



2026 ACADEMY FALL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE
September 11-13, 2026
University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

Friday, Sept 11		
6:00-6:30 PM	Badge Pick-Up Open TBA	
6:30-7:30 PM	2026 Ellen Hillegass Keynote Lecture: <i>Title TBA</i> TBA <i>Meryl Cohen</i>	
7:30-10:00 PM	Post Lecture Reception/Networking Event: (consider moving this to before the lecture) TBA	
Saturday, Sept 12		
7:00-8:00 AM	Breakfast/Badge Pick-up TBA Speaker Ready Room: TBA	
8:00-9:30 AM	Quit Fibbin': PT Management of Atrial Fibrillation TBA <i>Speaker: Morgan Johanson , PT, MSPT, DHSc, CCS</i>	MAD About POTS: A Dangerous Duo Preceding Cardiac Arrest in a Young Adult TBA <i>Speakers: Megan Kim, PT, DPT, ATC, LAT & Crystal Ramsey, PT, DPT</i>
9:30-9:45 AM	Break	
9:45-11:15 AM	Providing Blood Flow Restriction Exercise to Patients with Cardiovascular & Pulmonary Disease: A Practical Session TBA <i>Speakers: Lawrence P. Cahalin PT, PhD; Johnny Owens PT, MPT; Zachary Dunkle PT, DPT, OCS; Gabriela Tenorio PT, DPT</i>	From Heartbeats to Host Defense: Exercise in the Immune-Modulated Cardiopulmonary Patient TBA <i>Speakers: Ellen Hillegass PT, EdD, CCS & Angela Campbell, PT, DPT, CCS</i>
11:15-11:30 AM	Break	



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11:30-1:00 PM	The Weight of Breath: Understanding Obesity Hypoventilation Syndrome in Physical Therapy Practice TBA <i>Speaker: Amanda Fields, PT, DPT, PhD, CCS</i>	Exercise testing and prescription in Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehab: The complex, co-morbid patient. TBA <i>Speakers: Stephanie Kostsuca, PT, DPT, CCS; Crystal Gluch PT, DPT, CCS, GCS; Kayla Jones PT, DPT, CCS</i>
1:00-2:30 PM	Lunch (On Your Own) & Networking	
2:30-4:00 PM	CVP Resident Presentations TBA <i>Resident Speakers: TBA</i>	
4:00-4:15 PM	Break	
4:15-5:45 PM	TBA TBA <i>Brian Carlin, MD</i>	
6:30-8:30 PM	Optional Networking Social TBA	
Sunday, Sept 13		
7:00-8:00 AM	Breakfast/Networking TBA Speaker Ready Room: TBA	
8:00-9:30 AM	Breath as a Biomarker: Respiratory Muscle Performance as a Vital Sign in Chronic Disease TBA <i>Speakers: Lawrence P. Cahalin PT, PhD; Daniel E Forman, MD, FAHA, FACC; & Jacob M. Haus, PhD</i>	Transplanting Evidence into Practice - a Review of Evidence for PT in Heart and Lung Transplant TBA <i>Speakers: Arianna Farnsworth, PT, DPT; Bryan Lohse PT, DPT; & Maxwell Hunter PT, DPT</i>
9:30-10:00 AM	Break/Networking	



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<p>10:00-11:30 AM</p>	<p>Surviving Twice: Navigating the Crossroads of Cancer and Cardiovascular Disease in Rehabilitation TBA <i>Speakers: Jordan Felsberg , PT, DPT, CCS & G. Stephen Morris, PT, PhD, FACSM</i></p>	<p>POCUS for the CVP PT TBA <i>Speakers: Brady Anderson, PT, DPT, CCS; Stephen Ramsey, PT, DPT, CCS; Richard Severin, PT, DPT, Ph.D., CCS; Casey Farrell, PT, DPT; Matthew Butler, PT, DPT, OCS, FAAOMPT</i></p> <p>Please note this session runs until 1pm</p>
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