



SCMR Stress Perfusion Course 2026
September 24-25, 2026, Kaunas, Lithuania

DAY 1 • AGENDA

THURSDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2026	
08:00 – 09:00	REGISTRATION
09:00 – 10:20	SESSION 1: The Basics of CMR in the Evaluation of Ischemic Heart Disease
09:00–09:05 (5 min.)	Welcome and Introduction
09:05–09:20 (15 min.)	Understanding ischemia: What happens in the heart during stress?
09:20–09:35 (15 min.)	Cine for assessment of cardiac structure and function in ischemic heart disease (IHD)
09:35–09:50 (15 min.)	LGE for assessment of myocardial infarction and viability in IHD
09:50–10:05 (15 min.)	Stress Perfusion CMR for assessment of obstructive coronary artery disease (CAD)
10:05–10:20 (15 min.)	Interpretation of Stress Perfusion CMR for detection of obstructive CAD (examples of common clinical scenarios – single territory, multivessel CAD)
10:20 – 10:45	BREAK
10:45 – 12:30	SESSION 2: Stress CMR Trials, Large Registries and Evidence in Guidelines
10:45–11:10 (25 min.)	Stress CMR versus other modalities: technical differences and pros & cons
11:10–11:35 (25 min.)	Large registries of Stress CMR – what can we learn from them?
11:35–12:05 (30 min.)	Stress CMR in the Evaluation of suspected Ischemic Heart Disease: Evidence From Clinical Trials
12:05–12:30 (25 min.)	International Guidelines and Appropriateness Criteria for Stress CMR versus Other Modalities
12:30 – 13:30	LUNCH ?? Sponsored Lunch Symposium???
13:30 – 15:30	SESSION 3: Hands-on Session – Post-Processing Tools and Cases



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13:30–14:00 (30 min.)	Why Tools Matter: Post-Processing of Stress CMR Studies (Sponsor’s postprocessing tool demonstration)		
14:00–14:30 (30 min.)	Why Tools Matter: Post-Processing of Stress CMR Studies (Sponsor’s postprocessing tool demonstration)		
14:30–15:30 (60 min.)	Case Session 1: Stress Perfusion in Obstructive Coronary Artery Disease (6 cases)		
15:30 – 16:00	BREAK		
16:00 – 18:00	SESSION 4 (Split groups): Setting up a Stress CMR service		
GROUP A & GROUP B		GROUP C & GROUP D	
16:00 – 18:00 (120 min.)	Case session	16:00–16:15 (15 min.)	How to make a case to start a stress CMR service at your hospital
		16:15-16:30 (15 min)	How cardiology and radiology can jointly deliver a stress CMR service
		16:30-16:45 (15 min)	The essential components to deliver a stress CMR service (the team and the equipment)
		16:45-17:00 (15 min)	Scanner Preparation: Parameters and Pitfalls You Must Know
		17:00-17:15 (15 min)	Safety aspects: Understanding and Selecting Stress and Contrast Agents for Stress CMR
		17:15-17:30 (15 min)	Safety aspects: Patient selection, preparation and monitoring
		17:30-17:45 (15 min)	Stress CMR imaging protocols
		17:45-18:00 (15 min)	Global Expert Panel: How to Establish a Stress CMR Service
18:00 – 18:05	CLOSING REMARKS		



DAY 2 • AGENDA

FRIDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2026			
08:30 – 09:00	SIGN-IN		
09:00 – 11:00	SESSION 5 (Split groups): Setting up a Stress CMR service		
GROUP A & GROUP B		GROUP C & GROUP D	
09:00–09:15 (15 min.)	How to make a case to start a stress CMR service at your hospital	09:00–11:00 (120 min.)	Case session
09:15-09:30 (15 min)	How cardiology and radiology can jointly deliver a stress CMR service		
09:30-09:45 (15 min)	The essential components to deliver a stress CMR service (the team and the equipment)		
09:45-10:00 (15 min)	Scanner Preparation: Parameters and Pitfalls You Must Know		
10:00-10:15 (15 min)	Safety aspects: Understanding and Selecting Stress and Contrast Agents for Stress CMR		
10:15-10:30 (15 min)	Safety aspects: Patient selection, preparation and monitoring		
10:30-10:45 (15 min)	Stress CMR imaging protocols and Effective Reporting of Findings		
10:45-11:00 (15 min)	Global Expert Panel: How to Establish a Stress CMR Service		
11:00 – 11:30	BREAK		
11:30 – 12:30	SESSION 6: Quantitative Stress Perfusion CMR with Myocardial Blood Flow Mapping		
11:30 – 11:45 (15 min)	Understanding Ischemia Without Obstructive Coronary Disease		
11:45 – 12:00 (15 min)	Quantitative Perfusion (QP) CMR for quantifying myocardial blood flow		
12:00 – 12:15 (15 min)	QP Stress CMR for evaluation of coronary microvascular dysfunction		
12:15 – 12:30 (15 min)	Interpreting QP CMR: Pitfalls and Challenges		



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12:30 – 13:30	LUNCH ?? Sponsored Lunch Symposium???
13:30 – 15:00	SESSION 7: CASES – Stress CMR in Obstructive CAD
13:30–14:00 (30 min.)	Case Session 2: Multivessel Coronary Artery Disease (3 cases)
14:00–15:00 (60 min.)	Case Session 3: Recognizing Artifacts, Non-diagnostic and Technically Difficult Cases (6 cases)
15:00 – 15:30	BREAK
15:30 – 17:15	SESSION 8: CASES – Quantitative Perfusion CMR
15:30–16:30 (60 min.)	Case Session 4: QP CMR in Coronary Microvascular Dysfunction (6 cases)
16:30–17:15 (45 min.)	Case Session 5: Recognizing Artifacts, Non-diagnostic and Technically Difficult Cases (5 cases)
17:15 – 17:30	FINAL REMARKS AND FAREWELL