

NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND SYMPOSIUM GOAL

According to the American Heart Association, approximately one in three American adults has some form of cardiovascular disease (CVD). Approximately 37% of all deaths have CVD as the underlying cause of death. With the number of cardiovascular procedures being performed continually increasing each year, it is important for healthcare professionals to be up-to-date on new directions being taken in heart failure management.

Comprehensive cardiology specialists need to share information regarding the contemporary and evolving treatment paradigms of cardiac disease as it relates to Sudden Death and Arrhythmias. These clinicians need a forum in which they can communicate with experts regarding their unique concerns in the management of these disease states. This symposium should enable the participant to appropriately use the range of diagnostic and therapeutic modalities available in cardiac disease management.

The goal of this conference is to educate and provide a review of the most current therapeutic strategies for the diagnosis, prevention, and management of cardiovascular disease; to advance the care of individuals with various forms of the disease; and to increase the practice of evidence-based medicine and devices by all healthcare professionals.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This activity has been designed to meet the educational needs of cardiologists, surgeons, primary care physicians and other healthcare providers interested in acquiring additional knowledge concerning cardiac disorders.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

After completing this activity, the participant should be able to:

- Discuss the incidence and high-risk characteristics associated with atrial fibrillation.
- Compare the efficacy of surgical ablation therapy versus catheter ablation therapy in the treatment of atrial fibrillation.
- List differing pharmacological strategies for managing atrial fibrillation including use of drugs and/or pacemakers to control the ventricular response during AF vs. use of drugs to convert and/or maintain normal sinus rhythm (NSR).
- Compare and contrast both classic and contemporary approaches to diagnosis and management of cardiac arrhythmias.
- Discuss the implementation of new developments in the management of supraventricular and ventricular arrhythmias.
- Identify the role of ICD therapy in ischemic and non-ischemic CHF patients with LV dysfunction.
- Evaluate the role of device therapy in cardiac patients.
- Examine new technologies for integrating optimal medical therapy with device therapy in the treatment of heart failure.
- Identify the current indications for cardiac resynchronization therapy.

AGENDA

8:00 AM	Registration and Breakfast
8:50 AM	Welcome and Introductions <i>Elie Haddad, MD</i>
9:00 AM	Approach to the Current Management of Atrial Fibrillation <i>Fermin Garcia, MD</i>
10:00 AM	CHF: Device Therapy <i>Alan J. Bank, MD</i>
11:00 AM	Coffee Break
11:10 AM	Role of ICD's in Primary Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death <i>Brian Olshansky, MD</i>
12:00 PM	Evolving Strategies for the Management of Ventricular Arrhythmias <i>Shephal K. Doshi, M.D</i>
1:00 PM	Adjourn

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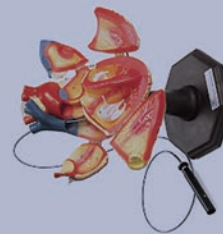
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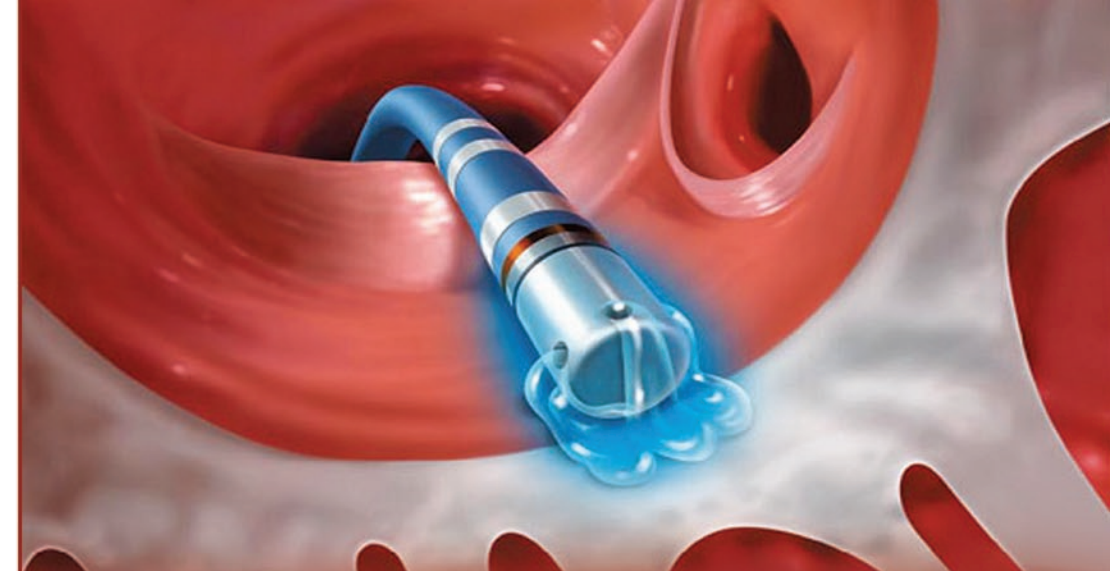
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