

HFC Special Focus Meeting: **Background Therapy for Heart Failure Trials in Drug/Device Development: A Randomized Crossover Debate**  
Friday, March 7, 2025 | 9:00am – 12:00pm ET | Remote Via Zoom

9:00am – 9:10am	<b>OPENING REMARKS; Introduction to the Crossover Debate Concept</b> <i>Christopher O'Connor, MD</i>
<b>PART 1:</b> 9:15am – 9:35am	<b>Moderators: Christopher O'Connor, MD, Mona Fiuzat, PharmD</b>
9:15am – 9:25am	<b>Layering, Maximizing GDMT for Drug/Device Development</b> <i>Pro: Javed Butler, MD, MPH, MBA</i>
9:25am – 9:35am	<i>Con: Milton Packer, MD</i>
9:35am – 9:40am	<i>Comments: Norman Stockbridge, MD, PhD</i>
<b>PART 2:</b> 9:45am – 10:10am	<b>Moderators: Christopher O'Connor, MD, Mona Fiuzat, PharmD</b>
9:45am – 9:55am	<b>Layering, Maximizing GDMT for Drug/Device Development</b> <i>Pro: Milton Packer, MD</i>
9:55am – 10:05am	<i>Con: Javed Butler, MD, MPH, MBA</i>
10:05am – 10:10am	<i>Comments: JoAnn Lindenfeld, MD</i>
10:10 – 12:00pm	<b>Discussion (ALL TT Participants)</b> <i>Panel: William Abraham, Ankeet Bhatt, Vanessa Blumer, Biykem Bozkurt, Michael Bristow, Peter Carson, Maria Rosa Costanzo, Michael Felker, Barry Greenberg, James Januzzi, Mariell Jessup, Marv Konstam, Anu Lala, JoAnn Lindenfeld, Robert Mentz, Mitchell Psocka, Scott Solomon, Norman Stockbridge, Ellis Unger, Muthiah Vaduganathan, Clyde Yancy</i>
12:00pm	<b>WRAP UP AND ADJOURN, Christopher O'Connor, MD</b>

## Invited Speakers and Panelists

**William Abraham, MD**

*Professor of Medicine, Physiology, Cell Biology  
College of Medicine Distinguished Professor  
Division of Cardiovascular Medicine  
Ohio State University*

**Ankeet Bhatt, MD, MBA, ScM**

*Cariologist, Kaiser Permanente San Francisco  
Medical Center  
Research Scientist, Kaiser Permanente Northern  
California Division of Research  
Assistant Professor, Kaiser Permanente Bernard J.  
Tyson School of Medicine  
Adjunct Professor, Stanford University School of  
Medicine*

**Vanessa Blumer, MD**

*Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiologist  
Associate Director, Heart Failure Research  
Medical Co-Director, Heart Failure Research  
Inova Schar Heart and Vascular*

**Biykem Bozkurt, MD, PhD**

*Professor of Medicine  
Director, Winters Center for Heart Failure Research  
Associate Director, Cardiovascular Research Institute  
Vice-Chair of Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine*

**Michael Bristow, MD, PhD**

*Professor of Medicine (Cardiology)  
University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus  
Director, Pharmacogenomics Section  
CU Cardiovascular Institute*

**Javed Butler, MD, MPH, MBA**

*SVP, Baylor Scott & White Health System  
President, Baylor Scott & White Research Institute*

**Peter Carson, MD**

*Heart Failure Cardiologist  
Washington, DC VMAC (Retired)*

**Maria Rosa Costanzo, MD**

*Medical Director, Advocate Medical Group-Midwest  
Heart Specialists  
Medical Director, Edward Hospital Center for  
Advanced Heart Failure*

**Michael Felker, MD, MHS**

*Professor of Medicine  
Director, Cardiovascular Research, DCRI  
Vice-Chief of Cardiology for Clinical Research  
Duke University School of Medicine*

**Mona Fiuzat, PharmD**

*Associate Professor of Medicine  
Duke University School of Medicine*

**Barry Greenberg, MD**

*Director, Advanced Heart Failure Treatment Program  
Professor of Medicine  
University of California, San Diego*

**James Januzzi, MD**

*Hutter Family Professor of Medicine  
Harvard Medical School*

**Mariell Jessup, MD**

*Emeritus Professor of Medicine  
University of Pennsylvania  
Chief Science and Medical Officer  
American Heart Association*

**Marv Konstam, MD**

*Chief Physician Executive, The Cardiovascular Center  
Tufts Medical Center*

**Anu Lala-Trindade, MD**

*Associate Professor of Medicine  
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai*

**JoAnn Lindenfeld, MD**

*Professor of Medicine  
Samuel S. Riven, MD Director in Cardiology  
Director, Section of Advanced Heart Failure and  
Transplantation  
Vanderbilt Heart and Vascular Institute*

**Robert Mentz, MD**

*Associate Professor  
Chief, Heart Failure Section  
Associate Program Director, Duke Cardiovascular  
Disease Fellowship, Duke University*

**Christopher O'Connor, MD**

*President, Inova Schar Heart and Vascular  
Professor of Medicine  
Duke University School of Medicine*

**Milton Packer, MD**

*Distinguished Scholar in CV Science  
Baylor Heart and Vascular Institute*

**Mitchell Psotka, MD, PhD**

*Section Chief, Heart Failure and Transplant Director,  
Infiltrative Cardiomyopathy Center  
Inova Schar Heart and Vascular*

**Scott Solomon, MD**

*The Edward D. Frohlich Distinguished Chair  
Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School  
Director, Noninvasive Cardiology  
Brigham and Women's Hospital*

**Norman Stockbridge, MD, PhD**

*Retired, Former Director, Division of Cardiovascular  
and Renal Products, CDER, U.S. FDA*

**Ellis Unger, MD**

*Principal Drug Regulatory Expert  
Hyman, Phelps & McNamara, P.C.*

**Muthiah Vaduganathan, MD, MPH**

*Instructor of Medicine  
Center for Advanced Heart Disease  
Brigham and Women's Hospital*

**Clyde Yancy, MD, MSc**

*Vice Dean for Diversity and Inclusion  
Chief of Cardiology, Department of Medicine  
Magerstadt Professor  
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine*