANP

APW C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6
(Limited to ≈ 10 seats; **3 contact hours, which includes 3 hours of advanced procedures**)



**Advanced Procedures Workshop D:
Landmark & Ultrasound-Guided Lumbar Puncture, Paracentesis, & Extended Focused Assessment with Sonography in Trauma (EFAST) Exam**

Juan M. Gonzalez, PhD, DNP, APRN, AGACNP-BC, FNP-BC, ENP-C, CEN, CNE, FAANP, FAAN

APW D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, D6
(Limited to ≈ 10 seats; **3 contact hours, which includes 3 hours of advanced procedures**)

Due to high demand and the need to reserve seats to maintain small groups, no refunds are allowed once registered for an APW, regardless of the reason. In addition, no refunds will be given to registrants who do not attend their scheduled workshop, regardless of the reason.

Barkley & Associates reserves the right to reassign attendees to a different Advanced Procedures Workshop time, if needed, to ensure optimal group learning and appropriate faculty-to-student ratios. In this case, attendees will be notified in advance of alternatives.

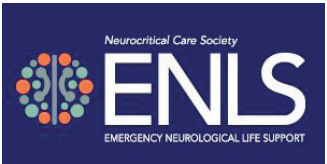
The fee for transferring any APW to another attendee is \$60.

Preconferences

These amazing Preconference sessions focus on advanced assessment, diagnostic testing, and clinical management. Gain confidence in providing crucial emergency care through the Emergency Neurological Life Support® (ENLS) Course. To fit varying levels of experience, Introductory and Advanced Workshops are offered for 12-lead EKG and Imaging and Radiology. The Cardiac Valvular Disease Workshop and the Mechanical Ventilation Boot Camp are great opportunities to deepen and sharpen knowledge. Finally, the Advanced Suturing workshop is an excellent opportunity to extend and enhance hands-on skills.



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Part I:
Wednesday, March 4, 2026
12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

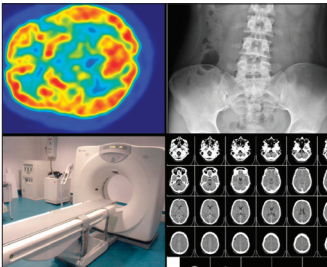
Part II:
Thursday, March 5, 2026
7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Preconference 1:
The Emergency Neurological Life Support® (ENLS) Course**

Sarah L. Livesay, DNP, APRN, ACNP-BC, ACNS-BC, FNCS, FAAN
Susan Yeager, DNP, ACNP-BC, CCRN, FNCS

The Emergency Neurological Life Support® (ENLS) Course is an educational program designed to help healthcare professionals improve patient care and outcomes during the critical first hours of a patient’s neurological emergency. ENLS® demonstrates a collaborative, multi-disciplinary approach and provides a consistent set of protocols, practical checklists, decision points, and suggested communication to use during patient management. This ENLS® course is an instructor-led training session that offers a robust introduction to each course topic through instructor-led classroom training. If attendees wish, this CE credit can be used as part of the requirement to obtain ENLS® certification.

(Seats are limited; **8 contact hours, which includes 2.5 hours of pharmacology**)



Wednesday, March 4, 2026
12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Preconference 2:
ADVANCED Imaging and Radiology Workshop: CTs, MRIs, PET, and More!**

Timothy Dean Montrief, MD, MPH

Knowing the difference between various radiology techniques and protocols is vital knowledge for all nurse practitioners (NPs). Beyond an understanding of basic X-ray interpretation, ADVANCED imaging and radiology provide a mechanism to more effectively diagnose complex patient conditions. This presentation will explore appropriate imaging technologies for NPs to consider when evaluating patients with both common and uncommon complaints. Case studies will be used to illustrate the latest evidence-based practices in ADVANCED patient imaging.

(Seats are limited; **3 contact hours, which includes 0.25 hours of pharmacology and 3 hours of advanced procedures**)



Wednesday, March 4, 2026
12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Preconference 3:
12-Lead EKG: From Start to Competent in 3 Hours!**

Joshua D. Thornsberry, DNP, AGACNP-BC, ANP-BC, CCK, FACC

This presentation is designed to increase the confidence and clinical proficiency of NPs at all levels of experience with 12-lead EKG interpretation. After reviewing foundational principles, a variety of 12-lead EKG patterns will be explored, including inferior, septal, anterior, lateral, and posterior infarctions. Right ventricular infarction patterns and associations with inferior and posterior infarctions will be emphasized.

The session will review the criteria for identifying reciprocal changes, left and right ventricular hypertrophy, strain, and left and right bundle branch blocks. In the end, the participant should feel certain that they’ve gone from “I’m never quite sure” to “I’ve got it!”

(Seats are limited; **3 contact hours, which includes 0.5 hours of pharmacology and 3 hours of advanced procedures**)

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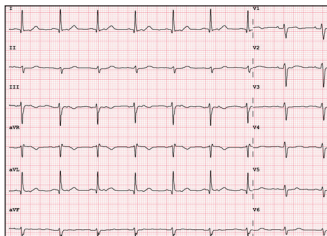
Thursday, March 5, 2026
7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Preconference 4:
Radiology Review: From the Beginning Novice to Expert in 3 Hours!

Timothy Dean Montrieff, MD, MPH

Being able to review an X-ray is an important role for the nurse practitioner, yet many do not have a firm understanding of the basics in imaging interpretation. This session will take participants from the very basics of understanding the shades between black and white on an X-ray, to the more advanced techniques of identifying pneumonia, heart failure, cardiomegaly, pleural effusions, bowel obstructions, spinal injuries, Salter-Harris fractures, and much more. Within 3 hours, you will go from the beginning novice to expert in X-ray interpretation in the acute care setting!

(Seats are limited; **3 contact hours, which includes 0.25 hours of pharmacology and 3 hours of advanced procedures**)



Thursday, March 5, 2026
7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Preconference 5:
ADVANCED 12-Lead EKG Workshop

Joshua D. Thornsberry, DNP, AGACNP-BC, ANP-BC, CCK, FACC

So you're comfortable with the foundational principles of 12-Lead EKG interpretation. What are some of the more nuanced interpretive standards to utilize while you implement this key assessment tool? When should you worry?

This ADVANCED 12-Lead EKG interpretation workshop will begin with a discussion of AV blocks, focusing on the guidelines that differentiate a Mobitz I second-degree AV block from a Mobitz II second-degree AV block. Key information about third-degree heart blocks, right and left bundle branch blocks, and hemiblocks will also be presented. In addition, we will focus on the salient features, causes, and management strategies of complex dysrhythmias. Other topics include complex tachycardias (e.g., Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome and Long-Ganong-Levine syndrome) and the differentiation between sinus arrests and sinus blocks. Join us for an informative and detailed workshop that will strengthen your ability and confidence with the 12-Lead EKG.

(Seats are limited; **3 contact hours, which includes 0.5 hours of pharmacology and 3 hours of advanced procedures**)



Thursday, March 5, 2026
12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Preconference 6:
Cardiac Valvular Disease Workshop

Kristine Anne Scordo, PhD, APRN, ACNP-BC, FAANP

With the dramatic aging of the American population over the past several decades, degenerative lesions of the mitral and aortic valves that result in mitral regurgitation, aortic stenosis, or aortic regurgitation are now the most prevalent valvular disorders that require intervention. This workshop will better prepare nurse practitioners to diagnose and treat patients with valvular heart disease, which remains a common cause of morbidity and mortality. The session focuses on the latest practice guidelines, along with advanced cardiac assessment, echocardiographic, and other diagnostics to improve patient management. Mitral valve prolapse syndrome (a common valvular disorder) and the differentiation of acute versus chronic mitral regurgitation are also discussed.

(Seats are limited; **3 contact hours, which includes 1 hour of pharmacology and 1 hour of advanced procedures**)



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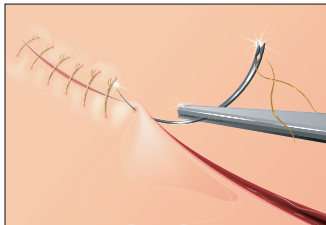
Preconference 7:
Mechanical Ventilation Boot Camp

Jacob A. Miller, DNP, MBA, AGACNP-BC, FNP-BC, ENP-C, CNS, NRP, FAEN, FAEMS

The mechanical ventilator is the leading support device in critical care; it supports gas exchange, decreases the work of breathing, and is an integral part of shock management. This comprehensive boot camp targets both entry-level and intermediate practitioners responsible for the care of mechanically ventilated patients. The session provides rationales for initial ventilator settings and adjustments based on blood gases, synchrony, and waveform analysis. By the end of this boot camp, nurse practitioners in acute care will have a better understanding of the interplay between the patient and the machine to optimize benefit and mitigate risk to their patients.

(Seats are limited; **3 contact hours, which includes 0.5 hours of pharmacology and 3 hours of advanced procedures**)

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Thursday, March 5, 2026
12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Preconference 8:
ADVANCED Suturing: Beyond the Basics

Steven W. Branham, PhD, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC, ENP-C, FAANP
Rita Dello Stritto, PhD, CNS, ENP, ACNP-BC, FAANP

Beyond the basics of suturing, this dynamic ADVANCED session will cover multilayer closure, vertical and horizontal mattress, stellate lac repair, Aberdeen knot, running simple suture, subcuticular running suture, chest tube suture technique, figure 8, and others as time permits. This preconference builds on previous knowledge and experiences of beginning suturing to provide attendees with the most progressive techniques and skills for their practice.

(Seats are limited; **3 contact hours, which includes 0.25 hours of pharmacology and 3 hours of advanced procedures**)

Thursday, March 5, 2026

Keynote & Welcome Reception

Exploring the Current State of NP Practice in Acute Care

4:30 p.m. - 4:50 p.m.

Thomas W. Barkley, Jr., PhD, ACNP-BC, ANP, FAANP, FAAN

NPAC Conference Chair

and

President, Barkley & Associates, Inc.

(0.33 contact hours)

Opening Keynote Address

Nurse Practitioners in Acute Care: Advancing Excellence, Transforming Care

4:50 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

April N. Kapu, DNP, APRN, ACNP-BC, FAANP, FCCM, FAAN

Associate Dean for Strategic Partnerships and Global Affairs
Vanderbilt University School of Nursing

(1.17 contact hours, which includes 0.25 hours of pharmacology)

Welcome Reception and Grand Opening of Exhibits

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Conference Schedule

Friday, March 6, 2026

6:00 a.m.	Conference Registration Opens
6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors: Refereed Poster Session (Streaming throughout the Conference)
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	General Session 1 Acute Care Infectious Diseases Update 2026 <i>Thomas W. Barkley, Jr., PhD, ACNP-BC, ANP, FAANP, FAAN</i>
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	General Session 2 Mind Matters: Current Advances in Neurocritical Care <i>Sarah L. Livesay, DNP, APRN, ACNP-BC, CNS-BC, FNCS, FAAN</i>
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Break Exhibits: Refereed Poster Session (Streaming throughout the Conference)
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	General Session 3 Hot Topics in Cardiology <i>Joshua D. Thornsberry, DNP, AGACNP-BC, ANP-BC, CCK, FACC</i>
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	General Session 4 Respiratory Failure, ARDS, and More: Updates in Acute Care Pulmonology <i>Haley Hoy, PhD, ACNP-BC</i>
12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Lunch on Own
1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	General Session 5 Maximizing POCUS for Rapid Diagnosis: From the ED to the ICU to the Floor and More <i>Juan M. González, PhD, DNP, APRN, AGACNP-BC, FNP-BC, ENP-C, CEN, CNE, FAANP, FAAN</i> <i>Nichole Crenshaw, DNP, APRN, AGACNP-BC, ANP-BC, CHSE, FAANP</i>
2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	General Session 6 Management of Acute Complications in the Oncology Patient <i>Stefanie Keating, PhD(c), DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC, AOCNP</i> <i>Bernadette Sosnowski-Funk, DNP, ACNP-BC, CSC, CMC</i>
3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Break Exhibits: Refereed Poster Session (Streaming throughout the Conference)
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	General Session 7 Application of the Evidence to Limit Complications in the Surgical Patient <i>Daria Ruffolo, DNP, ACNP-BC, CCRN</i>
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	General Session 8 Alcohol and Substance Use Withdrawal in the Hospitalized Patient <i>Sara Damron, DNP, AGACNP-BC</i>
5:30 p.m.	Adjourn

Saturday, March 7, 2026

6:00 a.m.	Conference Registration Opens
6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors: Refereed Poster Session (Streaming throughout the Conference)
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	General Session 9 Artificial Intelligence in Acute Care: The Future is Now <i>Grace H. Sun, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC</i>
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	General Session 10 Updates in Diabetes Management in Critical and Acute Care <i>Michele H. Talley, PhD, ACNP-BC, FNAP, FAANP, FAAN</i>
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Break Exhibits: Refereed Poster Session (Streaming throughout the Conference)
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	General Session 11 Common Inpatient Dermatology Question Marks <i>Lauren M. Madigan, MD</i>

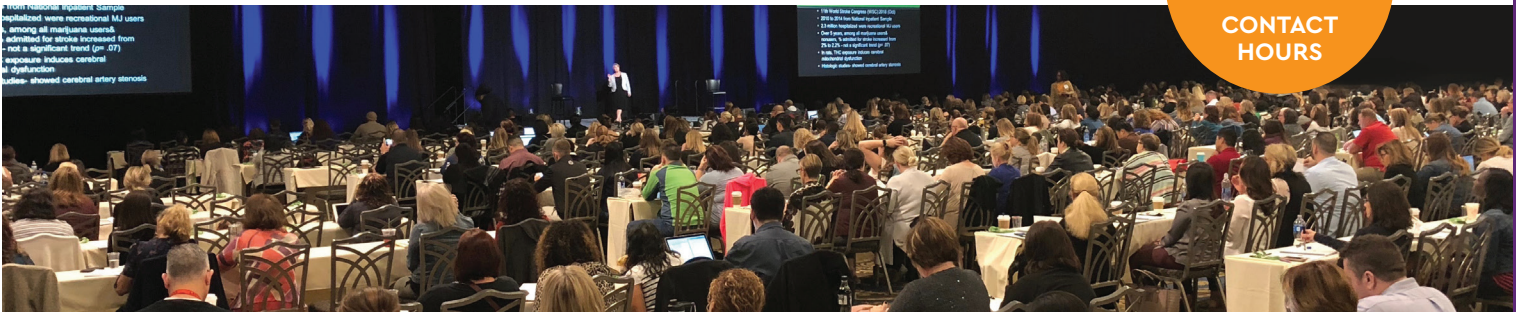
Saturday, March 7, 2026 continued

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	General Session 12 The Latest in Heart Failure: From Simple to Beyond Complex <i>Benjamin Hocutt, DNP, AGACNP-BC, AACC, HF-Cert</i>
12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Lunch on Own
1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	General Session 13 How Much Do You Know About ECMO? <i>Timothy Dean Montrief, MD, MPH</i>
2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	General Session 14 Caring for the Geriatric Trauma Patient: Subtle Nuances You Should Know <i>Rose Milano, DNP, ACNP-BC</i>
3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Break Exhibits: Refereed Poster Session (Streaming throughout the Conference)
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	General Session 15 Challenging Cases in Nephrology: Staying on Top of Renal Function <i>Jeffrey J. Kaufhold, MD, FACP, HEC-C</i>
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	General Session 16 Quick Takes: What Not to Miss in Hospital Medicine <i>Melissa Diehl Weidner, PhD, CRNP, AGACNP-BC, ANP-BC</i>
5:30 p.m.	Adjourn

Sunday, March 8, 2026

6:00 a.m.	Conference Registration Opens
6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors: Refereed Poster Session (Streaming throughout the Conference)
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	General Session 17 Malpractice Essentials for NPs in Acute Care <i>Christopher W. Blackwell, PhD, APRN, ANP-BC, AGACNP-BC, CNE, FAANP, FAAN</i>
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Acute Care Pharmacology Update 1 <i>Lawrence Carey, Pharm D</i> <i>Elizabeth VandeWaa, PhD</i>
9:30 a.m. - 09:45 a.m.	Break
9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Acute Care Pharmacology Update 2 <i>Lawrence Carey, Pharm D</i> <i>Elizabeth VandeWaa, PhD</i>
11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	What's Else Is New Or News In Acute Care Pharmacology 2026? <i>Lawrence Carey, Pharm D</i> <i>Elizabeth VandeWaa, PhD</i>
11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Conference Summary and Future Directives <i>Thomas W. Barkley, Jr., PhD, ACNP-BC, ANP, FAANP, FAAN</i>
12:00 p.m.	Adjourn

TOTAL BY ATTENDING MAIN CONFERENCE
UP TO
21.75
CONTACT HOURS



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