

**PRELIMINARY PROGRAM**  
**THOMAS L. PETTY**  
**ASPEN LUNG CONFERENCE**  
**68<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**  
**June 9 – June 12, 2026**

***“Pulmonary Vascular Disease: The Vascular Niche and Its Interaction  
in Lung Homeostasis and Disease”***

***Tim Lahm, M.D., Co-Chair***

***Eva Nozik, M.D., Co-Chair***

***Yen-Rei Andrea Yu, M.D., Ph.D., Co-Chair***

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**TOPICS AND STATE OF THE ART SPEAKERS**

***“Novel Pulmonary Hypertension Phenotypes and Mechanisms of Vascular Remodeling”***

Anna R. Hemnes, M.D.

Nashville, Tennessee

***“Adaptable and Hemodynamic Human Endothelial Cells in Specifying Functional  
Pulmonary Vasculature”***

Shahin Rafii, M.D.

New York, New York

***“Therapeutic Approaches for Targeting Endothelial Cells and Their Progenitors in the Pulmonary Circulation”***

Vladimir Kalinichenko, M.D., Ph.D.

Phoenix, Arizona

***“Endothelium as an Endocrine Organ: The Multisystem Impact of the Pulmonary Circulation  
During Lung Injury and Sepsis”***

Eric P. Schmidt, M.D.

Boston, Massachusetts

***“Targeting Immune Cell Dysfunction in the Vascular Niche of Pulmonary Hypertension”***

Mark R. Nicolls, M.D.

Stanford, California

***“Harnessing Interactions Between Platelets and Vascular Wall Cells in Pulmonary Vascular Disease”***

Craig N. Morrell, D.V.M., Ph.D.

Rochester, New York

***“The Pulmonary Circulation in COPD, Lung Fibrosis and Environmental Inhalational Exposures”***

Grazyna Kwapiszewska, Ph.D.

Graz, Austria

***“Endothelial Cell Maturation and Lung Vascular Interactions During Lung Development”***

Cristina M. Alvira, M.D.

San Francisco, California

***“Emerging Concepts in the Crosstalk Between Cardiac Fibrosis and Immunometabolism and Its Implications  
for Treating Right Heart Failure”***

Ronald J. Vagnozzi, Ph.D.

Aurora, Colorado

***“Therapeutically Targeting Right Heart Remodeling in Pulmonary Hypertension”***

Corey E. Ventetuolo, M.D., M.S.

Providence, Rhode Island

***“Current and Emerging Imaging Methods for the Cardiopulmonary Compartment”***

Deepa Gopalan, M.D.

London, United Kingdom

***“Treatment Strategies for Pulmonary Hypertension: Insights into Current and Novel Pharmacological  
Targets, Gene Editing, and Cell Therapy”***

Paul B. Yu, M.D., Ph.D.

Boston, Massachusetts

**CONFERENCE SUMMARY**

Serpil C. Erzurum, M.D.

Cleveland, Ohio