



## 32nd Annual Spring Educational Meeting

### Milwaukee School of Engineering – Diercks Hall

April 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 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	<b>Alexander Machado</b> 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
		<b>Jeanmarie Marshall</b> Quinnipiac University	Meta-Analysis of Renal Protection and Vasopressors
		<b>Anna Varzunova CRT, RRT, ACCS</b> Quinnipiac University	PaO <sub>2</sub> and PaCO <sub>2</sub> Organ Injury Patterns during CPB: A Meta-Analysis
		<b>Spencer Fobbe</b> Quinnipiac University	Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation in Trauma: A Review of Contemporary Cohort Outcomes
		<b>Angela Jiang</b> Quinnipiac University	Evaluating the Consistency and Comparability of Activated Clotting Time (ACT) Measurements in Anticoagulation Monitoring
		<b>Clare Condon</b> Milwaukee School of Engineering	Ideal Composition for ECPR Prime
		<b>Oleksandr Druzhyina</b> Milwaukee School of Engineering	Abdominal Normothermic Regional Perfusion
		<b>Quentin Harmon</b> Milwaukee School of Engineering	Immunosuppression Treatments for Sensitized Heart Transplant Patients
<b>Emily Hertel</b> Milwaukee School of Engineering	ECMO Cannula Dressing Best Practices		
<b>Adaire MacSwain</b> Milwaukee School of Engineering	Best Practices for Infection Surveillance on ECMO		

## Saturday

Diercks Hall Atrium	7:00-8:00	<b>Breakfast</b> Sponsored by <a href="#">EnableCV</a>	
	All Day	<b>Daily Coffee &amp; Beverage Service</b> Sponsored by <a href="#">CardioQuip</a>	

### Speakers

*Moderated by: Kate Herrmann, CCP*

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

### Simulation

DH110	10:00-11:00	<b>Kirsten Kallies, CCP, LP</b> UPMC at Waukesha Memorial Hospital	Difficulties in ECMO Initiation Equipment provided by <a href="#">Abbott, Chalice Medical, &amp; Innovative Medical Devices</a> .
DH129	10:00-11:00	<b>Natalie Stocke, CCP, LP</b> Children's Wisconsin	Physiologic Challenges in ECMO Equipment provided by <a href="#">Medtronic</a>

### Speakers

*Moderated by: Brett VanderPloeg, CCP*

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

### Lunch

#### Awards Luncheon

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

*Moderated by: Matthew Hietpas, CCP*

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

### Simulation

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

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

## Sunday

**Breakfast**  
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Diercks Hall Atrium	7:00-8:00	<b>Kirsten Kallies, CCP, LP: History of Wisconsin Perfusion Society and Cardiovascular Surgery Show and Tell</b>  ***Not Eligible for ACCME or ANCC Credit
	All Day	<b>Daily Coffee &amp; Beverage Service</b> Sponsored by <a href="#">InvoSurg, Inc.</a>

### Speakers

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Diercks Hall Auditorium	8:00-8:30	<b>Justin Hobson</b> Rush University	The Impact of Protamine on ACT
	8:30-9:00	<b>AJ Hasley</b> Milwaukee School of Engineering	Analyzing Microcirculation with Incident Dark Field Imaging

### Simulation

DH110	9:00-10:00	<b>Matthew Tittl, CCP, LP</b> Advocate Aurora Healthcare	Simulation of a Percutaneous Clot and Vegetation Removal Circuit Equipment provided by <a href="#">Abbott &amp; AngioDynamics</a>
DH327	9:00-10:00	<b>Faith Papazoglou</b> Milwaukee School of Engineering	Anatomage Table Demonstration: Visualizing the Circulatory System in 3D

### Speakers

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Diercks Hall Auditorium	10:00-10:30	<b>Yuka Pinheiro</b> Rush University	Mental Health and Well Being in Healthcare
	10:30-11:00	<b>Annabelle Hoth</b> Milwaukee School of Engineering	Global Trends in Congenital Heart Disease by Socio-Demographic Index
	11:00-11:30	<b>Martin Keller</b> Rush University	AI Use in ECMO
	11:30-12:00	<b>Kate Rzepka</b> Milwaukee School of Engineering	Hemolysis Monitoring and Treatment in ECMO

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#### ABCP Recertification Points:

**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
<b>Total:</b>	<b>19.5 CEUs</b>

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