



32nd Annual Spring Educational Meeting

Milwaukee School of Engineering – Diercks Hall

April 24th – 26th, 2026

On behalf of the Board of Directors, welcome to the Wisconsin Perfusion Society Annual Meeting. Please take advantage of this opportunity to learn from a great cross-section of speakers, to network with some old and new friends, and to share your ideas with the group. The WPS has always been about providing a comfortable atmosphere for the exchange of ideas.

Purpose:

The Wisconsin Perfusion Society was founded in 1994 to provide continuing education and promote dialogue among perfusionists and cardiovascular professionals throughout the state and nation. In this tradition, the goal of the 32nd Annual WPS Educational Meeting is to create an environment of discovery through continuing education and provide a forum for clinicians and industry professionals to present materials that pertain to the profession of cardiovascular perfusion and cardiovascular surgery.

Intended Audience:

The society hopes our meeting will appeal to a wide range of healthcare providers. We welcome perfusionists, physicians, physician assistants, nurses, allied health care providers and representatives from companies supplying the needs of open-heart programs.

Friday

Diercks Hall Atrium 4:00-6:00 Check in and Vendor Fair

Brandon Kerrigan : " Why am I here?"

Diercks Hall Auditorium 6:00-7:00 Opening Remarks & Keynote Speaker



Brandon Kerrigan is a heart transplant survivor and financial advisor with a passion for giving back to the transplant community and others in the medical field. After spending 135 days in the hospital and living with an LVAD, he is now 12 years post-transplant. An avid cyclist and golfer, Brandon has biked across the country and earned 18 medals at the World Transplant Games.

Diercks Hall Atrium 7:00-10:00 Bar, Appetizers, & Music
 Appetizers Sponsored by Innovative Medical Devices, Terumo, Nordson Medical, and Chalice Medical.
 Musical stylings of Jonathan Howard & Hailey Shaw

Posters

Diercks Hall Atrium	4:00-8:00	Alexander Machado Quinnipiac University	Primary graft dysfunction in lung transplant patients who receive extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO): a study in treatment strategies and how they compare to patients who do not receive ECMO support during the procedure
		Jeanmarie Marshall Quinnipiac University	Meta-Analysis of Renal Protection and Vasopressors
		Anna Varzunova CRT, RRT, ACCS Quinnipiac University	PaO ₂ and PaCO ₂ Organ Injury Patterns during CPB: A Meta-Analysis
		Spencer Fobbe Quinnipiac University	Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation in Trauma: A Review of Contemporary Cohort Outcomes
		Angela Jiang Quinnipiac University	Evaluating the Consistency and Comparability of Activated Clotting Time (ACT) Measurements in Anticoagulation Monitoring
		Clare Condon Milwaukee School of Engineering	Ideal Composition for ECPR Prime
		Oleksandr Druzhyina Milwaukee School of Engineering	Abdominal Normothermic Regional Perfusion
		Quentin Harmon Milwaukee School of Engineering	Immunosuppression Treatments for Sensitized Heart Transplant Patients
Emily Hertel Milwaukee School of Engineering	ECMO Cannula Dressing Best Practices		
Adaire MacSwain Milwaukee School of Engineering	Best Practices for Infection Surveillance on ECMO		

Saturday

Diercks Hall Atrium	7:00-8:00	Breakfast Sponsored by EnableCV
	All Day	Daily Coffee & Beverage Service Sponsored by CardioQuip

Speakers

Moderated by: *Kate Herrmann, CCP*

	8:00-8:30	Alyssa Matuszak, MSN, RN, CPNP-AC & Meghan Roller, MSN, RN, CPNP-AC Children's Wisconsin	ECMO Reviews as a Process for Quality Improvement
Diercks Hall Auditorium	8:30-9:00	Adam Ubert, MD Froedtert & Medical College of Wisconsin	Alternate Cannulation Strategies for ECLS
	9:00-9:30	Caleb Varner, CCP, FPP Children's Minnesota <i>James W. Cooksey Award Recipient</i>	Drug Sequestration in ECMO Circuits
	9:30-10:00	Abigail Esch, DPT & Melissa Jonardi, OTR/L, MSOT Froedtert & Medical College of Wisconsin	PT for the ECMO Patient

Simulation

DH110	10:00-11:00	Kirsten Kallies, CCP, LP UPMC at Waukesha Memorial Hospital	Difficulties in ECMO Initiation Equipment provided by Abbott, Chalice Medical, & Innovative Medical Devices
DH129	10:00-11:00	Natalie Stocke, CCP, LP Children's Wisconsin	Physiologic Challenges in ECMO Equipment provided by Medtronic

Speakers

Moderated by: *Brett VanderPloeg, CCP*

	11:00-11:30	Jennifer Anderson, CCP, LP Children's Wisconsin <i>LeRoy H. Ferries Award Recipient</i>	Evaluation of ECMO Oxygenator Gas Exchange
Diercks Hall Auditorium	11:30-12:00	Tiffany Johnson, BSN, RN, CCRN, CES-A, E-AEC & Joseph Luu, BSN, RN, CES-A, E-AEC Froedtert & Medical College of Wisconsin	ECMO Case Report

Lunch

		Awards Luncheon Sponsored by Perfusion Solution Inc.
Diercks Hall Atrium	12:00-1:00	<i>Essay Scholarship Award: Annabelle Hoth, Milwaukee School of Engineering Tony Taraskiewicz Memorial Award: Oleksandr Druzhyina, Milwaukee School of Engineering Ronald D. Nichols Award: Michael Harloff, CCP Emeritus William P. Young Award: Lucian Durham, MD, PhD</i>

Speakers

Moderated by: *Matthew Hietpas, CCP*

	1:00-1:30	Christopher Brabant, CCP, FACHE Stoughton Health Association and Perfusion Solution Inc.	Hospital Administration, from CCP to CEO
Diercks Hall Auditorium	1:30-2:00	Keith Gipson, MD, PhD Charter Anesthesiology	Hyperbaric Oxygenation
	2:00-2:30	Gerald Broniec, CCP, RRT-ACCS Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania	Perfusionist's Considerations for the Aging Single Ventricle
	2:30-3:00	Robert D.B. Jaquiss, MD Children's Wisconsin	Regional Perfusion Technnique for Aortic Reconstruction

Simulation

DH110	3:00-4:00	Payar Pasha, CCP, LP UW Health	Look Mom, No Clamps: Initiation and Weaning with Electronic Occluders Equipment provided by LivaNova
DH129	3:00-4:00	Jennifer Anderson, MS, CCP, LP Children's Wisconsin	Keep Calm and Pump On: Catastrophic Event Management on Bypass Equipment provided by Spectrum Medical

Speakers

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	4:00-4:30	Brandon Kerrigan, CRPC, CRPS Morgan Stanley	"Investing 201" --- tax efficiency and legacy planning ***Not Eligible for ACCME or ANCC Credit
Diercks Hall Auditorium	4:30-5:00	Atty. Kevin R. Martin, RN Martin Law Offices, S. C.	Documentation and the Law: A Nurse Attorney's Perspective ***Not Eligible for ACCME or ANCC Credit

Sunday

Breakfast
Sponsored by [AtriCure](#)

7:00-8:00
Diercks Hall Atrium
Kirsten Kallies, CCP, LP: History of Wisconsin Perfusion Society and Cardiovascular Surgery Show and Tell
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All Day
Daily Coffee & Beverage Service
Sponsored by [InvoSurg, Inc.](#)

Speakers

Moderated by: Brittany Finger, CCP

8:00-8:30
Diercks Hall Auditorium
Justin Hobson
Rush University
The Impact of Protamine on ACT

8:30-9:00
AJ Hasley
Milwaukee School of Engineering
Analyzing Microcirculation with Incident Dark Field Imaging

Simulation

DH110
9:00-10:00
Matthew Tittl, CCP, LP
Advocate Aurora Healthcare
Simulation of a Percutaneous Clot and Vegetation Removal Circuit
Equipment provided by [Abbott & AngioDynamics](#)

DH327
9:00-10:00
Faith Papazoglou
Milwaukee School of Engineering
Anatomage Table Demonstration: Visualizing the Circulatory System in 3D

Speakers

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10:00-10:30
Diercks Hall Auditorium
Yuka Pinheiro
Rush University
Mental Health and Well Being in Healthcare

10:30-11:00
Annabelle Hoth
Milwaukee School of Engineering
Global Trends in Congenital Heart Disease by Socio-Demographic Index

11:00-11:30
Martin Keller
Rush University
AI Use in ECMO

11:30-12:00
Kate Rzepka
Milwaukee School of Engineering
Hemolysis Monitoring and Treatment in ECMO

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You must sign in and attend in order to obtain the maximum number of CEUs.

Our program was submitted to The American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion once it was finalized. Wisconsin Perfusion Society Annual Meeting 2026 was awarded **19.5** Category I CEUs for this educational program.

Friday:	5.2
Saturday Full Day:	9.5
Sunday:	4.8
Total:	19.5 CEUs

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