Controversies and Advances in the Treatment of Cardiovascular Disease
The Eighteenth in the Series

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

We look forward to the eighteenth annual Controversies and Advances in the Treatment of Cardiovascular Disease symposium! The two-day scientific program will offer realistic views on many controversial issues in cardiovascular disease today. Session topics will include atherosclerosis and dyslipidemia, cardiac imaging, advanced heart failure, coronary artery disease, structural heart disease, clinical electrophysiology, sex differences in cardiovascular aging, controversies in RCTs, and heart health and extreme endurance sports.

Sessions will include a combination of lectures, debates, and discussions. A faculty of internationally known leaders has been invited to share their knowledge and experiences with complex and controversial cases.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The conference is designed for cardiologists, interventional cardiologists, cardiovascular and thoracic surgeons, perfusionists, nurses, technicians and those involved in the diagnosis, treatment and care of individuals with controversial and complex cases of cardiac disease.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, participants should be able to:

- Analyze the latest advancements and emerging treatments for atherosclerosis and dyslipidemia
- Examine updates in cardiac imaging and discuss the roles and limitations for various imaging modalities
- Discuss the potential for personalized medicine in heart failure
- Evaluate the latest trials and innovations in interventional cardiology and coronary artery disease
- Debate the current controversies in structural heart disease
- Evaluate the latest updates in clinical electrophysiology
- Compare sex differences in cardiovascular aging, cognitive decline, and the effect on health policy
- Explain the latest data in the treatment of aortic disease and pulmonary embolism management
- Discuss the pros and cons of renal denervation for the management of resistant hypertension
- Evaluate the latest advances in the management of aortic dissection and pulmonary embolism
- Debate the potential risks and benefits of extreme endurance sports on heart health
FACULTY DISCLOSURES

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CME ACCREDITATION & DESIGNATION

Physicians & Physician Assistants

Promedica International is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Promedica International designates this live activity for a maximum of 16 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Nurses

Provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider #8495 for 16 Contact Hours.

Perfusionists

The American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion (ABCP) has approved a total of 19.32 Category 1 CEUs for perfusionists for Thursday, November 15 (10.8), and Friday, November 16 (8.52).

Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialists (RCIS)

CCI does not approve CEUs directly, however CCI will accept CEUs that have already been approved by accredited sponsors of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). RCIS attendees will claim the physician certificate option when completing the online evaluation and can use that certificate to claim CEUs from CCI.
ABIM MOC POINTS

Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the evaluation component, enables the participant to earn up to 16 Medical Knowledge MOC points and Patient Safety MOC credits in the American Board of Internal Medicine’s (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. Participants will earn MOC points equivalent to the amount of CME credits claimed for the activity. It is the CME activity provider’s responsibility to submit participant completion information to ACCME for the purpose of granting ABIM MOC credit.

Please keep in mind the following dates when claiming your MOC points:
Physicians claiming MOC points for their participation in the symposium must complete the online program evaluation by December 14, 2018 in order for the MOC points to count toward any MOC requirements that are due by the end of 2018.

Evaluations received after December 14, 2018 and before March 15, 2019 will continue to be reported to ABIM and any ABIM Board Certified physician who experienced a negative status change as a direct result of insufficient MOC points will have their status adjusted once the required points have been earned.

If you need the MOC points to count for your 2018 record, please be sure to submit your evaluation by December 14, 2018. MOC points will not be available for this course after March 15, 2019.

CLAIMING YOUR CME/CE CERTIFICATE

1. Visit https://promedicacme.com/ and scroll down
2. In the Past CME Symposia section, click “Take Evaluation” by the Controversies 2018 icon
3. Complete the program evaluation
4. Your CME certificate will be emailed to you within 2 weeks of submission

ONLINE SYLLABUS WITH FACULTY SLIDES

The slides presented at the symposium (when approved by the speaker), along with all general meeting materials are available on our fully mobile website:


To the best of our ability, slides will be posted online as PDFs within 24 hours of presentation
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