

PROGRAM

7:30 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:00 Welcome
Ali Massumi, MD

Session I
8:15 Newer Anticoagulation Agents for Stroke Prevention in Atrial Fibrillation
James M. Wilson, MD

8:45 Antiarrhythmic Therapy in Atrial Fibrillation: Indications, Guidelines and Safety
Mehdi Razavi, MD

9:15 Left Atrial Appendage Exclusion for Stroke Prevention in Atrial Fibrillation
Ali Massumi, MD

9:45 Panel Discussion with Q&A

10:00 **Break**

Session II
10:15 The Role of Cryoablation in the Treatment of Paroxysmal Atrial Fibrillation
J. Alberto Lopez, MD

10:45 The Role of Catheter Guidance Systems in the Treatment of Chronic Atrial Fibrillation
Abdi Rasekh, MD

11:15 Brugada Syndrome and Arrhythmogenic RV Dysplasia
Samuel Asirvatham, MD

11:45 Panel Discussion with Q&A

12:00 PM **Lunch**

Session III
1:00 ECG Evaluation of Tachycardias
C. Thomas Peter, MD

1:30 EP Jeopardy
Michael Bensler, MD

2:00 Case Presentations
THI EP Fellows

2:30 Closing Remarks and Adjourn
Ali Massumi, MD

3:15 PM Adjourn

LOCATION & LODGING

The symposium will be held at The Houstonian Hotel, 111 North Post Oak Lane, Houston, Texas 77024.

A block of rooms has been reserved at a special conference rate of \$199 plus tax, per night. Reservations should be made by calling the hotel at 713-685-6810. To receive the special rate, you must make your room reservations by **January 28, 2012**, and mention this Texas Heart Institute meeting.



GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Taxi service to the hotel from Hobby Airport averages \$35 (one way). Taxi service from Bush Intercontinental Airport averages \$50 (one way). From Hobby Airport, the drive to the hotel takes approximately 25 minutes, and from Bush Intercontinental Airport, the drive takes approximately 45 minutes. Rental car services are available at both airports. Hotel garage self-parking is free. Valet parking is \$9 per day (no in-and-out privileges).

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HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE CASE PRESENTATIONS AND INTERACTIVE DISCUSSIONS
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OVERVIEW

For normal heart rhythm, there must be an orderly propagation of electrical impulses throughout the myocardium. When this orderly progression is disrupted for any reason, potentially lethal cardiac arrhythmias can result. In the United States alone, nine million people have heart failure or structural heart disease, both of which can result in electrophysiological changes that make the heart more vulnerable to electrical instability and resultant cardiac arrhythmias. Given recent advances in the field, experts agree that physicians' knowledge and treatment practices can differ from current best practice. Symposium organizers have noted this knowledge/treatment gap through a variety of measures and have created this educational event as a means of meeting the unmet educational need of the target audience.

This symposium will focus on recent findings regarding common problems facing physicians who treat patients who have cardiac arrhythmias. The faculty will discuss evaluation and treatment of patients who have supraventricular and ventricular arrhythmias, including pharmacologic therapies and the use of implantable cardioverter defibrillators and biventricular pacing. The molecular and cellular basis of conduction disturbances will also be discussed with the goal of providing insight into the fundamental mechanisms of cardiac arrhythmias and the identification of appropriate targets for antiarrhythmic therapy. Interactive case presentations will provide clinicians and faculty the opportunity to discuss specific treatment challenges and to learn methods that will be useful in their practices.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this symposium, participants should be able to—

- Summarize recent findings regarding treatment of atrial fibrillation inclusive of various adult populations.
- Describe common trouble-shooting of single and dual-chambered implantable cardioverter defibrillators.
- Cite the mechanisms of action of antiarrhythmic medications for their safe and effective use.
- Summarize available therapies for the prevention of stroke in atrial fibrillation.
- Recognize ECG findings of tachycardias.

ACCREDITATION & CREDIT DESIGNATION

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Registration fee includes all course materials, continental breakfast, lunch, and refreshment breaks.

- \$99 EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 3, 2012
- \$129 REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 18, 2012
- \$69 OTHER REGISTRATION* DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 18, 2012

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