Advanced Heart Failure in Practice 2026 – Guidelines, Devices, Decisions

Donnerstag, 3.12.26

14.00-14.10 Begrüßung
D. Zimpfer, Wien; J. Altenberger, Salzburg; J. Riebandt, Wien

14.10-14.30 Advanced Heart Failure 2026 – What Has Changed, What Comes Next?
L. van Laake, Utrecht

Session I : From Guidelines to Decisions – Advanced Heart Failure in 2026 (Moderators: M. Wallner, Graz; H. Arfsten, Wien; Panelists: B. Schachner, Linz; H. Altenberger, Salzburg; I. Coti, Wien)

14.30-14.50 Advanced Heart Failure – When to refer?
C. Marko; Wien

14.50-15.05 Valve Intervention in Advanced Heart Failure – When is fixing the valve enough?
C. Brenner, Innsbruck

15.05-15.20 Revascularization in Advanced Heart Failure – Who Benefits?
P. Angleitner, Wien

15.20-15.35 HTX or Durable MCS – What Do the 2026 Guidelines Tell Us?
S. Marek-Iannucci, Wien

15.35-15.50 Temporary MCS in 2026 – Who, When, and Which Device?
R. Zilberszac, Wien

15.50-16.00 Diskussion

16.00-16.15 Pause

Session II: Case-Based Learning: The Right Therapy for the Right Patient - Heart Team Decisions (Moderators: L. Stastny, Innsbruck; J. Riebandt, Wien; Panelists: C. Reiter, Linz; M.M. Zaruba, Innsbruck)

16.15-16.35 Case 1: One Patient, Two Destinations - Transplant or Pump?
H. Al Asadi, Wien

16.35-16.55 Case 2: Treat the Valve or Treat the Heart? - M-TEER vs. HTX/LVAD
S. Längle, Wien

16.55-17.15 Case 3: One More Revascularization? - High-Risk PCI/CABG vs. HTX/LVAD
L. Winter-Pölzl, Innsbruck

17.15-17.30 Diskussion

17.30-17.45 **Pause**

Session III: Durable MCS: Beyond Today's LVAD
(Moderators: H. Altenberger, Salzburg; B. Schachner, Linz)

17.45-18.00 Lifetime Management in Advanced Heart Failure – Planning the Entire Journey
A. Schaefer, Wien

18.00-18.15 HeartMate 3 in 2026 – How Good Is Good Enough?
S. Mouritane, Graz

18.15-18.30 Beyond HeartMate 3 – The Next Generation of LVADs
T. Schlöglhofer, Wien

18.30-19.00 VAD Therapy: From Rescue Device to Lifetime Strategy
D. Zimpfer, Wien

19.30 Dinner

Freitag, 04.12.2026

Session IV: Advanced Heart Failure in Pediatric and Adult Congenital Heart Disease
(Moderators: D. Zimpfer, Wien; TBD)

08.30-08.50 Medical and Interventional Treatment Options in Pediatric and Adult Congenital Heart Disease
TBD

08.50-09.05 Pediatric MCS - From Berlin Heart to the Next Generation
T. Palazzolo, Wien

09.05-09.20 Clinical outcomes of MCS in children
P. Murin, Wien

09.20-09.35 Diskussion

09.35-09.45 Pause

Session V: From Support to Recovery: Can We Give the Heart a Second Chance?
(Moderators: T. Schlöglhofer, J. Riebandt)

09.45-10.00 Can We Make the Heart Recover?
TBD

10.00-10.15 Protected Cardiac Surgery – MCS Before Shock Happens?
A. Schaefer, Wien

10.15-10.30 *No recovery in sight – when to bridge, how, and where?*
L. Stastny, Innsbruck

10.30-10.45 Diskussion

10.45-11.00 Pause

Session VI: Life on LVAD: Beyond Survival
(Moderators: J. Altenberger, Salzburg; C. Marko, Wien)

11.00-11.15 Back to Life – Rehabilitation After LVAD
C. Weiser, Felbring

11.15-11.30 The Fantastic Four After LVAD – Still Fantastic?
C. Reiter, Linz

11.30-11.45 Shared Care or VAD Centre? – Rethinking LVAD Follow-up in 2026
T. Schlöglhofer

11.45-12.00 Diskussion

13.00-14.30 Hands-on Workshops