

Fourth Annual  
Houston Aortic Nursing Symposium

March 9, 2022 | 12:00 – 5:00 PM  
The Westin Oaks, Houston, Texas

**Program Director:** *Jody Thiele, MSN, APRN, AGACNP-BC*

**Committee:** *Selena Akers, RN*  
*Lisa DeGarmo, APRN, ACNP-BC*

12:00 – 12:05 PM **Welcome Address**  
*Jody Thiele, MSN, APRN, AGACNP-BC*

12:06 – 12:16 PM **Tribute to Thelma Vilela**  
*Anthony Estrera, MD*

**SESSION I: AORTIC**

12:17 – 12:37 PM **New Aortic Classification**  
*Jody Thiele, MSN, APRN, AGACNP-BC*

12:38 – 12:58 PM **Valve Sparing Root**  
*Holly Smith, MD*

12:59 – 1:19 PM **New Advances in Stent Repair for Ascending**  
*Akiko Tanaka, MD, PhD*

1:20 – 1:40 PM **Women and Aortic Disease**  
*Rana Afifi, MD*

1:41 – 2:01 PM **Selective Cerebral Perfusion Techniques During Aortic Surgical Repair**  
*Branden Messarra, CCP*

2:02 – 2:22 PM **Genomic Risk Assessment**  
*Alana Cecchi, MS, CGC*

2:22 – 2:45 PM **Break**

**SESSION II:**

**CARDIAC**

2:46 – 3:06 PM

**What Is Structural Heart?**

*Sarah Johnson, RN, MSN, APRN, ACNP-BC*

3:07 – 3:27 PM

**Structural Heart: Where We Are and Where We Are Going**

*Courtney McAlister, RN, BSN*

3:28 – 3:42 PM

**Total Arterial Revascularization for CABG**

*Lisa DeGarmo, APRN, ACNP-BC*

3:43 – 4:03 PM

**Afib Post-Op Protocol**

*Jill Bennett, MSN, APRN, AGACNP-BC*

4:04 – 4:24 PM

**Anticoagulation**

*Kelly Walsh, PharmD, BCPS*

4:25 – 4:45 PM

**Panel Discussion and Closing Remarks**

**5:00 PM**

**Please join us for a Reception in the Grand Foyer**