



Stadtspital Zürich



2nd Zurich

# Minimally Invasive Atrial Fibrillation Summit

For Cardiologists, cardiac surgeons and medical professionals

**When?** Friday, January 16, 2026  
from 8.20 AM to 3 PM

**Where?** Stadtspital Zürich Triemli  
Conference Center

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# Invitation

Dear Colleagues

It is my great pleasure to invite you to the Second Zurich Minimally Invasive AF Summit, which will take place on **Friday, January 16, 2026**, at Stadtspital Zürich.

Following the success of our first meeting, this year's summit will once again bring together leading experts in cardiac surgery and electrophysiology to exchange ideas, share innovations, and discuss the latest advances in the field of minimally invasive atrial fibrillation treatment. Your active participation will be key to deepening our collective knowledge and fostering collaboration across specialties. We look forward to lively discussions, new perspectives, meaningful interactions that continue to move our field forward and to a **special live case that will be conducted during the summit.**

Together, we can build on last year's achievements and further shape the future of minimally invasive AF treatment.

Yours sincerely,



**Prof. Dr. med. Dr. h.c. Omer Dzemali**

Head of Cardiac Surgery, Allianz Zürich

Organizing Committee of the Second Zurich Minimally Invasive AF Summit

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<b>Admission</b>	Entry is free.
<b>Credits</b>	5 SGHC/SSCC, 5 SGK
<b>Language</b>	Presentations will be conducted in English or German.



**Please register by January 9, 2026**  
via the [🔗 website](#) or the QR code provided.

Seats are limited. Participation will be confirmed in the order of registration.

# Morning Agenda

08.20 AM **Opening remarks**  
Prof. Dr. med. Dr. h.c. Omer Dzemali  
University Hospital Zurich and Stadtspital Zürich, Switzerland

08.30 AM **Surgical Rhythm Management 2026:  
Current Status and Outlook**  
Dr. med. Ralph J. Damiano Jr.  
Washington University School of Medicine,  
St. Louis, Missouri, USA

**Session Block 1: Pulse Field Ablation – Game Changer or Glorified Hype?**

09.00 AM Host: Dr. med. Tom De Potter  
Cardiovascular Center Aalst, Belgium

**Beyond RF and Cryo: The Rise of Pulse Field Ablation in AF**

Dr. med. Andreas Müller  
Stadtspital Zürich, Switzerland

**Epicardial Pulse Field Ablation – The new Kid on the Block?**

PhD Dr. med. Niels Verberkmoes  
Catharina Ziekenhuis, Eindhoven, The Netherlands

09.45 AM **LAA Management in Cardiac Surgery:  
Clip It, Close It, Forget It?**  
Prof. Dr. med. Anton Moritz  
Uniklinikum Frankfurt, Germany

10.15 AM **Coffee Break**

**Session Block 2: Hybrid AF Ablation – Collaboration or Complication?**

10.45 AM Host: PhD Dr. med. Bart Maesen  
Maastricht University Medical Center (MUMC+), The Netherlands

**Electrophysiologist Point of View**

PhD Dr. med. Narendra Kumar  
Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital, Norwich, UK

**Surgeon's Point of View**

Prof. Dr. med. Sacha Salzberg  
Swiss Ablation Zürich, Switzerland

**Session Block 3: AF Recurrence – Now What?**

11.30 AM Host: Prof. Dr. med. Stefano Benussi  
ASST Spedali Civili di Brescia, Italy

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12.15 PM **Lunch Break**

# Afternoon Agenda

01.00 PM

## ECG Quiz

Prof. Dr. med Sacha P. Salzberg, Swiss Ablation Zürich, Switzerland

### Session Block 4:

#### New Horizons in AF Ablation

01.15 PM

Host: PhD Dr. med. Niels Verberkmoes  
Catharina Ziekenhuis, Eindhoven, The Netherlands

#### AF, the Brain, and the Knife – Can We Protect Cognition Surgically?

Prof. Dr. med. Thorsten Hanke  
Albertinen Krankenhaus Hamburg, Germany

#### AF Ablation in Complex Cases – How to Choose Wisely

Prof. Dr. med. Stefano Benussi, ASST Spedali Civili di Brescia, Italy

#### The Future of Percutaneous Ablation – Possibilities and Inherent Limitations

Dr. med. Tom De Potter, Cardiovascular Center Aalst, Belgium

02.45 PM

#### Closing words and Outlook 2027

Prof. Dr. med. Dr. h.c. Omer Dzemali  
University Hospital Zurich and Stadtsptial Zürich, Switzerland



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