



You are invited to attend a unique CME symposium:

Interviews With Experts:

A Collaborative Approach to Resolving Atrial Fibrillation

Monday, January 29, 2007

Breakfast: 6:00 AM – 6:30 AM

Symposium: 6:30 AM – 7:30 AM

**San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina
Marriott Hall Ballroom Salon 1&2
San Diego, California**



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Target Audience

This activity has been designed to meet the educational needs of surgeons involved in the care of patients with atrial fibrillation.

Statement of Need

Atrial fibrillation is the most commonly seen arrhythmia in clinical practice, and its incidence is increasing. With a renewed interest in the ablation of atrial fibrillation, electrophysiologists and surgeons are striving toward the goal of a cure for AF. New instruments and techniques of interventional cardiology and minimally invasive surgery are being developed, the efficacy and safety of the various approaches continue to be elucidated, and clinical investigators are working to establish a base of evidence for the selection of optimal therapy for individual patients and patient groups. Electrophysiologists and surgeons are at the forefront of these endeavors. This is a time for them to collaborate, through shared information and combined efforts, on realizing an integrated, definitive approach to the management of atrial fibrillation.

Educational Objectives

After completing this activity, the participant should be better able to:

- Describe the efficacy and safety of medical treatment of atrial fibrillation
- Cite the risk for stroke associated with atrial fibrillation
- Explain procedure-based treatment of atrial fibrillation
- Identify the need for a surgical/electrophysiologic model of collaboration in the treatment of atrial fibrillation
- Compare patient selection factors for surgical ablation therapy and catheter ablation therapy

Faculty

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Program Agenda

- 6:00–6:30 AM Breakfast and Registration
- 6:30–6:35 AM Welcome and Introduction
A. Marc Gillinov, MD
- 6:35–7:20 AM Expert Interviews
 - The Electrophysiologic Approach
Kalyanam Shivkumar, MD, PhD
 - The Surgical Approach
Adam Saltman, MD, PhD
 - The Collaborative Approach
Kalyanam Shivkumar, MD, PhD, and
Adam Saltman, MD, PhD
- 7:20–7:30 AM Q&A/Concluding Remarks

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