

Heart Valve Disease and Aging: Policy Implications for Healthy Aging, Economics and Innovation

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10:00 am – 2:00 pm EST

Welcome and Opening

M. Hodin and N. Johnson

Thought Starters *(4-5 minutes each)*

Status of HVD treatments: Ariane Macedo, MD, MHS, Clinical Cardiologist, Santa Casa de São Paulo, Brazilian Clinical Research Institute

Lessons Through the Aging Lens: Nicholas Eberstadt, PhD, Henry Wendt Chair, Political Economy, American Enterprise Institute

The Patient's Role in Innovation: Amy Hytowitz, Vice President, Global Communications & Public Affairs Strategy, Edwards

The Patient Perspective: Susan Strong, Founding President, Director of Patient Engagement, Heart Valve Voice US

Public Policy Opportunities: Bonnie Handke, RN, MBA, Vice President, Health Economics, Policy and Reimbursement – Coronary and Renal Denervation, Cardiac Surgery, Structural Heart and Aortic, and Peripheral Vascular Health, Medtronic

Facilitated Discussion

Led by M. Hodin

(There will be a 30-minute break for lunch at 12:00 pm.)

The discussion to be framed by “powerful questions”:

- As we have heard, the level of awareness and treatment is low, and the problem of HVD only stands to increase over coming decades – why do we think that is and what can be done to address the problem? More/different data; better/more effective communications; different/varied spokespeople? How does the way that HVD is framed in the larger context of CVD affect this awareness and treatment?
- What policy reforms would lead to better detection for earlier diagnosis, better monitoring, and more effective treatment?
- Where do we observe some of the better practices and how applicable might those be in other locations and/or globally?

- How do we better leverage The Decade of Healthy Ageing and related public frameworks?

Conclusions, Next Steps, Consensus Actions

Led by N. Johnson and M. Hodin

Each participant provides their final takeaway (*30 seconds each*).