

About the Foundation

The German Heart Center Foundation is a private, non-profit organization committed to advancing cardiovascular health. In a public-private partnership with Charité, it jointly runs **Deutsches Herzzentrum der Charité (DHZC)**, one of the world's leading academic heart centers.

Through targeted strategic funding initiatives, the foundation supports **innovative patient care, translational research and scientific excellence**, while fostering outstanding **education and training** — all for the lasting benefit of patients.

The foundation also fosters collaboration through international partnerships and scientific events. **Cardiovascular Conversations** offers a monthly platform for young scholars to discuss recent findings at the interface of research and clinical practice; every other month, **Beyond the Heart** stimulates interdisciplinary dialogue across the broader healthcare landscape; and **Berlin Cardio Futures** convenes leading international experts at an annual by-invitation meeting to discuss strategies shaping cardiovascular health over the next decade.

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BEYOND THE HEART

The Future of Cardiac Surgery

Prof. Dr. Volkmar Falk

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Amrumer Straße 32 | 13353 Berlin
Next to Charité Campus Virchow-Klinikum

Beyond the Heart

Distinguished Lectures on the Future of Medicine and Health

Cardiovascular diseases are the leading cause of death in industrialized countries, placing cardiovascular medicine at the center of modern healthcare. As such, it is closely connected to numerous medical subspecialties and shaped by technological advances as well as institutional and socioeconomic dynamics.

The Beyond the Heart lecture series explores topics that transcend cardiovascular medicine and address the future of healthcare and medicine as a whole. The bi-monthly series is hosted by the German Heart Center Foundation at its headquarters at the Charité Campus Virchow Klinikum.



Feb. 25, 2026 The Future of Cardiac Surgery

The inaugural lecture, «The Future of Heart Surgery», will be delivered by Prof. Dr. med. Volkmar Falk, Chief Medical Officer of Deutsches Herzzentrum der Charité. In his talk, Prof. Falk explores how **cutting-edge robotics and breakthroughs in interventional cardiology** are set to redefine the future of cardiac surgery.

Prof. Volkmar Falk is an internationally renowned heart surgeon and unique clinician scientist with deep interest in technical innovations to improve heart surgery and care. He was the co-founder of the Innovation Center for Computer-Assisted Surgery (ICCAS) in Leipzig. He is author of around 750 scientific publications, and co-editor of leading journals including the European Heart Journal and the New England Journal of Medicine. From 2004 to 2025, he has served as President of the European Association for Cardio Thoracic Surgery and actively contributes to international cardiovascular clinical guidelines.

Program

- 18:00 Doors open**
- 18:15 Welcome**
Prof. Dr. Hans Maier
- 18:20 Lecture and discussion**
The Future of Cardiac Surgery
Prof. Volkmar Falk, MD
- 19:15 Get-together**
with Drinks & Finger Food
- 20:00 End**

Registration

Registration using LUMA is kindly requested.



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