

# AORTA ILLAWARRA SYMPOSIUM

**Saturday 7 - Sunday 8 December 2024**  
**Novotel Wollongong Northbeach, NSW**

Wollongong Private Hospital and The Cardiac Centre NSW present **Aorta Illawarra**, a collaborative weekend of education and discussion focused on open and endovascular aortic repair. The interactive program unites cardiac and vascular divisions of industry to collaborate on best practice surgical care.

Featuring a line-up of influential Australian and international speakers, including scientific lead for structural heart disease Dr Toby Rogers (US) and Cardiothoracic Surgeons, Dr Vinnie Bapat (US) and Dr Conal Austin (UK) as well as Cardiothoracic Surgeon Prof Adam El-Gamel & Interventional Cardiologist Dr Ed Danson.

Aorta Illawarra is designed for cardiovascular professionals including consultant cardiologists, cardiothoracic surgeons, vascular surgeons, physicians, anaesthetists, fellows and advanced trainees.

## Key Speakers



**Dr Toby Rogers**  
Interventional Cardiologist  
(USA)



**Dr Vinnie Bapat**  
Cardiothoracic Surgeon  
(USA)



**Dr Conal Austin**  
Cardiothoracic Surgeon  
(UK)



**Prof Adam El-Gamel**  
Cardiothoracic Surgeon



**Dr Ed Danson**  
Interventional Cardiologist

# Saturday 07 December

## Scientific Session 1 - 1st Time Aortic Valve Interventions Chairs: Adam El-Gamel & Ed Danson

Panel: Vinnie Bapat, Toby Rogers, Peter Hansen, Adrian Pick

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0820		Welcome - <b>Astin Lee, Head of Cardiac Services - ISLHD</b> Acknowledgment of Country <b>Margot Mains, CE - Illawara Shoalhaven Local Health District</b>
0830	1.1	Case Presentation <b>Judy Al-Ahmad</b>
0850	1.2	TAVI or SAVR in hostile, small or large aortic anatomy <b>Vinnie Bapat - International Guest Presenter</b>
0910	1.3	Managing coronary obstruction in TAVI <b>Toby Rogers - International Guest Presenter</b>
0930	1.4	Alternate access TAVI <b>Sanjeevan Pasupati</b>
0950	1.5	TAVI for aortic regurgitation <b>Toby Rogers - International Guest Presenter</b>
1010	1.6	Aortic surgery & TAVI in the Illawarra <b>Ed Danson</b>
1030		MORNING REFRESHMENTS   <i>Exhibition Area</i>

## Scientific Session 2 - 2nd Time Aortic Valve Replacement Chairs: Astin Lee & Mohammad Azari

Panel: Emily Granger, Manu Mathur, Sanjeevan Pasupati, Ed Danson

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1100	2.1	My 2nd time aortic surgeries <b>George Matalanis</b>
1120	2.2	Planning TAVI in SAVR <b>Toby Rogers - International Guest Presenter</b>
1140	2.3	Patient-prosthesis mismatch in both TAVI & SAVR; how to avoid and future-proof its occurrence <b>Adam El-Gamel</b>
1200	2.4	Minimally Invasive AVR - Could that be the future for SAVR? <b>Adrian Pick</b>
1220	2.5	TAVI explantation <b>Emily Granger</b>
1235	2.6	Planning TAVI in TAVI <b>Vinnie Bapat - International Guest Presenter</b>
1300		LUNCH   <i>Exhibition Area</i>

## Scientific Session 3 - Aortic Interventions

Chairs: Manu Mathur & Ed Danson

Panel: Alistair Royse, Emily Granger, Malcolm Underwood, Arthur Stanton

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1400	3.1	Case Presentation <b>Michael Tierney</b>
1415	3.2	Size threshold for elective aneurysm repair <b>Adam El-Gamel</b>
1435	3.3	Aortic valve sparing surgical approaches <b>George Matalanis</b>
1455	3.4	Vascular interventions on the ascending aorta and arch <b>Andrew Bullen</b>
1515	3.5	External support (PEARS) <b>Conal Austin - International Guest Presenter</b>
1535	3.6	Coronary complications with aortic interventions <b>Alistair Royse</b>
1605		AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS   <i>Exhibition Area</i>

## Valve in Valve Workshop

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1635 - 1730	<b>Ed Danson, Adam El-Gamel, Vinnie Bapat, Toby Rogers</b>
1900	SYMPOSIUM DINNER <b>Welcome by Lord Mayor of Wollongong, Councillor Tania Brown</b>

**Sunday 08 December**

## Scientific Session 4 - Aortic Dissection

Chairs: Adam El-Gamel & Pratap Shetty

Panel: Malcolm Underwood, Alistair Royse, Jorge Moragues, Toby Rogers

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0930	4.1	Case Presentation – iatrogenic <b>Sukh Sangha</b>
0945	4.2	Case Presentation – spontaneous <b>James Boyd</b>
1000	4.3	Acute aortic syndrome options <b>Manu Mathur</b>
1020	4.4	Should we have specialised centres for aortic emergencies? <b>Malcolm Underwood</b>
1040		MORNING REFRESHMENTS   <i>Exhibition Area</i>

## Scientific Session 5 - Hybrid Aortic Procedures

Chairs: Ed Danson & Astin Lee

Panel: Manu Mathur, Vinnie Bapat, Adrian Pick, Mohammad Azari

1110	4.1	Case Presentation – Hybrid case
1130	4.2	How to manage a patient with aortic stenosis with an aortopathy <b>Sanjeevan Pasupati</b>
1150	4.3	Can PCI or TAVI reduce the risk of complex surgical procedure? <b>Alistair Royse</b>
1210		LUNCH & SYMPOSIUM CLOSE   <i>Exhibition Area</i>

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