## PROGRAM

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

**Session I**  
8:15  
Guideline Update and Current Choices in Atrial Fibrillation  
**Eric Prystowsky, MD**

8:45  
History and Current Status of Atrial Fibrillation Ablation  
**Abdi Rasekh, MD**

9:15  
Stroke Prevention and Atrial Fibrillation: Drugs and Devices  
**Mehdi Razavi, MD**

9:45  
Panel Discussion and Q&A  
Break

**10:00 AM**  
Advances in Non-Pharmacological Management of Heart Failure  
**Nilesh Mathuria, MD**

10:45  
ICD Troubleshooting for the Non-EP Physician  
**Mohammad Saeed, MD**

11:15  
Arrhythmic Implications of Percutaneous Aortic Valve Replacement  
**Ali Massumi, MD**

11:45  
Panel Discussion and Q&A  
Lunch

**Session II**  
10:15  
EP Jeopardy  
**J. Michael Bensler, MD**

1:30  
ECG Recognition of SVTs  
**C. Thomas Peter, MD**

2:00  
Case Presentations  
Texas Heart Institute Electrophysiology Fellows

2:45  
Closing Remarks  
Ali Massumi, MD

3:00 PM  
Adjourn

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## LOCATION & LODGING

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

The Houstonian Hotel is offering a special conference rate of $199 plus tax, per night. Reservations can be made by calling  
713-685-6850 and requesting the Texas Heart Institute rate.

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## 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).
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.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Cardiologists, cardiologists with an interest in electrophysiology, cardiac electrophysiologists, internists with an interest in cardiology, Texas Heart Institute cardiology fellows, St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital cath lab technicians, family and general practitioners.

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.
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ACCREDITATION & CREDIT DESIGNATION

Texas Heart Institute at St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. Texas Heart Institute at St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital designates this live activity for a maximum of 5.50 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

REGISTRATION

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