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Carolinas Heart Institute Co-hosts Heart Valve Conference

More than 200 participants from the United States and several foreign countries have pre-registered for a Charlotte symposium later this week about heart valve surgery. About one-third are experts from outside the U.S.

Participants include physicians, biomedical engineers, and representatives of the medical device industry. Areas of interest will include aortic valve surgery, cardiovascular medicine, tissue engineering, prosthetic devices, rehabilitation, bioethics, bioinstrumentation, biomaterials, biomechanics, clinical engineering, and medical devices.

“This conference is one of the premier symposia in the world on the topic of the aortic valve,” said Francis Robicsek, M.D., Ph.D., Medical Director and Surgeon-In-Chief of The Carolinas Heart Institute at Carolinas Medical Center. “This is the second time Charlotte has hosted this event in recent years, highlighting the quality of research being done locally at Carolinas Heart Institute, the Heineman Medical Research Laboratory and UNC-Charlotte.”

An impressive list of papers will be presented by local researchers and international experts. The Southern Biomedical Engineering Conference and Symposium on Aortic Valve Sparing Surgery will be held September 26, 27, and 28 at the Charlotte Marriott City Center. Discussion on the first day of the event will be dedicated to the subject of how to repair, instead of replace, diseased valves.

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