OVERVIEW

The field of cardiac electrophysiology has evolved from a specialty that primarily managed arrhythmias with drug therapy to one with an expanded role of various nonpharmacologic therapies in detecting and terminating arrhythmias. Representative of this development are the rapidly evolving treatment options for patients with ventricular tachycardia and fibrillation (VT/VF), the most common cause of sudden cardiac death. Pharmacotherapy has not proven to be an adequate treatment option for many of these patients. Although implantable cardioverter defibrillators (ICDs) are effective in terminating VT/VF, repetitive shocks significantly impair quality of life, and inappropriate ICD shocks in patients with heart failure are associated with increased mortality. Percutaneous catheter ablation has evolved as a promising therapy, particularly in patients with recurrent VT refractory to drugs.

There have also been recent changes to the way we manage patients with atrial fibrillation (AF). Guidelines for the use of anticoagulants have been updated and expanded. There are non-pharmacologic therapies now available to prevent embolic stroke in patients who are at increased risk of bleeding. Catheter ablation for AF has become a mainstream treatment option. New catheters with force sensing technology have improved outcomes and reduced complications.

The Ali Massumi Cardiac Arrhythmia Symposium is designed to provide electrophysiologists, cardiologists, internists, and associated professionals with state-of-the-art information on the fundamental mechanisms of cardiac arrhythmias and the best practice approaches to clinical diagnosis, evaluation, and management of abnormal heart rhythms.
The symposium has been designed for: Cardiologists, cardiologists with an interest in electrophysiology, cardiac electrophysiologists, nurses, fellows, and family physicians.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of the symposium, participants should be able to:
- Identify patients who may be at high risk for development of AVB during a TAVR procedure as well as in the postoperative period.
- Discuss alternative options for patients needing a cardiac rhythm device for treatment of ventricular arrhythmias.
- Identify the advantages and disadvantages of Cryoablation versus Radiofrequency catheter ablation for AF.
- Discuss the role of concomitant left appendage closure and PVI to improve AF ablation procedure outcomes.
- Recognize POTS symptoms in order to appropriately assess and treat the disorder.

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LOCATION & LODGING

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 713-685-6810 and requesting the Texas Heart Institute rate.

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Hotel garage self-parking is free. Valet parking is $9 per day (no in-and-out privileges).

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