

PICS-AICS 08 Daily Briefing

JULY 20 - SUNDAY: DAY 1

Welcome to PICS-AICS!

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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the first day of PICS-AICS. I want to first thank you all for traveling from all over the world (some from as far as Australia) to attend this year's meeting. I promise you that you'll go home with new knowledge and experience gained from the next four days. Also, I hope that you'll enjoy Vegas...this is our last year here.

Let me briefly review the schedule of events that you'll experience today.

Sunday, is usually dedicated for workshops, oral abstracts and "Meet the Expert" sessions. The first workshop of the day, starting at 8:30 A.M. is a comprehensive one focusing on the field of embolization therapy. This workshop is supported by an educational grant from Cook Inc., and we have invited the best to share their experiences in this field. Dr. Robert White, perhaps the world's most experienced interventional radiologist will discuss in two talks how you stock your lab for effective embolization therapy, and, of course, will discuss pulmonary AVM's. A leading expert on this topic, he has the most experience dealing with it of anyone in the world. Then, Dr. Lee Benson will discuss the challenging topic of AP collaterals...anatomy and indications for closure. This talk will be followed by Shak Qureshi who will discuss the actual technique of closing these collaterals. Jeff Feinstein will discuss veno-venous collaterals (pre- and post- Fontan operation), and how and when to close them. Jo De Giovanni will discuss coronary AV fistulas and their closure. Finally, in this workshop, you can't discuss closure of such anomalies without being prepared to retrieve "migrated" coils/devices. Therefore, Dr. Omar Galal will discuss retrieval techniques in the cath lab.

The second workshop is dedicated to the atrial septum and imaging, and again, for this one we have invited the best in the field

to share his knowledge and experiences. This workshop will start at 1:00 PM with Dr. Ludimirsky who will discuss the basic anatomy and imaging of the atrial septum. Zahid Amin will show specimens "casts" from actual patients with complex and simple ASDs. These were done using CT reconstructions. Then the topic of imaging will be revisited by a debate between Craig Fleishman (who is pro TEE), and John Rhodes (pro ICE). Then Jozef Masura will discuss his experience closing multiple ASDs in children. Afterwards, another debate between a surgeon and a cardiologist discussing the topic of ASDs in small children (<15kg)...which is better...surgical (Michel Ilbawi is of course pro) or device closure (Ivan Fu pro device closure)?

The last part of the workshop is an update on new devices to close ASDs. For this we have invited: Miguel Granja, who will discuss the new PFM ASD device; Mike Mullen, who will discuss the new Bioabsorbable NMT devices; Tom Forbes, who will talk about the Cardia Atrisept devices; Horst Sievert will discuss the Occlutech devices; Neil Wilson will discuss the Gore Helex device; Kevin Walsh will discuss the AGA device, and finally, Felix Berger will discuss the Solysafe device.

At 3:30 P.M. there will be two rooms for "Meet the Expert" sessions. We encourage you to bring difficult cases for discussion, and get a second opinion from our experts.

Finally, there will be three rooms for oral abstract presentations. We have selected the best 30 abstracts for presentation this Sunday. We encourage you all to attend and support the work of our junior colleagues.

After a long day, certainly, we all deserve a little relaxation, so, we invite you all to the welcome reception to be held in the Bellagio Ballroom.

We hope the events of today will be enjoyable, and we look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

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For the Course Directors

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SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Registration

8:30 - 11:30 am - Comprehensive Workshop: Embolization Therapy
John P. Cheatham, Seong-Ho Kim, Shakeel Qureshi

1:00 - 3:30 pm - Comprehensive Workshop: The Atrial Septal Defect and Imaging of the Atrial Septum
Ziyad M. Hijazi, William E. Hellenbrand, Tom Jones

3:30 - 3:30 pm - "Meet the Experts"

- Room A: PS Rao, Carlos Ruiz, Carlos Zabal, John Bass
- Room B: Mike Tynan, Chuck Mullins, Jou-Kou Wang, John Carroll

4:30 - 6:30 pm - Oral Abstract Presentations

- Room A: Lee Benson, Teiji Akagi, Luigi Ballerini, Makram Ebeid
- Room B: Mazeni Alwi, Alpay Celiker, Shakeel Qureshi, James Wilkinson
- Room C: John Fahey, Russell Hirsch, Toshio Nakanishi, Mark Fogel

6:30 - 8:30 pm - Welcome Reception

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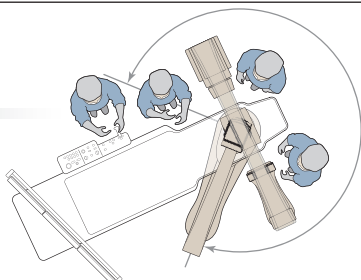
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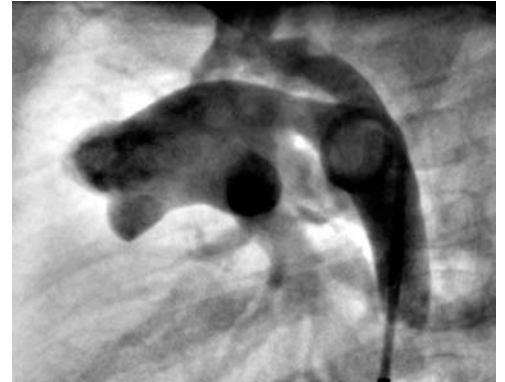


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