

UT Health East Texas & Tyler Cardiovascular Consultants Cardiology Symposium

May 2, 2026 W.T. Brookshire Conference Center



This conference unites physicians, nurses, allied health professionals and healthcare leaders around one shared purpose: shifting from simply managing disease to actively empowering wellness. Get ready for inspiration, practical tools, and a renewed vision of what healthcare can become when lifestyle forms the cornerstone of treatment. Welcome to a movement that is changing lives.

Lectures will be followed by the opportunity for questions and answers.

Continuing Education Credit

Continuing Medical Education

The University of Texas at Tyler Health Science Center is accredited by the Texas Medical Association to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians.

The University of Texas at Tyler Health Science Center designates this live activity for a maximum of **4.25 AMA PRA Category 1 credits**.™ Participants should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. This program is also designated for **1.0 hour** of medical ethics and/or professional responsibility credit.**

Continuing Nursing Education

The University of Texas at Tyler School of Nursing is accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

To obtain **4.5 ANCC CNE Credit hours**, participants must be present for the entire workshop and complete an evaluation survey.

Continuing EMS Education

UT Health East Texas EMS provides EMS CE in compliance with the rules adapted under State Law by the Texas Department of State Health Services as presented by UT Health East Texas EMS Continuing Education Program # 600711.

Continuing Radiologic Technologists

Approved by the ASRT for Category A continuing education credit.

Conference Faculty

Brent Davis, MD

UT Tyler School of Medicine
Tyler, Texas

Rev. Chris Legg, LPC

Alethia Family Counseling Center
Tyler, Texas

Dario Manley, MD

Houston Methodist - DeBakey Heart
and Vascular Center
Houston, Texas

Frank Navetta, MD

UT Tyler School of Medicine
Tyler, Texas

Gaurav Patel, MD

UT Tyler School of Medicine
Tyler, Texas

Purveshkumar Patel, MD

UT Tyler School of Medicine
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Robert Smith, MD

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Carla Wang-Kocik, MD

UT Tyler School of Medicine
Tyler, Texas

Detlef Wencker, MD

UT Tyler School of Medicine
Tyler, Texas

Symposium Schedule

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

8 - 8:30 a.m.

Sign-in, Breakfast and Vendor Area Open

8:30 - 8:45 a.m.

Welcome

Speakers: Brent Davis, MD
& Gaurav Patel, MD

8:45 - 9:20 a.m.

**Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension
Spanning Fundamentals to the Fourth
Pathway**

Speaker: Carla Wang-Kocik, MD

9:20 - 9:35 a.m.

Break & Exhibits

9:35 - 10:10 a.m.

**Beyond Guideline-Directed Medical
Therapy (GDMT) in Heart Failure: The
Expanding Role of LVAD Therapy in
East Texas**

Speaker: Detlef Wencker, MD

10:10 - 10:25 a.m.

Break & Exhibits

10:25 - 11 a.m.

**Multimodality Cardiac Imaging
Update: A Real-World Case Based
Review**

Speaker: Dario Manley, MD

11 - 11:15 a.m.

Break & Exhibits

11:15 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.

**Renal Denervation: An Emerging
Approach to the Management of
Resistant Hypertension**

Speakers: Frank Navetta, MD &
Robert Smith, MD

12:05 - 12:40 p.m.

Lunch, Vendor Area Open

12:40 - 1:15 p.m.

**Preoperative Cardiovascular
Evaluation and Management**

Speaker: Purveshkumar Patel, MD

1:15 - 2:20 p.m.

**The Relationship Between Brain
Reward Systems and Consciousness**

Speaker: Chris Legg, LPC

*Ethics Credit***

2:20 - 2:30 p.m.

Closing & Giveaway Drawing

Speakers: Brent Davis, MD
& Gaurav Patel, MD

Registration & Contact Location



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