

## Guest Faculty

**Rabih Bechara, MD**  
Professor of Medicine  
Atrium Wake Forest

**Richard Bogan, MD**  
Associate Clinical Professor  
University of South Carolina  
Columbia, SC

**Boyd Gillespie, MD**  
Professor of Medicine University of Tennessee  
Memphis, TN

**Kevin Howard, MD**  
Piedmont Augusta  
Augusta, GA

**Andrea Rinn, MD**  
Associate Professor  
Medical University of South Carolina  
Charleston, SC

**Gerard Silvestri, MD**  
Professor  
Endowed Chair, Thoracic Oncology  
Medical University of South Carolina

## Course Director

**Shaheen Islam, MD, MPH**  
Professor of Medicine & Surgery  
Pulmonary, Critical Care & Sleep Medicine

## Target Audience

*This CME activity is intended for the healthcare providers involved in critical care of ill patients, including primary care physicians, intensivists, surgeons, anesthesiologists, internists, advanced practice providers, critical care nurses, pharmacists, and respiratory therapists.*

## CME Accreditation

*The Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University designates this live activity for a maximum of 24.00 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.*

*Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the evaluation component, enables the participant to earn up to 24 MOC Part 2 points in the American Board of Internal Medicine's (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program.*

The Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME).

## Medical College of Georgia Faculty

**Israel Acosta-Sanchez, MD**  
Assistant Professor  
Pulmonary, Critical Care

**Steven Allen, MD**  
Assistant Professor  
Interventional Pulmonology

**Amy Blanchard, MD**  
Professor  
Director, Sleep Program and Sleep Lab

**William Healy, MD**  
Associate Professor  
Director, PCCM Fellowship Program

**Paul Kirkpatrick, MD**  
Assistant Professor  
Pulmonary, Critical Care Medicine

**Shayna Mann MD**  
Assistant Professor  
Divisions of Cardiology and  
Pulmonary Critical Care Medicine

**Faten Ragaban, MD**  
Assistant Professor  
Division of Palliative Care

**Girindra Raval, MD**  
Associate Professor  
Division of Hematology & Oncology

**Varsha Taskar, MD**  
Professor  
Pulmonary Hypertension & Cystic Fibrosis

**Jose Vazquez, MD**  
Professor & Chief  
Division of Infectious Diseases

# 2026 Interventional Pulmonary Critical Care & Sleep Medicine Symposium

Kiawah Island, South Carolina



June 5-11, 2026



Division of Pulmonary  
Critical Care & Sleep Medicine  
Medical College of Georgia



## Agenda

### Saturday June 6, 2026 (Percutaneous Ultrasound Gastrostomy Workshop, non-CME)

1:00pm	Overview
1:15pm	Didactics
3:00pm	Hands-on training
5:00pm	Adjourn

### Sunday June 7, 2026 (Interventional Pulmonology)

7:00am	Breakfast
7:40am	Welcome and Opening Remarks - <i>Shaheen Islam, MD</i>
7:45am	Imaging guidance in Robotic Bronchoscopy - <i>Steven Allen, MD</i>
8:30am	Tiny Nodules-Big Clues: Power of Biomarkers - <i>Gerard Silvestri, MD</i>
9:15am	Bronchoscopic Therapeutics for peripheral lung cancer- <i>Rabih Bechara, MD</i>
10:00am	Improving diagnostic yield of lung nodules - <i>Shaheen Islam, MD</i>
10:30am	BREAK/Visit Exhibits
11:00am	Hands-on Training with Robotic Bronchoscopy
1:00pm	Adjourn

### Monday June 8, 2026 (Sleep)

7:00am	Breakfast & Case Discussion - <i>Amy Blanchard, MD</i>
7:30am	Restless Legs Syndrome-PLMD - <i>Andrea Rinn MD</i>
8:15am	Hypoxic Burden in OSA - <i>Kevin Howard, MD</i>
9:00am	Innovations in the Surgical Treatment of OSA - <i>Boyd Gillespie, MD</i>
9:45am	Case-Based Panel Discussion
10:30am	BREAK/Visit Exhibits
11:00am	Hypersomnia/Narcolepsy - <i>Richard Bogan, MD</i>
11:45am	Things That Go Bump in the Night-Parasomnias – <i>Amy Blanchard MD</i>
12:30am	Adjourn

### Tuesday June 9, 2026 (Pulmonary, Critical Care)

7:00am	Breakfast & Case Discussion - <i>Shaheen Islam, MD</i>
7:30am	Necrotizing fasciitis and severe infections in the ICU- <i>Jose Vazquez, MD</i>
8:30am	Bleeding to Clotting- Hematologic malignancies- <i>Girindra Raval, MD</i>
9:30am	Chronic Cough - <i>Paul Kirkpatrick, MD</i>
10:30am	BREAK/Visit Exhibits
11:00am	Massive Hemoptysis - <i>Shaheen Islam, MD</i>
11:45am	Cytokine Release Syndrome - <i>Girindra Raval, MD</i>
12:30pm	Adjourn

### Wednesday June 10, 2026 (Critical Care)

7:00am	Breakfast & Case Discussion
7:30am	Comfort without Coma: Sedation and Delirium - <i>Shayna Mann, MD</i>
8:15am	Mask or Tube: Ventilation in the ICU - <i>William Healy, MD</i>
9:00am	Invasive Fungal Infections in the ICU - <i>Jose Vazquez, MD</i>
9:45am	Update in Sepsis and septic shock - <i>Israel Acosta-Sanchez, MD</i>
10:30am	BREAK/Visit Exhibits
11:00am	State of the Art in ARDS Management – <i>Shayna Mann, MD</i>
11:45am	Artificial Intelligence in the ICU – <i>William Healy, MD</i>
12:30pm	Adjourn

### Thursday June 11, 2026 (Critical Care)

7:00am	Breakfast & Case Discussion
7:30am	Acute management of pulmonary hypertension - <i>Varsha Taskar, MD</i>
8:30am	ICU survivorship and post-ICU Syndrome - <i>Israel Acosta-Sanchez, MD</i>
9:30am	Acute presentation of ILD - <i>Varsha Taskar, MD</i>
10:30am	BREAK/Visit Exhibits
11:00am	Not just 'End of Life Team': Tips in Palliative Care - <i>Faten Ragaban, MD</i>
12:00pm	Questions/Evaluation
12:30pm	Adjourn

### Housing and Location

Kiawah Island Golf Resort	Daily Rates (scenic view):
1 Sanctuary Beach Drive	One-Bedroom Villa \$280.00
Kiawah Island SC, 29455	Two-Bedroom Villa \$420.00
Phone 843.768.2121	Three-Bedroom Villa \$540.00

To book your stay, please call Kiawah reservations at 800-654-2924, please reference group as "Augusta University Critical Care" to avail discounted group rate.

The deadline for making room reservations at the discounted group rate is May 6, 2026. Reservations made after this date may not receive the discounted group room rate.

### Symposium Location:

1 Turtle Point Ln  
Kiawah Island, SC 29455

### Airport Transportation:

To schedule your reservation for transportation, please call 843-768-2790. Rental cars are also available at the Charleston airport. Contact your preferred provider directly.

### Registration

	Before May 22, 2026	After May 22, 2026	Onsite June 5-11, 2026
Physician	\$895.00	\$995.00	\$1095.00
Non-Physician (NP, RN, PA, RT)	\$595.00	\$695.00	\$795.00
Physicians in training	\$475.00	\$575.00	\$675.00
Single-day registration (all)	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$350.00
1-3 days (all participants)	\$550.00	\$650.00	\$700.00

### For additional information or Registration

Please use the link below:

<https://mcg.cloud-cme.com/course/courseoverview?P=0&EID=27433>

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