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Some sessions will be translated from English to Italian



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welcome address



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

welcome to the fourth edition of the Mediterranean Cardiology Meeting (MCM). Following the success obtained during the previous years we decided to organize this edition whose main target is to give the latest update on

Patient Care & Monitoring in Cardiology

The excellent MCM multi-disciplinary scientific program includes the state of the art on the emerging pathologies as: Atrial Fibrillation, Sudden Cardiac Death, Heart Failure, Acute Coronary Syndromes, Global Cardiovascular Prevention and Syncope, over which several investigators are involved to develop many and more sophisticated pharmacological, electrical or mechanical therapies, and it is developed thorough Practical Courses, Symposia, Debates on Controversial Topics, Luncheon Panels, Focus on, Meet-the-Expert Sessions, Skilling Courses, Interactive Cases-Review from Faculty and Attendance, Televoter Sessions, Intercultural Exchanges (Free Communications Sessions) and Poster Session.

MCM is addressed to cardiologists, internists, first aid clinicians, physicians of general medicine, fellows, nurses and technicians with high interest in the whole management of cardiac pathologies.

An outstanding Faculty, selected among the leading experts on these fields, will provide the highest quality teaching highlighting the current state and limitation of scientific knowledge and presenting a detailed analysis of the most recent developments in the treatment of one, two or most of all the above mentioned cardiac pathologies. I am really most indebted to all members of the Scientific Committee and the Program Committee for Joint Sessions and to all speakers and chairmen who have dedicated invaluable time and efforts for the realisation of this event.

Furthermore this year MCM will host a daily session of the AIAC Course for Competence in Cardiac Pacing and Electrophysiology for Allied Professional.

At the end, I cannot spend some word on Taormina, as one of the historical and cultural world's most famous and warm cities, is the ideal venue for this meeting. It will enchant you with the special kind hospitality of its citizens, the magnificent natural and historical sites as the blue sea and the ancient Greek Theatre, and also with the sounds, colours and flavours of the Sicilian cuisine.

Looking forward to meet you during the Meeting, I wish you a pleasant stay in Taormina.

Michele M. Gulizia, MD, FESC
President Mediterranean Cardiology Meeting



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ISE

International Society of
Electrocardiology



WHF

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FIC

Federazione Italiana
di Cardiologia



AIAC

Associazione Italiana
di Aritmologia e
Cardiostimolazione



ANCE

Associazione Nazionale
Cardiologi Extraospedalieri



SIC SPORT

Società Italiana di
Cardiologia dello Sport



ARCA

Associazioni Regionali
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SIMG

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CONGRESS VENUE

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OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the Meeting is **English**.

Some sessions will be translated in Italian.

Some special events (only in Ulisse Room) will be in original faculty language (see program for details).

EXHIBITION

The technical and pharmaceutical exhibitions will be located at the Congress Venue, close to the conference rooms. The exhibition hours will follow the timetable of the scientific sessions.

SECRETARIAT AND REGISTRATION DESK OPENING HOURS

For Groups

April 25, 2009 2.30 pm - 6.30 pm

For Individuals

April 26, 2009 8.00 am - 7.00 pm

April 27, 2009 8.00 am - 7.00 pm

April 28, 2009 8.00 am - 5.00 pm

INFORMATION DESK

An information desk will be available at the Congress Venue for restaurant reservations, travel services and general information about Taormina.



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FUTURE MEETING DESK

All programs of future events can be distributed in the appropriate desk located at Ground floor. Any other distribution is forbidden.

TELEPHONES and CELLPHONES

Several telephones are available at the Congress Venue. Please contact the Hotel Reception.

It is absolutely forbidden to keep cellphones switched on during Scientific Sessions.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Participants who have not made an advance reservation for accommodation may be able to do so at the Hotel Reservation Desk at the Congress Venue.

PAYMENT CONDITIONS

Payments accepted are: cash and credit cards.

CANCELLATION POLICY

No refund of any kind.

SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

Taormina is as safe as any other European resort and delegates are advised to take the usual sensible precautions. All hotels have security facilities for valuables. To make your trip to Taormina more enjoyable and safe, please follow these tips: Talk to the hotel concierge or hotel security regarding the surrounding neighborhoods and map out your route before you go exploring. Never leave money, checks, credit cards, extra room keys or car keys in your hotel room - take them with you, or leave them in the hotel safety deposit box or your inroom safe. Do not leave laptops, cell phones or any valuables unattended anywhere in the Convention Center or meeting rooms. The Organizing Secretariat is not responsible for lost or stolen items.



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ELECTRICITY

The electric current in Italy is 220 Volts.

TIPPING

Service is generally included in the bill, tips are welcome if you wish to show your appreciation for a good meal or special service.

CREDIT CARDS

Major credit cards are accepted in hotels, restaurants and shops. If you wish to use your credit card to pay for a taxi, please inform the driver before starting the journey.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Taormina is as safe as any other European tourist resort and delegates are advised to take the usual sensible precautions. All the hotels can offer security facilities for valuable goods.

INSURANCE

Responsibility for personal accidents or loss or damage to the private property of participants and exhibitors cannot be accepted. Participants and exhibitors are advised to make their own arrangements, with respect to insurance, if they consider it necessary.

INTERCULTURAL EXCHANGES

The presentation time will be 10 minutes including 2 minutes for discussion. All speakers are requested to keep to their allotted time. Please ensure that you are in your session room at least 10 minutes before the start of the session and that you remain there until the end of the session.

During the Opening Ceremony the best abstract chosen among the ones submitted will be awarded a prize.

POSTER

The abstract selected for poster presentations will be displayed daily in the Poster Session Area from 9.00 to 17.30. Presenters will be at their posters everyday from 10:30 to 11:00 and from 14:30 to 15:00 to explain their research and answer questions. Poster dimensions will be 70 cm width x 100 cm height. Posters will be grouped by subject and the hours are as follows.

PROJECTION

All projections will be supported by PC and must be **worded in English only**. It is forbidden to use personal computers. Please use CD-ROM, pen drive or memory stick to easily download your presentation at the **Slide Centre at least 2 hours before the start of your session**. It is recommended to use Power Point.

Power Point presentation must not exceed 50 MB, video excluded. Use the extension .gif and .jpg for images. The speaker ready room will be at disposal of presenters and faculty to give them the opportunity to preview the projection and become familiar with the audiovisual equipment.



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LUNCHEON PANELS

Attendance at all luncheon panels (limited to seat availability) is free for all registered participants.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

The National Commission for Continuing Education of the Italian Ministry of Health has appointed Mediterranean Cardiology Meeting 2009 with **17 CME credits**. Credits will be available for **Cardiologists, Family Doctors** and **Internists**.

Credits earned will be listed on the attendance certificate issued after the end of the Meeting. The following conditions are mandatory for CME accreditation:

- Attendance throughout the Meeting for at least 22 hours;
- Filling in the learning test and the attendance test at the end of the Meeting.

TECHNICAL COURSES:

BLS-D: we requested CME credits for Doctor and Allied Professionals with a minimum of **8 hours** of attendance.

ADVANCED ECHO: 8 CME credits for Cardiologists, Family Doctors and Internists with a minimum of **8 hours** of attendance.

CRITICAL CARE IN CARDIOLOGY: 7 CME credits for Cardiologists, Internists, Anaesthesia and Intensive Care with a minimum of **7 hours** of attendance.



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ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES

Attendance certificates will be distributed to all registered delegates at the end of the Meeting.

PROGRAM CHANGES

The information published in this program is correct at time of print. The Scientific Committee reserves the right to change the program at any time.



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program at a glance

	TINDARI room	NETTUNO room	ULISSE room
8.00 - 9.00	Registration	Registration	Registration
9.00 - 10.30	Minicourse PM & ICD therapy: update 2009	Minicourse Primary Cardiovascular Prevention	Minicourse Syncope: do we really know everything about it?
10.30 - 11.00	E X H I B I T I O N V I S I T		Joint Session with SIMG Punti critici nella gestione del paziente con patologia cardiovascolare in MG Caring for the cardiovascular patients in primary care: common problems and improving strategies. (Italian Session)
10.30 - 12.00			
11.00 - 12.30	Joint Session with SICOA The CRT Therapy in Heart Failure Patients: When, How and Why?	Joint Session with ICPES Major Determinants of Differences in Sudden Death Prevention Worldwide	Experts Round Table on Crescita Sostenibile in Aritmologia: Progetti e Risorse Sustainable Growth in Arrhythmology: Projects and Resources (Italian Session)
12.00 - 13.30			
13.00 - 14.30	Luncheon Panel The Hemodynamic Approach in CRT: Concepts & Applications	Luncheon Panel Latest Options to Optimize Patient Outcome in AF Treatment	
14.30 - 15.00	E X H I B I T I O N V I S I T		
15.00 - 16.30	Symposium Digital Technology: a Driver for Clinical Benefits	Joint Session with EHRA-ESC Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy: the Real World	
17.00 - 18.00	Opening Ceremony		
18.00 - 18.30	Plenary Lecture Practice of Interventional Electrophysiology in the 21 st Century		
19.00	Welcome Cocktail		

CALIPSO room	CICLOPE room	CARIDDI room
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BLS-D Course - part I	Critical Care in Cardiology <i>from Simulation to Reality</i> Hands-on Live Course part I	Advanced ECHO Course <i>Echocardiographic Assessment of Heart Failure Patients</i> Pros and Cons of New and Old Echo Techniques part I
POSTER SESSIONS & COFFEE BREAK		
BLS-D Course - part II	Critical Care in Cardiology <i>from Simulation to Reality</i> Hands-on Live Course part II	Advanced ECHO Course <i>Echocardiographic Assessment of Heart Failure Patients</i> Pros and Cons of New and Old Echo Techniques part II
LUNCH		
& POSTER SESSIONS		
BLS-D Course - part III	Critical Care in Cardiology <i>from Simulation to Reality</i> Hands-on Live Course part III	Advanced ECHO Course <i>Echocardiographic Assessment of Heart Failure Patients</i> Pros and Cons of New and Old Echo Techniques part III

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	TINDARI room	NETTUNO room	ULISSE room
8.00 - 9.00	Intercultural Exchanges on: Acute Coronary Syndromes: clinical management	Intercultural Exchanges on: Pacing/ICD: complications & therapy	Intercultural Exchanges on: Global Cardiovascular Risk Assessment & Prevention
9.00 - 10.30	Symposium Patient Care and Remote Monitoring: Real Life Experience	Symposium Therapeutic Innovations in Lipids and Acute Heart Failure	Joint Session with ARCA Malfunzioni e pseudo-malfunzioni dei pacemaker e degli stimolatori biventricolari: presentazione ed analisi interattiva di casi clinico-elettrocardiografici critici <i>Pacemaker and CRT-device malfunctions and pseudo-malfunctions: presentation and interactive analysis of clinical-EKG cases.</i> (Italian Session)
10.30 - 11.00	E X H I B I T I O N V I S I T		
11.00 - 12.30	Symposium New Opportunities and Advantages for Home Monitored Patients	Symposium Great Clinical Trials: what they taught us and what they changed	Joint Session with SIC Sport New Strategies in Sports Arrhythmology
12.30 - 13.00	Lecture The Early Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation: existing therapies are still enough?	Lecture Statins and Atherosclerosis: from Comprehensive Lipid Management to Dual Target Therapy	Lecture A. Menarini Stress ossidativo: ruolo importante nelle patologie cardiovascolari <i>Oxidative Stress: Main Role in Cardiovascular Pathologies</i> (Italian Session)
13.00 - 14.30	Luncheon Panel The New Frontiers of the Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy	Luncheon Panel Atrial Fibrillation & Heart Failure: All You Need to Know to "Stay in the Art"	
14.30 - 15.00	E X H I B I T I O N V I S I T		
15.00 - 16.30	Symposium New Developments in Permanent Hemodynamic Sensing	Meet the Experts Atrial Fibrillation and its 'Clinical Burden': New Drugs for a New Approach	Joint Session with ISE Clinical Impact of Electrocardiography in Cardiac Arrhythmias
16.30 - 17.00	Lecture Update on Percutaneous Heart Valve Therapy	Meet the Experts New Perspectives in the Hypertension Treatment: Can The CCBs Replace Diuretics in Combination Treatment?	Joint Session with ANCE Riabilitazione del paziente cardiopatico <i>Rehabilitation of patient with cardiopathy</i> (Italian Session)
16.30 - 17.30			
17.00 - 18.30	Joint Session with AIAC Follow Up Management After AF Ablation	Controversies Electrical Therapy in Heart Failure	
17.30 - 18.30			

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& POSTER SESSIONS		
BLS-D Course - part III	Critical Care in Cardiology <i>from Simulation to Reality</i> Hands-on Live Course part III	Advanced ECHO Course <i>Echocardiographic Assessment of Heart Failure Patients</i> Pros and Cons of New and Old Echo Techniques part III

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8.00 - 9.00	Intercultural Exchanges on: Acute Coronary Syndromes: revascularization	Intercultural Exchanges on: Atherosclerotic Diseases & Drug Therapy	Intercultural Exchanges on: Atrial Fibrillation & Supraventricular Arrhythmias
9.00 - 10.30	Joint Session with EHRA-ESC Genetic Determinants of Sudden Death	Joint Session with SIMG Cardiovascular Research in Primary Care	Joint Session with CHRS Epidemiology of Cardiovascular Disease Educational Exchanges Between Italy and China in the Perspective of China Health Care Reform
10.30 - 11.00	E X H I B I T I O N V I S I T		
11.00 - 12.00			
11.00 - 12.30	Symposium Clinical Appropriateness in the Management of Acute Coronary Syndromes: from Guidelines to Patient's Bed	Symposium Clinical Value and Logistic Models for Remote Patient Management: the Latitude Experience	Meet the Experts A. Menarini <i>La disfunzione endoteliale: dalla fisiopatologia alla clinica</i> <i>Endothelial Dysfunction: from Physiopathology to Clinical Application (Italian Session)</i>
12.30 - 13.00	Lecture The Percutaneous Closure of Patent Ductus Arteriosus and of Interatrial Communications: State of the Art 2009	Lecture Omega-3 in Cardiology	Lecture <i>Ivabradina: applicazioni cliniche in cardiologia</i> <i>Ivabradine: Clinical Application of Cardiology (Italian Session)</i>
13.00 - 14.30	Luncheon Panel New Frontiers in Cardiac Pacing Therapies		
14.30 - 15.00	E X H I B I T I O N V I S I T		
15.00 - 16.30	Symposium Where does Clinical and Interventional Search go?	Symposium AF Ablation in different clinical settings	
16.30 - 18.00	Intercultural Exchanges on: Syncope: non-invasive evaluation and management	Intercultural Exchanges on: Heart Failure: electrical treatment	

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Basic Life Support Defibrillation (BLS-D)

Directors of the Courses:

S. Campione (Catania), M.M. Gulizia (Catania), G. Palazzo (Catania)

**SUNDAY,
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**9.00 - 13.00 BLS-D Course
Part I**

Instructors:

**S. Campione (Catania)
G.M. Francese (Catania)
G. Palazzo (Catania)**

**MONDAY,
April 27**

**BLS-D Course
Part I**

Instructors:

**S. Campione (Catania)
G.M. Francese (Catania)
G. Palazzo (Catania)**

**TUESDAY,
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**BLS-D Course
Part I**

Instructors:

**S. Campione (Catania)
G.M. Francese (Catania)
G. Palazzo (Catania)**

13.00 - 14.30 Lunch

**14.30 - 18.30 BLS-D Course
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- **Educational credits (CME): upon requested**
- **The Course duration is one day**
- **See page no. 100 for details**



Critical Care in Cardiology from Simulation to Reality Hands-on Live Course

Directors: **S. Perlini (Pavia)**, **M.M. Gulizia (Catania)**

Tutor: **G. Ferrara (Cefalù)**

Although invaluable, traditional medical learning based on academic study and formal lessons has several shortcomings, particularly when its practical application has to be performed in a context of urgency / emergency. For example, when facing a cardiac arrest the rescuer's "efficiency" not only does rely on his theoretical knowledge of "what should be done", but also critically depends on his practical experience, that allows to manage in the best possible way the available resources and to put into practice all the maneuvers that could be lifesaving in that very moment.

As taught by other non-medical professionals who have safety as the cornerstone of any action (such as in the aviation field), simulation may give a fundamental contribution. Without any claim of substituting the value of clinical practice, this didactic tool allows to acquire experience and clinical competence without exposing the patient to any unnecessary risk, via the reconstruction of specific "real-life" medical scenarios. This is particularly important in those high-risk conditions that leave no room for formal clinical teaching owing to the life-threatening situation.

By inserting a computerized mannequin robot (simulator) in a setting that reproduces the actual environment of an Emergency Department with all its equipments and personnel, it is possible to simulate in a very realistic fashion several emergency medicine scenarios. From a hidden control room the instructors may modify the vital parameters of the simulator and "give voice" to the mannequin making it as a real patient, thereby stimulating the learner to take initiative in that specific clinical scenario. The case is then discussed (the so-called "debriefing") with the aid of a real-time video recording, with the specific aim of identifying the key points of the scenario and to improve the clinical competence of both the learners and the instructors in a "risk-free" realistic situation, as recommended by the International Societies on Medical Simulation.

- 8.30 Welcome Address
- 8.45 Quick revision of the current guidelines on diagnosis and treatment of the main cardiovascular urgencies / emergencies
- 9.45 Clinical scenarios (2-3 learners per 20-minute scenario, followed by a 40-minute plenary session debriefing):
 - **ST elevation acute myocardial infarction**
 - **Sustained ventricular tachycardia**
 - **Angina pectoris in a previously revascularized diabetic patient**
- 12.45 Lunch
- 13.45 Clinical scenarios:
 - **Pulmonary edema associated with hypertensive crisis**
 - **Atrial fibrillation in a patient with depressed ejection fraction**
 - **Syncope associated with torsade de pointes**
- 16.45 CME questionnaire
- 17.30 Conclusions

- **Educational credits (CME): 7 with a minimum of 7 hours**
- **The Course duration is one day**
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Advanced ECHO Course Echocardiographic Assessment of Heart Failure Patients Pros and cons of new and old echo techniques

Directors: **L.P. Badano (Udine), M. Galderisi (Naples), D. Mele (Ferrara)**

- 9.00 - 9.15** Welcome and course presentation
- 9.15 - 10.00** Interactive assessment of a pre-recorded clinical case using workstations
- This case will be analyzed by the audience under supervision of course directors. It will be used to identify the strength and weakness of the audience in assessing heart failure patients and as a guide to target next presentations on specific audience needs.*
- 10.00 - 10.30** Left ventricular systolic function
- 10.30 - 11.30** Interactive work on workstations * (ALL participants)
- 11.30 - 12.00** Left ventricular diastolic function and the importance of left atrium
- 12.00 - 13.00** Interactive work on workstations * (ALL participants)
- 13.00 - 14.00** Lunch



Advanced ECHO Course

Echocardiographic Assessment of Heart Failure Patients

Pros and cons of new and old echo techniques

Directors: L.P. Badano (Udine), M. Galderisi (Naples), D. Mele (Ferrara)

- 14.00 - 14.30** Inter- and intra-ventricular dyssynchrony: myths and facts
- 14.30 - 15.30** Interactive work on workstations * (ALL participants)
- 15.30 - 16.00** How to assess the right ventricle?
- 16.00 - 17.00** Interactive work on workstations * (ALL participants)
- 17.00 - 17.30** Non-invasive hemodynamic assessment of heart failure patients
- 17.30 - 18.30** Interactive work on workstations * (ALL participants)
- 18.30** CME questionnaire
- 19.00** Course closure

* The concepts and statements made by the previous speaker will be demonstrated on pre-recorded cases. Attendance should be able to reproduce the same results through a step-by-step interactive session on workstations under supervision of the speaker.

- **Educational credits (CME): 8 with a minimum of 8 hours**
- *The Course duration is one day*
- *See page no. 100 for details*



Corso AIAC per Competence in Cardiostimolazione ed Elettrofisiologia per Tecnici ed Infermieri Professionali La Telecardiologia nel controllo dei dispositivi impiantabili

AIAC Course for Competence in Cardiac Pacing and Electrophysiology for Allied Professionals - Remote Control of Implanted Devices

Directors: **R.P. Ricci (Rome)**, **S. Sermasi (Rimini)**, **M.M. Gulizia (Catania)**

- 9.00 - 9.20** Introduzione: Controllo remoto dei dispositivi impiantabili: una necessità per le strutture ospedaliere e una opportunità per il paziente e per il personale infermieristico e tecnico
Introduction: Remote control of implanted devices: a need to deal with outpatient burden and an opportunity for Patients and Allied Professionals.
R.P. Ricci (Rome)
- Sessione 1: Tecnologie disponibili e aspetti organizzativi**
Session 1: Available Technology and Organization
Chairmen: G. Cassoni (Rome), M.M. Gulizia (Catania)
- 9.20** Tecnologie attualmente disponibili sul mercato: principi generali e modelli applicativi
Market released technology: general aspects and applications
D. Igidbashian (Gorizia)
- 9.50** Come organizzare un sistema di monitoraggio remoto dei dispositivi impiantabili
How to organize remote monitoring of implanted devices
C. Ronconi (Rimini)
- 10.10** Training del paziente, accettazione e aspetti psicologici
Patient training, acceptance and psychological aspects
P. Campanella (Ferrara)
- 10.30** Implicazioni di tipo medico-legale: sicurezza dei dati, consenso informato e tutela della privacy
Legal aspects: data safety, informed consent and privacy care
M. Landolina (Pavia)
- 10.50** Consumo di risorse sanitarie e sistemi di rimborso
Health care source consumption and reimbursement
M. Accogli (Tricase)
- 11.10 - 11.30** Coffee break



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Sessione 2: Applicazioni cliniche

Sessione 2: Clinical aspects

Chairmen: L. Plebani (Novara), S. Sermasi (Rimini)

11.30

Gestione dei dispositivi in "recall" e delle malfunzioni tecniche

Management of "recalls" and malfunctions

A. Castro (Rome)

11.50

Diagnosi precoce e terapia della fibrillazione atriale

Early detection and treatment of atrial fibrillation

C. Giannessi (Pisa)

12.10

Gestione delle tachiaritmie ventricolari nel portatore di ICD

Management of ventricular tachyarrhythmias in ICD patients

M. Lunati (Milan)

12.30

Il monitoraggio remoto nel trattamento dello scompenso cardiaco
nei portatori di dispositivo per la resincronizzazione cardiaca

Remote monitoring in heart failure management in CRT-D patients

L. Morichelli (Rome)

12.50

Flusso dei dati e coinvolgimento delle diverse professionalità
mediche (medico di medicina generale, specialista dello
scompenso, elettrofisiologo)

Data flow and different specialist role (general practitioner, heart
failure specialist, electrophysiologist)

E. Locati (Milan)

13.10 - 15.00 Lunch



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for Allied Professionals - Remote Control of Implanted Devices*

Directors: R.P. Ricci (Rome), S. Sermasi (Rimini), M.M. Gulizia (Catania)

Sessione 3: Sessione pratica interattiva con i diversi sistemi disponibili
Session 3: Practical session using market released systems
Chairmen: G. Mascioli (Bergamo), M.R. Salpietro (Catania)

15.00 Sistema Housecall - Merlin Net
Housecall System - Merlin Net
A. Sagone (Milan)

15.45 Sistema Home Monitoring
Home Monitoring System
T. Toselli (Ferrara)

16.30 - 17.00 Break

17.00 Sistema CareLink
CareLink System
G.B. Perego (Milan)

17.45 Sistema Latitude
Latitude System
G. Mascioli (Bergamo)

18.30 Questionario ECM
CME questionnaire

19.00 Chiusura del Corso
End of the course

Questo Corso è parte della formazione continua effettuata da AIAC per la Telecardiologia nel controllo dei dispositivi impiantabili per il Personale Infermieristico

This Course is part of the Continual Education to substatin the AIAC Clinical Competence in Cardiac Pacing and Electrophysiology for Allied Professionals

La durata del Corso è di un giorno
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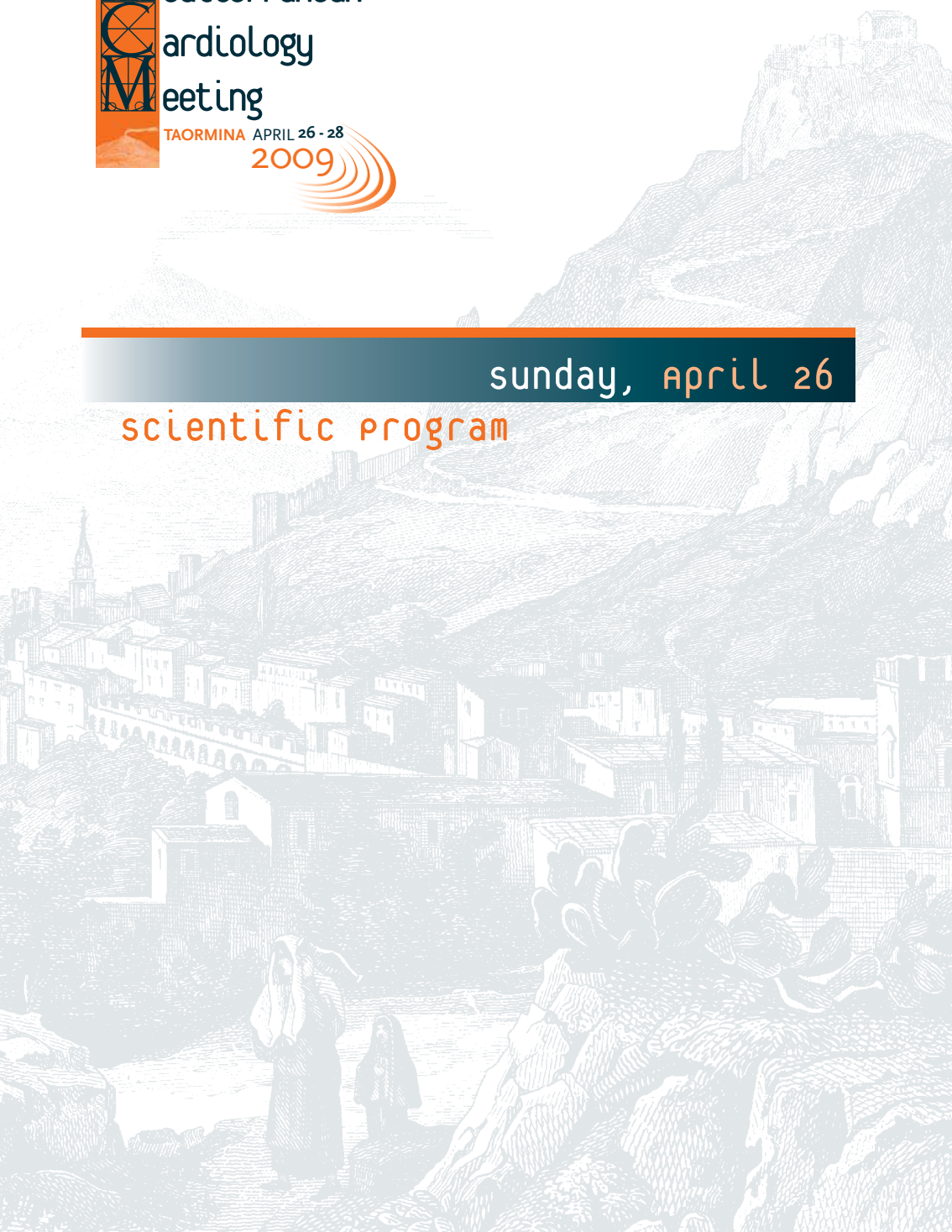
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8.00 - 9.00 Registration

Secretariat Desk

9.00 – 10.30 *Minicourse*

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PM & ICD Therapy: Update 2009

Chairmen: S. Favale (Bari), B. Lüderitz (Bonn)

Which Clinical Benefits in the Maintenance of
Spontaneous Ventricular Activation?

V. Calvi (Catania)

Do the Use of PM and ICD Integrated Sensors Modified
our Way of Managing the Patient in the Clinical Practice?

G. Pizzimenti (Milazzo)

Does Echocardiography really play a Role in Optimizing
CRT Response?

B. Sassone (Bentivoglio)

Is left Ventricular Ejection Fraction Alone Sufficient to
justify ICD Implantation?

W. Jung (Villingen)

ICD Implantation in HCM Patients: How to Select the
Right Candidate

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Primary Cardiovascular Prevention

Chairmen: R. Evola (Taormina), F. Naccarella (Bologna)

Global Cardiovascular Prevention in High Risk Patients
C. Borghi (Bologna)

Antithrombotic Therapy in Atrial Fibrillation and Heart Failure Patients: is all clear?
C. Rapezzi (Bologna)

Heart Rate Variability and Risk of Arrhythmic Death in Subjects with and without Evidence of Cardiac Disease Practicing Sporting Activity.
M. Traina (Palermo)

Early Cardiac Defibrillation in Italy: are we Ready to Start with a Network?
M. Santomauro (Naples)

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9.00 – 10.30 *Minicourse*

Ulisse

Syncope: Do We Really Know Everything About it?

Chairmen: **P. Alboni (Cento), P.E. Vardas (Heraklion)**

A Miliar Stone for the Diagnosis: Taking Patient History
G.M. Francese (Catania), M.M. Gulizia (Catania)

Diagnostic Strategy: Which Tests and When
M. Lunati (Milan)

Implanting a Loop Recorder: Extended Indications with
the Newest Devices?
M. Brignole (Lavagna)

When to Reassure the Patient, When to Implant a
Pacemaker
A. Raviele (Mestre-Venice)

Management of Unexplained Recurrent Syncopal
Episodes
P. Alboni (Cento)

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11.00 - 12.30 *Joint Session with SICOA*

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Società Italiana
Cardiologia Ospedalità Accreditata
Italian Society of Cardiology of Accredited Hospitals

The CRT Therapy in Heart Failure Patients: When, How and Why?

Chairmen: **R. Cappato (San Donato Milanese),
C. Proto (Brescia)**

Consequences of Desynchronize and of
Resynchronization Therapy in the Failing Heart
R. Cappato (San Donato Milanese)

Measurement of Desynchronize: Still a Must for CRT
Patient Selection?
A. Curnis (Brescia)

What is the Patient Profile Who Can Benefit from CRT?
E. Gronda (Milan)

Using Monitoring Devices Systems to Optimize Patient
Care
G. Stabile (Maddaloni)



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International Cardiac Pacing and Electrophysiology Society

Major Determinants of Differences in Sudden Death Prevention Worldwide

Chairmen: M. Santini (Rome), P.E. Vardas (Heraklion)

Scientific Knowledge: Do we Have Clear Ideas?

K. Seidl (Ludwigshafen)

Financial Constraint: How Much Does it Impact on Clinical Practice?

R. Sutton (London)

Gender: Are Women Undertreated?

J. Brugada (Barcelona)

The Role of ICPES in Implementing Sudden Death Prevention Worldwide

P.E. Vardas (Heraklion)



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Società Italiana di Medicina Generale
Italian Society of General Practitioners

Punti critici nella gestione del paziente con patologia cardiovascolare in MG

***Caring for the Cardiovascular Patients in Primary Care:
Common Problems and Improving Strategies***

Chairmen: U. Alecci (Messina), L. Galvano (Palermo)

L'ipertensione resistente

Hard to Control Hypertension

L. Spicola (Palermo)

L'uso della misurazione pressoria a domicilio e del monitoraggio pressorio

Home Blood Pressure Monitoring and Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring in Primary Care

A. Di Guardo (Mascalucia)

I più frequenti errori nella diagnosi di scompenso cardiaco in MG

Heart Failure Diagnosis: Common Problems in Primary Care

V. Milazzo (Alcamo)

I più frequenti errori nella terapia dello scompenso cardiaco in MG

Heart Failure Treatment: Common Problems in Primary Care

A. Campisi (Messina)

I più frequenti errori nella profilassi del tromboembolismo nella fibrillazione atriale in MG

*Prevention of Thromboembolism in Atrial Fibrillation:
Common Problems in Primary Care*

D. Grimaldi (Catania)

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Crescita Sostenibile in Aritmologia: Progetti e Risorse Sustainable Growth in Arrhythmology: Projects and Resources

M.M. Gulizia *Presidente AIAC (Catania)*

R. Lombardo *Presidente Regione Siciliana (Palermo)*

U. Ortellì *Vice-Presidente Assobiomedica (Milan)*

G. Ruocco *Direttore Ufficio III Direzione Generale
dei Farmaci e dei Dispositivi Medici (Rome)*

A. Tomassini *Presidente della XII Commissione
Permanente Igiene e Sanità del Senato della Repubblica (Rome)*

Autorità invitate: *Assessore Sanità Regione Siciliana, Dott. Massimo Russo (Palermo)
Deputazione della Commissione Sanità, On. Avv. Giuseppe Limoli (Catania)*

Fortunatamente, come in ogni altro settore, anche la medicina continua a progredire contribuendo a migliorare e prolungare la vita dei cittadini-pazienti.

In ambito aritmologico, dove le relative patologie mietono il maggior numero di vittime, questo avviene in modo ancora più evidente e significativo anche grazie allo straordinario contributo evolutivo di sofisticate, ma anche apparentemente costose, tecnologie.

Allora come coniugare il diritto dei cittadini ad accedere alle cure più adeguate ed ottimali con le limitazioni di risorse economiche alle quali ogni giorno veniamo richiamati?

In che modo o con quali progettualità creare più efficienza nel sistema o comunque rendere disponibili più risorse per assicurare l'accesso a cure o interventi di prevenzione adeguati a tutti quei pazienti (aritmologici) che, pur essendo indicati secondo riconosciute linee guida internazionali, oggi non le ricevono?

Parole chiave: aree terapeutiche, ricerca della salute, ausilio della tecnologia. **Sessione ad invito.**



Fortunately, as in every other sector, also medicine continues its progress contributing to improve and to prolong the life of all people.

In Arrhythmology, where relative pathologies gather the most greater number of victims, this happens even more in evident and meaningful way thanks to the extraordinary evolutionary contribution of sophisticated, but also apparently expensive, technologies.

Then how to conjugate the right of the citizens to access the most suitable and optimal cares with the limitations of economic resources to which every day we are recalled?

How or with which planning can we create more efficiency in the system or however can we make available more resources to assure the access to adequate prevention cares or interventions to all that patient (arrhythmological) that, even if indicated according to recognized international guidelines, don't they receive those today?

Key words: therapeutic areas, health's search, technology's aid. **Admission upon invitation.**



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13.00 - 14.30 *Luncheon Panel*

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The Hemodynamic Approach in CRT: Concepts & Applications

Chairmen: J.C. Deharo (Marseille),
N. Marrazzo (Mercogliano)

The Role of Endocardial Acceleration Signal in HF Patients
Management

P.P. Delnoy (Zwolle)

Optimizing CRT from Implant to Follow-Up

J. Brachmann (Coburg)

Multi-Sensors Strategies to Predict Acute HF Episodes
in CRT Patients

A. Sagone (Milan)

Clinical Perspectives of the SonR™ Sensor

R. Mantovan (Treviso)

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Latest Options to Optimize Patient Outcome in AF Treatment

Chairmen: **N. Maniadakis (Drosia),
A. Raviele (Mestre-Venice)**

Patient Selection for AF Ablation
A. Pappalardo (Rome)

Different Ablation Techniques for Different AF
R. Calvanese (Naples)

Image Integration to Support AF Ablation
E. Soldati (Pisa)

Optimal Setting for Safe Use of Irrigated Technology
M. Faustino (Pescara)

Optimal Anticoagulation and Antiarrhythmic Treatment
After Successful AF Ablation
K. Seidl (Ludwigshafen)



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Digital Technology: a Driver for Clinical Benefits

Chairmen: S. Favale (Bari), R. Sutton (London)

Inappropriate and Unnecessary Shocks: What we Really Know

J.O. Schwab (Bonn)

Total Shock Reduction: a Comprehensive Strategy

A. Proclemer (Udine)

MRI in Patients with Implantable Device: Potential Risks and First Clinical Experience

H. Puererfellner (Linz)

MRI Safe Systems: the New Standard

M.G. Bongiorno (Pisa)



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15.00 - 16.30 *Joint Session with EHRA-ESC*

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European Heart Rhythm Association

Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy: the Real World

Chairmen: J. Brugada (Barcelona), M.M. Gulizia (Catania)

CRT Indications in the Evidence Based Era: the
Recommendations of the Guidelines

A. Auricchio (Lugano)

The Cost and Effectiveness of CRT-P and CRT-D Devices
Based on the Guidelines

N. Maniadakis (Drosia)

CRT in Mild Heart Failure

C. Linde (Stockholm)

CRT in Heart Failure Patients with Narrow QRS

I. Fernandez Lozano (Madrid)



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17.00 - 18.00 **Opening Ceremony**

Tindari

18.00 - 18.30 **Plenary Lecture**

Practice of Interventional Electrophysiology in the 21st Century A. Natale (Austin)



A native of Siracusa, Italy, Dr. Natale graduated *summa cum laude* from the Medical School of the University of Florence, Italy, and *summa cum laude* from the Catholic University School of Cardiology in Rome, Italy. He received his clinical training in cardiology at Methodist Hospital, Baylor College in Houston and at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario, Canada. After completing a clinical fellowship in cardiology (electrophysiology) at the University of Western Ontario in 1991, he further trained in cardiology (electrophysiology) at the University of Wisconsin, Sinai Samaritan Medical Center in Milwaukee.

Dr. Natale was head of the cardiovascular physiopathology section at the Italian Air Force's Aerospace Research Centre. He has served as director of the electrophysiology laboratory at Duke University and director of the electrophysiology program at the University of Kentucky, Lexington. He also headed the cardiac electrophysiology section of the cardiology department at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Natale is now currently Executive Medical Director of Texas Cardiac Arrhythmia Institute at St. David's Medical Center in Austin Texas.

Dr. Natale has served as a professor at a variety of prestigious universities, including Duke University and Stanford University. He has been an invited lecturer at more than 275 symposiums and conferences around the world, and is the author or co-author of hundreds of published articles on pacing and electrophysiology. In addition to serving on the editorial boards of numerous medical journals, he is editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Atrial Fibrillation*.

Dr. Natale believes the greatest thing he can give his patients is a normal life, free of medication. Dr. Natale pioneered a new circumferential ultrasound vein-ablation system to correct atrial fibrillation and performed the procedure on the world's first five patients. He also developed some of the current catheter-based cures for atrial fibrillation and was the first electrophysiologist in the nation to perform percutaneous epicardial radiofrequency ablation, which is a treatment for people who fail conventional ablation. Dr. Natale feels it is crucial to continue to test new devices and concepts in order to move forward with the field of EP.

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Welcome Cocktail



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- PS26 - 1. Intravascular Ultrasound And Early Bare Metal Thrombosis
K.M. Lampropoulos, K. Kaloudis, N. Kouvelas, T.A. Iliopoulos
Athens, Greece
- PS26 - 2. Importance Of Clopidogrel For Prevention Of Stent Thrombosis - Case Report
M.R. Damjanovic, Z. Perisic, S. Apostolovic, M. Pavlovic, N. Krstic, S. Salinger-Martinovic, D. Djordjevic-Radojkovic, G. Koracevic
Nis, Serbia
- PS26 - 3. Evaluating The Results Of Right Coronary Artery Angioplasty By Using The Echocardiographic Marker Of Tei Index
N. Kakouros, S. Kakouros, D. Kokkinos
Athens, Greece
- PS26 - 4. Antiinflammatory Therapy For Atrial Fibrillation
K.G. Adamyan, S.V. Grigoryan, L.G. Hazarapetyan
Yerevan, Armenia
- PS26 - 5. Influence Of Maze Procedure On Proanp And Nt-Bnp Secretion
R. Batalov, S. Popov, I. Antonchenko, T. Suslova, O. Gruzdeva, S. Kremeno, Y. Egay
Tomsk, Russia
- PS26 - 6. Early Repeated Electrical Cardioversion (ECV) For Immediate (IRAF And Early (ERAF) Recurrences Of Atrial Fibrillation After A First Ecv: An Opportunity To Arrest The Progression Of The Arrhythmogenic Changes In The Atria
G. Marchetti, R. Roncuzzi, A. Zaniboni, S. Urbinati
Bologna, Italy



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- PS26 - 7. Carotid Patology And Risk Factors In Hypertensive Patients For Cerebrovascular Disease- Correlative Clinical, Neurosonographic And Echocardiographic Studies
K. Hristova, E. Titianova, I. Velcheva, N. Dimitrov, S. Karakaneva, P. Damianov, R. Dimova, K. Ramshev, N. Antonova, P. Atanasov
Sofia, Bulgaria
- PS26 - 8. Correlation Between The Incidence Of Carotid Atherosclerosis And The Severity Of Coronary Disease In Patients With Juvenile Myocardial Infarction
D. Piraino, S. Evola, P. Camarda, G. Coppola, E. Corrado, R. Bonanno, E. Hoffman, S. Novo
Palermo, Italy
- PS26 - 9. Calcium Coronary Score And Cardiovascular Risk In Asymptomatic Population
E. Gonzalez-Cocina, S. Mejias, C. Alonso, R. Lopez, E. Hernandez, D. Gaitan, I. Alvarez, L. Morcillo
Benalmadena, Spain
- PS26 - 10. Relation Between Various Risk Factors And The Results Of Exercise Stress Echo Test In Patients With Chest Pain Syndrome
I. Grozdic, B. Beleslin, V. Giga, A. Djordjevic Dikic, M. Licina, J. Stepanovic, M. Ostojic
Belgrade, Serbia
- PS26 - 11. Atherosclerotic Renal Artery Stenosis: Clinical Presentation And Target Organ Damage In A Tertiary Referral Center
M. Miglinas, N. Misonis, S. Brazaitis, A. Laucevicius
Vilnius, Lithuania



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- PS26 - 12. Evaluation Of Risk Factors For Development Of Atheromatosis In Subjects With Documented Coronary Artery Disease
T. Klecha , A. Wysokińska , W. Rumiński
Lublin, Poland
- PS26 - 13. Prognostic Value Of Nt-Probnp Determination In Patients With Chronic Heart Failure
A. Toste, R.M. Soares, J. Feliciano, F. Miranda, A. Lousinha, H. Hamad, A. Mamede, S. Silva, E. Oliveira, A. Abreu, R.C. Ferreira
Lisbon, Portugal
- PS26 - 14. Analysis Of Longitudinal Left And Right Ventricular Systolic Function By Pulsed Tissue Doppler In Medically Treated Patients With Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy: Comparison To Healthy Control
D. Trifunovic, O. Petrovic, B. Vujisic-Tesic, M. Ostojic, M. Petrovic, I. Nedeljkovic, M. Boricic, M. Banovic, M. Nidzovic
Belgrade, Serbia
- PS26 - 15. Link Between Cardiac Autonomic Activity And Sleep Disorders Breathing In Chronic Heart Failure
D. Trifunovic, M. Vukcevic, M. Ostojic, G. Radovanovic, M. Petrovic, P.M. Seferovic, B. Vujisic-Tesic, M. Nidzovic
Belgrade, Serbia
- PS26 - 16. The Development Of Immunosopressive Therapy In Heart Transplant Patients
L. Spinarova, J. Krejci, P. Hude, E. Ozabalova, P. Nemec, J. Cerny, H. Bedanova
Brno, Czech Republic



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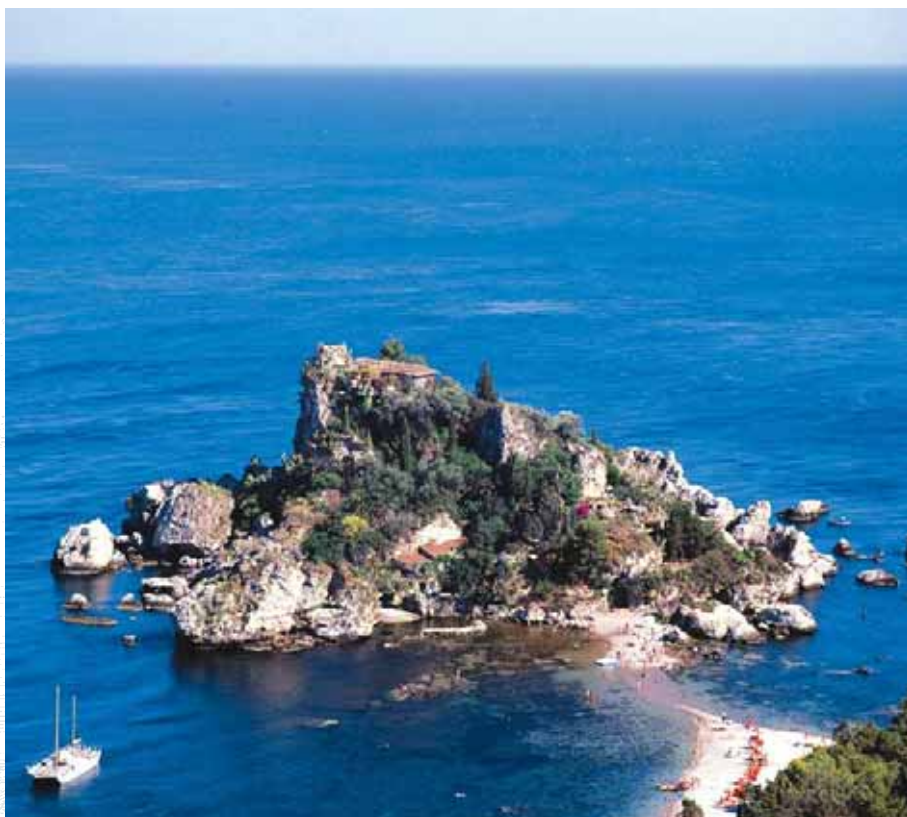
- PS26 - 17. Using Of Transesophageal Ecg To Facilitate Diagnosis Of Av Blockade In Patient With Recurrent Syncope (Clinical Case)
D. Volkov
Kharkiv, Ukraine
- PS26 - 18. T131c Polymorphism In Alpha- Subunit Of G-Protein In Patients With Vasovagal Syncope
P. Mitro, K. Mudrakova, V. Habalova, J. Salagovic
Košice, Slovakia



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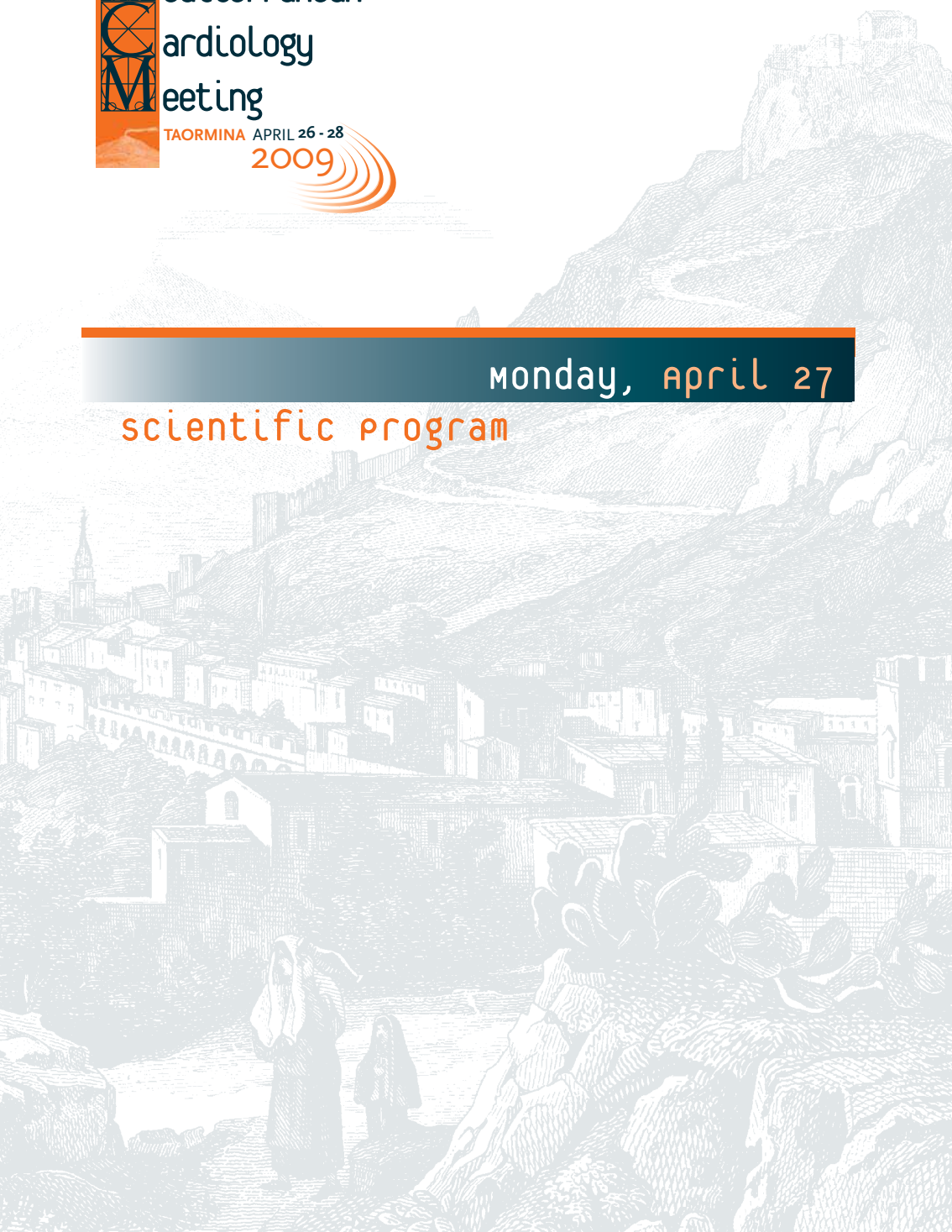
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8.00 - 9.00 **Intercultural Exchanges on**

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Acute Coronary Syndromes: Clinical Management

Chairmen: **C. D'Agostino (Bari), G. Di Tano (Cremona)**

8.00 AA1 Systolic And Diastolic Synchronicity In Acute Myocardial Infarction

K. Sus, J. Kłysz, W. Rumiński
Lublin, Poland

8.10 AA2 Coronary Artery Diameters In Normal Human, Aortic Stenosis And Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy In Bangladeshi Population

A.T.M.I. Hasan, K.M.H.S.S. Haque, M.A. Salim, N. Fatema
Dhaka, Bangladesh

8.20 AA3 Gender, Age And Clinical Differences Of Idiopathic, Hypertrophic And Apical Complete Left Bundle Branch Block

S. Sclarovsky
Tel Aviv, Israel

8.30 AA4 Anomalous Origin Of The Coronary Arteries In Children: Diagnostic Role Of Three-Dimensional Coronary Mr Angiography

A. Clemente, P. Greco, P. Mannella, F. Di Gregorio, M. Del Borrello, A. Morra
Ferrara, Italy

8.40 AA5 Appropriateness Of Nursing Competences In The Area Of Interventional Cardiology in The Quality System

K. Pasquinelli, L. Fontani, A. Bruni, L. Bandinelli, E. Corsi, C. Aramini, P. Causarano
Grosseto, Italy

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Pacing/ICD: Complications & Therapy

Chairmen: E. Ovsyshcher (Beer-Sheva), C. Puntrello (Trapani)

- 8.00 BB1 Pm/Icd Leads Extraction: A New Single-Centre Experience
P.G. Golzio, M. Vinci, C. Amellone, M. Jorfida, M. Anselmino, E. Tizzani, E. Pelissero, G.P. Trevi, M.G. Bongiorno
Turin, Italy
- 8.10 BB2 Bacteriological Assessment Of Infectious PM/ICD Leads
P.G. Golzio, M. Vinci, C. Amellone, M. Jorfida, V. Veglio, E. Gaido, G.P. Trevi, M.G. Bongiorno
Turin, Italy
- 8.20 BB3 Effort Study: Efficacy Of Shock At Rv Apex Or Septal Outflow Tract. Preliminary Results Of A Multicentric Trial
E. Lucca, T. Bignotti, A. Reggiani, A. Spotti, A. Locatelli, R. Marconi, F. Ruffa, G. Gaggioli, G. Zanutto, G. Mascioli
Bergamo, Italy
- 8.30 BB4 Acute Haemodynamic Effects Of Ventricular Pacing Monitored By Trans-Valvular Impedance Recording
D. Vaccari, G. Masaro, S. Vittadello, F. Di Gregorio, A. Barbetta, G. Neri
Montebelluna, Italy
- 8.40 BB5 Can Transvalvular Impedance Detect Hemodynamic Changes Caused By Atrioventricular Interval Modulation?
R. Chirife, F. Di Gregorio
Buenos Aires, Argentina

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Global Cardiovascular Risk Assessment & Prevention

Chairmen: **M. Bono (Siccia), L. Toivonen (Helsinki)**

- 8.00 CC1 Evaluation Of Esc Score And The Results Of Exercise Stress Test In Patients With Chest Pain Syndrome
I. Grozdic, B. Beleslin, V. Giga, A.Djordjevic-Dikic, J. Stepanovic, M. Licina, M. Ostojic
Belgrade, Serbia
- 8.10 CC2 Exercise Effect On Smoking
F. Fallahi, Y. Shafaei, N. Fallah
Tehran, Iran
- 8.20 CC3 Waist Circumference and Cardiometabolic Risk among Diabetic Patients in South Serbia
I. Burazor, M. Pesic, N.Burazor, M. Milanovic, M. Burazor
Nis, Serbia
- 8.30 CC4 Risk Factors Associated To Arterial Hypertension In Teenagers In Romania
E. Cinteza, I. Gherghina, I. Anca, N. Iagaru, D. Matei
Bucharest, Romania
- 8.40 CC5 The Effect Of Environmental Lead In Blood Pressure In Children
M. Kelmendi, R. Beqiraj
Prishtina, Republic of Kosovo
- 8.50 CC6 A New Approach To Ambulatory Follow-Ups Management Of Pacemaker And Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator Patients: Our Experience With Home Monitoring Technology
A. D'Onofrio, M. Cavallaro, L. Santangelo, E. Ammendola, G. Nigro, A. Campana, V. Caprioli
Naples, Italy



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Patient Care and Remote Monitoring: Real Life Experience

Chairmen: P. Geelen (Aalst), C. Linde (Stockholm)

Integrated Clinical Solutions for:
(cases presentation)

Arrhythmic Event Management
M. Zecchin (Trieste)

AF Management
G. Boriani (Bologna)

HF Management
C. D'Agostino (Bari)

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G.B. Perego (Milan)

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Therapeutic Innovations in Lipids and Acute Heart Failure

Chairmen: **F. Fedele (Rome), M. Scherillo (Benevento)**

Patients at High Risk of Cardiovascular Disease: a New Paradigm in Comprehensive Lipid Management

A. Corsini (Milan)

The Challenge of Renal Protection in Acute Heart Failure

M. Metra (Brescia)



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Associazioni Regionali Cardiologi Ambulatoriali
Regional Associations of Outpatient Cardiologists

Malfunzioni e pseudo-malfunzioni dei pacemaker e degli stimolatori biventricolari: presentazione ed analisi interattiva di casi clinico-elettrocardiografici critici

Pacemaker and CRT-Device Malfunctions And Pseudo-malfunctions: Presentation And Interactive Analysis Of Clinical-ekg Cases

President: **G.B. Zito (Rome)**

Chairmen: **A. Dato (Catania), L. Stella Brienza (Messina)**

Elettrocardiografia normale della stimolazione mono- e bicamerale e della stimolazione biventricolare

Normal Electrocardiography in Single and Dual Chamber Pacing and in CRT

G. Oreto (Messina)

Malfunzioni e pseudo-malfunzioni dei pacemaker

Pacemaker Malfunctions and Pseudo-malfunctions

V. Carbone (Naples)

Presentazione e analisi interattiva di elettrocardiogrammi con malfunzioni vere o apparenti di stimolatori mono- e bicamerali

Presentation and Interactive Analysis of Single and Dual Chamber Pacemaker EKGs with Real or Seeming Malfunctions

V. Carbone (Naples), G. Oreto (Messina)

Principali espressioni elettrocardiografiche di malfunzione dei sistemi biventricolari

Main EKG Expressions of Biventricular Pacing System Malfunctions

G. Oreto (Messina)

Presentazione e analisi interattiva di elettrocardiogrammi con malfunzioni vere o apparenti di stimolatori biventricolari

Presentation and Interactive Analysis of Biventricular Pacemaker EKGs with Real or Seeming Malfunctions

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New Opportunities and Advantages for Home Monitored Patients

Chairmen: V. Bulla (Modica), G. Maglia (Catanzaro)

Organization and Management of PM/ICD Patients

Follow-Up: Benefits from Home Monitoring

D. Vaccari (Montebelluna)

Experience with Continuous Monitoring in ICD Patients

L. Ottaviano (Naples)

Silent AF Diagnosis: from Occasional ECG to Permanent Monitoring

A. Duparc (Toulouse)

The Advantage of Continuous Automatic Monitoring on CHF Patients

S. Caico (Varese)



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Great Clinical Trials: what they taught us and what they changed

Chairmen: G.F. Gensini (Florence), M.M. Gulizia (Catania)

Clinical Guidelines.

Do we need them? Do you follow them?

J.L. Zamorano (Madrid)

Evidence Based Medicine and its application respecting
therapeutic appropriateness

F. Drago (Catania)

ONTARGET and Transcend studies Case History

F. Mach (Geneva)

Right Reasons to Choose ARB Drugs for the Prophylaxis
of Cardiovascular Risk

P. Verdecchia (Perugia)

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Società Italiana
di Cardiologia dello Sport
Italian Society of Sport Cardiology

New Strategies in Sports Arrhythmology

Chairmen: G. Inama (Crema), L. Toivonen (Helsinki)

Initial Address on COCIS statement

P. Delise (Conegliano)

Risk of "Silent" Arrhythmogenic Substrates in Athletes

P. Delise (Conegliano)

Ventricular Arrhythmias in Athletes: When Do We Worry About?

G. Inama (Crema)

Exercise Prescription in Cardiology: Need of Common Guidelines

F. Giada (Mestre-Venice)

Physical Activity in Patients with Implantable Devices

A.J. Moss (Rochester)

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The Early Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation: Existing Therapies Are still Enough?

Presenter: A. Capucci (Ancona)

Lecturer: G.L. Botto (Como)

12.30 - 13.00 *Lecture*

Nettuno

Statins and Atherosclerosis: from Comprehensive Lipid Management to Dual Target Therapy

Presenter: G.F. Gensini (Florence)

Lecturer: C. Rapezzi (Bologna)

12.30 - 13.00 *Lecture A. Menarini*

Ulisse

Stress Ossidativo: ruolo importante nella patologie cardiovascolari Oxidative Stress: Main Role in Cardiovascular Pathologies

Presenter: C. Ferri (L'Aquila)

Lecturer: L. Cominacini (Verona)

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The New Frontiers of the Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy

Chairmen: **L. Padeletti (Florence), J. Sperzel (Bad Nauheim)**

The Future of Pacing: the Biventricular Pacing as the Best Option for Every Patient

M. Lunati (Milan)

AF and HF: Treating the Former to Improve the Latter
A. Schuchert (Hamburg)

Does the Left Ventricular Pacing Stimulation Give the Same Benefits as Biventricular Pacing?

G. Boriani (Bologna)

Frequent Device Optimization: Is It Needed to Improve the Patient Outcome?

L. Calò (Rome)



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Atrial Fibrillation & Heart Failure: All You Need to Know to “Stay in the Art”

Chairmen: **W. Jung (Villingen)**, **E. Mossuti (Siracusa)**

In the management of AF which different therapeutic strategies are indicated between symptomatic and asymptomatic patients?

J. Brachmann (Coburg)

When to pace, where to pace, how much to pace HF patients with concomitant AF?

S. Saksena (Warren)

How much useful is resynchronization in mildly symptomatic HF patients and/or in asymptomatic ones with LV dysfunction and previous HF symptoms.

C. Linde (Stockholm)

Usefulness of pacemaker and ICD remote control in AF and/or HF patients. Does it really improve QoL?

M. Santini (Rome)

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New Developments In Permanent Hemodynamic Sensing

Chairmen: **M.G. Bongiorno (Pisa), A.J. Moss (Rochester)**

Reliability and Clinical Value of TVI Hemodynamic Warning in the Follow-Up of Pacemaker Patients
M.M. Gulizia (Catania)

Ejection Surveillance in Cardiac Pacing: Two Years Experience with TVI
P. Delise, G. Allocca (Conegliano)

Ejection Check Can Optimize ICD Specificity
C. Pandozi (Rome)

Hemodynamic Optimization of Pacing Configuration in CRT
F. Dorticós Balea (La Havana)

LV Mechanical Activation Detected by Impedance Recording
M. Taborsky (Prague)

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15.00 -16.30 *Meet the Experts*

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Atrial Fibrillation and its 'Clinical Burden': New Drugs for a New Approach

Chairmen: R.P. Ricci (Rome), S. Saksena (Warren)

Pharmacological Basis for AF Treatment: the Unresolved Questions

M. Lunati (Milan)

How recent Clinical Trials could impact on AF Management tomorrow?

M. Tritto (Castellanza)

Atrial Fibrillation & Stroke: an Interdisciplinary Way of Thinking

G.L. Lenzi (Rome)

Interactive Session with use of Televoter

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International Society of Electrocardiology

Clinical Impact of Electrocardiography in Cardiac Arrhythmias

Chairmen: L. De Ambroggi (Milan), B. Gorenek (Eskisehir)

Clinical Use of Body Surface Potential Mapping in Cardiac
Arrhythmias

L. De Ambroggi (Milan)

Initiation Pattern of Ventricular Arrhythmias

B. Gorenek (Eskisehir)

Electrocardiographic Predictors of Sudden Cardiac Death
in Acute MI

M.M. Gulizia (Catania), D. Mangiameli (Catania)

Differential Diagnosis of Wide QRS Tachycardias

D. Catanzariti (Rovereto)

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Update on Percutaneous Heart Valve Therapy

Presenter: F. Arrigo (Messina)

Lecturer: C. Tamburino (Catania)

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New Perspectives in the Hypertension Treatment: Can The CCBs Replace Diuretics in Combination Treatment?

Chairman: **B. Gorenk (Eskisehir), A.J. Manolis (Athens)**

Are all the Anthypertensive Combinations Equipotent?
R. Asmar (Paris)

Cardiometabolic Prevention from RAAS Inhibitors
Combined with Calcium Channel Blockers
C. Ferri (L'Aquila)

Second Line Therapy in Type 2 Diabetes: ACE/ARBs plus
Diuretics or ACE/ARB plus CCB?
A. De La Sierra (Barcelona)



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Associazione Italiana
di Aritmologia e Cardioritmo
Italian Association of Arrhythmology & Pacing

Follow Up Management after AF Ablation

Chairmen: **N. Bottoni (Reggio Emilia)**, **R. De Ponti (Varese)**

Early and Late Recurrences of AF
N. Bottoni (Reggio Emilia)

"Iatrogenic" Left Atrial Flutter/Tachycardia
M. Tritto (Castellanza)

Oral Anticoagulation Therapy
S. Themistoclakis (Mestre-Venice)

Complications Occurring After AF Ablation
R. Cappato (San Donato Milanese)

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Cardiologi Extraospedalieri
Italian Association of Extra-hospital Cardiologists

Riabilitazione del paziente cardiopatico *Rehabilitation of cardiac patient*

Chairmen: C. Fernandez (Palermo), A.V. Panno (Palermo)

Il paziente ad alto rischio di scompenso cardiaco
Heart Failure High-risk Patient
C. Fernandez (Palermo)

Gli effetti del training fisico nell'insufficienza cardiaca
cronica
Effects of Physical Training in Chronic Heart Failure
M. Vannucci (Florence)

Indicazioni e selezione del paziente con scompenso
cardiaco al trattamento riabilitativo
*HF Patients: Selection and Indication to Rehabilitative
Treatment*
O. Di Cillo (Bari)

Modelli gestionali dello scompenso cardiaco nel territorio
HF Management Models in the Territory
A.V. Panno (Palermo)

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Electrical Therapy in Heart Failure

Chairmen: A. Auricchio (Lugano), S. Sermasi (Rimini)

Does CRT prevent the Development of Heart Failure
in At-Risk Cardiac Patients?

Pro: A.J. Moss (Rochester)

Cons: E. Ovsyscher (Beer-Sheva)

Does Symptomatic Heart Failure Patients Benefit
most by ICD Therapy?

Pro: O. Oseroff (Buenos Aires)

Cons: A. Capucci (Ancona)

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- PS27 - 20. Physiologic Lesion Assessment In Multivessel Disease
K.M. Lampropoulos, K. Kaloudis, A. Marinakis, N. Kouvelas, T.A. Iliopoulos
Athens, Greece
- PS27 - 21. Routine In-Hospital Coronary Angiography And
Revascularisation After Thrombolysis - Impact On One-Year
Prognosis
M. Tomasevic, Z. Perisic, S. Apostolovic, M. Damjanovic, M. Pavlovic, R. Jankovic, S. Salinger Martinovic, N. Bozinovic, T. Kostic
Nis, Serbia
- PS27 - 22. Prediction Of Restenosis In Patients With Previous Myocardial
Infarction: The Value Of Functional Invasive Parameters
B. Beleslin, M. Ostojic, A. Djordjevic-Dikic, S. Stojkovic, V. Vukcevic, D. Orlic, G. Stankovic, M. Nedeljkovic, J. Stepanovic, V. Giga, A. Arandjelovic, M. Dikic, J. Kostic, S. Aleksandric
Belgrade, Serbia
- PS27 - 23. Atrial Fibrillation And Inflammation Markers
K.G. Adamyan, S.V. Grigoryan, L.G. Hazarapetyan
Yerevan, Armenia
- PS27 - 24. What Is The Role Of CRT In Prevention Of Atrial Fibrillation
In Non-Ischemic Dilated Cardiomyopathy?
S.L. D'Ascia, G. Santulli, V. Marino, V. Liguori, C. Arturo, C. D'Ascia, M. Chiariello
Naples, Italy



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- PS27 - 25. Long-Term Follow-Up After Clinically Effective Pulmonary Veins Isolation: Evaluation Of Asymptomatic Paroxysmal Atrial Arrhythmias
M. Madalosso, F. Giada, A. Gargiulo, A. Bonso, A. Rossillo, S. Themistoclakis, A. Corrado, A. Raviele
Mestre-Venice, Italy
- PS27 - 26. Home Monitoring in X-Linked Emery Dreifuss Muscular Dystrophy Patient with Primary Prevention ICD
G. Nigro, V. Russo, A. De Chiara, A. Rago, N. Della Cioppa, G. Arena, R. Chianese, D. Manfredi, R. Calabrò
Naples, Italy
- PS27 - 27. Relationship Between Carotid And Femoral Intima-Media Thickness And Symptomatic Coronary Atherosclerosis
A. Mirek, W. Rumiński
Lublin, Poland
- PS27 - 28. Tissue Color Doppler Velocity Imaging of Right Ventricular Deformation in Patients with Acute Pulmonary Embolism
K. Hristova, J. D'Hooger, J.U. Voigh, M. Magro, F. Rademerkers
Sofia, Bulgaria
- PS27 - 29. Contrast Echocardiography And Left Ventricular Noncompaction Cardiomyopathy
K.M. Lampropoulos, V. Dounis, T.A. Iliopoulos
Athens, Greece
- PS27 - 30. Efficacy And Tolerability Of Lercanidipine Compared To Amlodipine In Mild To Moderate Hypertension
A. Goda, M. Tase, A. Banushi, E. Pavli, E. Dado, A. Dibra, B. Horjeti
Tirana, Albania



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- PS27 - 31. Different Methods Of Monitoring The Effect Of Aspirin And Clopidogrel In Patients Treated With PCI
P. Kala, P. Smejkal, J. Zavřelov, M. Poloczek, A. Kala, M. Penka, J. Spinar
Brno, Czech Republic
- PS27 - 32. The Associations Between C-Reactive Protein, Metabolic Syndrome And Carotid Artery Intima-Media Thickness In Apparently Healthy Men
A. Jovelic, K. Pavlovic, N. Cemerlic, M. Stefanovic, P. Mesaros, M. Maletin
Sremska Kamenica, Serbia
- PS27 - 33. Demographic, Clinical and Echocardiographic Characteristics in Hypertensive Patients Admitted in Cardiology Service in Kosovo - a Single Center Study
G. Bajraktari, K. Thaçi, X. Sylejmani, S. Elezi
Prishtina, Republic of Kosova
- PS27 - 34. Prognostic Value Of Nt-Probnp, Cardiopulmonary Exercise Test And Impedance Cardiography In Patients With Chronic Heart Failure After Optimized Therapy
A. Toste, R.M. Soares, J. Feliciano, F. Miranda, R. Ramos, H. Hamad, A. Mamede, V. Andreozzi, S. Silva, A. Abreu, R.C. Ferreira
Lisbon, Portugal
- PS27 - 35. Noninvasive Assessment Of Right Ventricular Function And Pulmonary Hypertension In Gauchers Diseases
M. Petrovic, D. Trifunovic, N. Suvajdzic-Vukovic, B. Vujisic-Tesic, O. Petrovic, I. Nedeljkovic, M. Boricic, M. Banovic, M. Ostojic, M. Nidzovic
Belgrade, Serbia



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- PS27 - 36. Is Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy Effective In Patients With "Very Dilated Cardiomyopathy"?
A.M. Lousinha, J. Feliciano, A. Galrinho, M. M. Oliveira, L. M. Branco, J. Abreu, A. Leal, S. Santos, M. Nogueira Silva, R. Cruz Ferreira
Lisbon, Portugal
- PS27 - 37. Improvement In Left Ventricular Longitudinal Function Evaluated By Tdi And Speckle Tracking Echocardiography (Ste) After Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy (CRT)
F. Luca, C.M. Rao, C. Zito, C. Melluso, S. Carey, O. Oreto, F. Arrigo, O. Bramanti
Messina, Italy
- PS27 - 38. The Stic Stoc Trial: Compression Elastic Stockings In The Prevention Of Recurrent Vasovagal Syncope
M. Madalosso, F. Giada, M. Francese, M. Santomauro, G. Foglia Manzillo, G. Gaggioli, A. Raviele
Mestre-Venice, Italy



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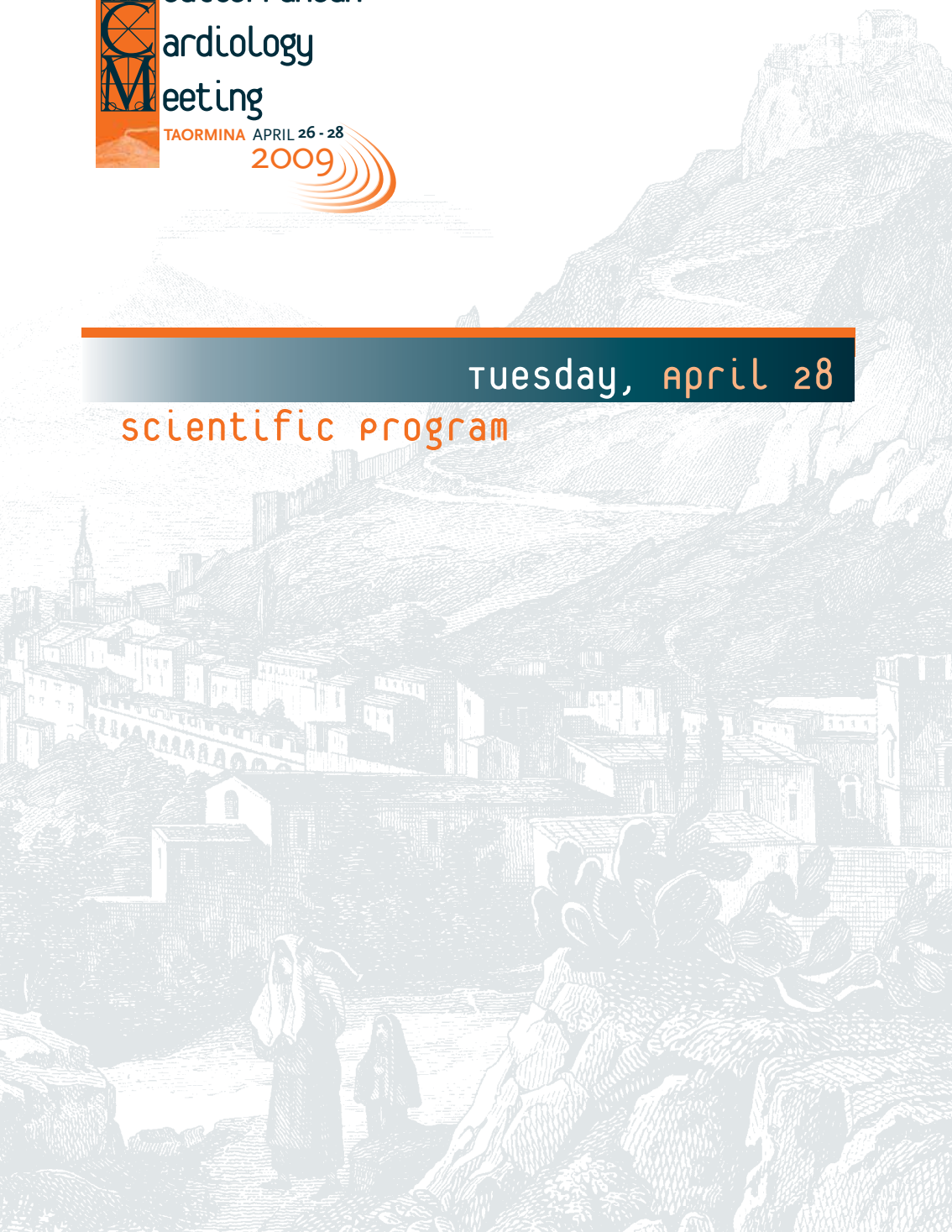
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8.00 - 9.00 **Intercultural Exchanges on**

Tindari

Acute Coronary Syndromes: Revascularization

Chairmen: W. Liu (Beijing), E. Mossuti (Siracusa)

- 8.00 DD1 Angiographic Evaluation Of Myocardial Reperfusion In Patients With Acute Myocardial Infarction Treated With Primary Coronary Angioplasty
R. Bonanno, S. Evola, G. Andolina, M. Caruso, D. Piraino, G. Ciaramitaro, M. Farinella, G. Novo, G. Evola, A. Rotolo, P. Assennato, E. Hoffmann, S. Novo
Palermo, Italy
- 8.10 DD2 Revascularization Of Proximal Left Anterior Descending Coronary Artery With Drug-Eluting Stents
L.F. Segura, J.H. Guardado, R. Moreno, J. Costa, M.J. Perez-Viscayno, F. Alfonso, R. Hernandez, J. Escaned, C. Bañuelos, C. Macaya
Madrid, Spain
- 8.20 DD3 Thromboaspiration In Patients With St-Elevation Myocardial Infarction Treated With Primary PCI
P. Kala, M. Poloczek, P. Jerabek, P. Neugebauer, M. Vytiska, J. Pařenica, H. Svobodova, O. Bořek
Brno, Czech Republic
- 8.30 DD4 Intrahospital Heart Failure In Patients Treated With Primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention: Echocardiographic Study
I. Nedeljkovic, M. Ostojic, B. Vujisic-Tesic, M. Petrovic, M. Boricic-Kostic, D. Trifunovic, O. Petrovic, M. Banovic, M. Tesic, B. Beleslin, J. Stepanovic, M. Nedeljkovic
Belgrade, Serbia
- 8.40 DD5 Risk Factors Management In Patients After Percutaneous Coronary Intervention
M. Licina, V.Giga, B. Beleslin, A. Djordjevic-Dikic, J. Stepanovic, I. Grozdic, I. Stankovic, M. Ostojic
Belgrade, Serbia



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Atherosclerotic Diseases & Drug Therapy

Chairmen: **S. Felis (Catania), H. Yang (Beijing)**

- 8.00 EE1 Is The Lumen Diameter Of The Common And Femoral Artery Good Marker Of The Extent Of Coronary Atherosclerosis?
A. Mirek, W. Rumiński
Lublin, Poland
- 8.10 EE2 Detection Of Carotid Artery Atherosclerosis In Clinically Detected Ischemic Heart Disease Patients In Bangladesh
N. Fatema, KMHS.S. Haque, C.M. Ahmed, S.K. Banerjee
Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 8.20 EE3 Hypothyroidism and the heart. How high is the risk?
I. Burazor, M. Pesic, M. Burazor, Z. Burazor, J. Glasnovic, A. Stojkovic, V. Atanaskovic, T. Djerić, G. Cvetanovic, N. Burazor
Nis, Serbia
- 8.30 EE4 The Quality of Arterial Hypertension Treatment in Cardiology Service in Kosovo - a Single Center Study
G. Bajraktari, X. Sylejmani, K. Thaçi, S. Elezi, G. Ndrepepa
Prishtina, Republic of Kosovo
- 8.40 EE5 Effects Of Nebivolol Versus Bisoprolol On Endothelial Function In Hypertensive Patients
I.I. Simova, R. Radoslavova, S. Denchev, Tz. Kutova
Sofia, Bulgaria

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Atrial Fibrillation & Supraventricular Arrhythmias

Chairmen: **A. Oto (Gankaya-Ankara), L. Vasquez (Milazzo)**

- 8.00 GG1 Cardiac Palpitations In Menopausal Women Due To Non-Sustained Right Atrial Tachycardia (NSRAT)

S. Sclarovsky

Tel Aviv, Israel

- 8.10 GG2 A Combined Therapy With Class Ic And Iii Antiarrhythmics To Prevent Atrial Fibrillation Recurrences After A Successful Cardioversion

L. Santini, A. Giomi, L. P. Papavasileiou, V. Romano, M. Sgueglia, L. Santucci, G. Magliano, G.B. Forleo, M. Borzi, F. Romeo

Rome, Italy

- 8.20 GG3 Role Of Standard Ecg And Stress Ecg In Clinical And Epidemiological Researches Worldwide And In China. Echocardiography And Genetic Screening Could Give Additional Information In Selected Areas

F. Naccarella, Z. Feng, L.L. Sun, G. Morselli, H. Dayi, P. Pandolfi, C. Felicani, M. Jun

Bologna, Italy

- 8.30 GG4 Palpitations In Menopausal Women Without Structural Heart Disease: A Cross Sectional Prospective Study With 12 Leads Holter System Recording

S. Sclarovsky

Tel Aviv, Israel

- 8.40 GG5 The Role Of Bachmann's Bundle Stimulation In Myotonic Dystrophy Type 1 Patients

G. Nigro, V. Russo, A. De Chiara, A. Rago, G. Arena, N. Della Cioppa, R. Chianese, D. Manfredi, R. Calabró

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Calipso

**Non-Invasive Evaluation and Management
of Major Cardiovascular Diseases**

Chairmen: **E. Occhetta (Novara), E.I. Ovsyshcher (Beer-Sheva)**

- 8.00 HH1 Electrical Remodeling (ER) As Is Expressed In The Electrocardiogram (ECG), Electrical Remodeling Phenotypes From Neonatal To Sexual Maturation, Gender Differences
S. Sclarovsky
Tel Aviv, Israel
- 8.10 HH2 Prevalence And Control Of Cardiovascular Risk Factors In Romania - Cardio-Zone National Study -
M. Cintează, M. Florescu, B. Pană, E. Cochino, A. Mărgulescu, A. Florian, D. Vinereanu
Bucharest, Romania
- 8.20 HH3 Isolated Areas Of Electrical Remodeling: Electrocardiographic Characteristics And Clinical Aspects
S. Sclarovsky
Tel Aviv, Israel
- 8.30 HH4 Predictors Of Limited Exercise Performance Assessed By 6 Minute Walk Test
G. Bajraktari
Prishtina, Republic of Kosovo
- 8.40 HH5 Tissue Doppler Cardiac Parameters As Predictors Of The Functional Capacity In Athletes
D. Popovic, I. Nedeljkovic, A. Kocijanci, V. Stojanov, M. Petrovic, B. Vujisic-Tesic, S. Damjanovic, M. Ostojic
Belgrade, Serbia



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9.00 - 10.30 *Joint Session with EHRA-ESC*

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European Heart Rhythm Association

Genetic Determinants of Sudden Death

Chairmen: W. Jung (Villingen), C. Napolitano (Pavia)

Genetic Bases and Risk Stratification in the Long QT Syndrome

T. Rossenbacker (Leuven)

Genetic Bases and Risk Stratification in the Brugada Syndrome

G. Inama (Crema)

Genetic Bases and Risk Stratification in the CPVT

C. Napolitano (Pavia)

Genetic Risk Factors for Sudden Cardiac Death

L. Toivonen (Helsinki)

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Società Italiana di Medicina Generale
Italian Society of General Practitioners

Cardiovascular Research in Primary Care

Chairmen: C. Cricelli (Florence), M.M. Gulizia (Catania)

Monitoring Drug Safety in Clinical Practice: the
PharmaSearch Network

A. Sessa (Arcisate)

Cardiovascular Epidemiology: the role of General
practitioners' networks

F. Samani (Trieste)

Cardiovascular drugs in real practice: the Health Search-
Thale database

G. Mazzaglia (Florence)

Improving Cardiovascular Prevention in Primary Care

A. Filippi (Mozzanica)

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09.00 - 10.30 *Joint Session with CHRS*

Ulisse

*Chinese Society of Cardiology &
Chinese Heart Rhythm Society*

Epidemiology of Cardiovascular Diseases. Educational Exchanges between Italy and China in the Perspective of China Health Care Reform

Chairmen: M. Chang-Shen (Beijing), M.M. Gulizia (Catania)

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J.F. Zhang (Rome)

Initial Address

W.P. Guo (Beijing)

Initial Address

AIAC and Italian Educational Activities for Foreign and
Chinese Students

M.M. Gulizia (Catania)

Life style education, early screening and prevention of
cardiovascular diseases in the China Health Care Reform

W.L. Liu (Beijing)

Electrocardiography and Clinical Data Base in
Epidemiologic Research. The Largest Chinese Experience

H. Yang (Beijing)

Educational Projects in China including

Electrocardiography and Echocardiography

F. Naccarella (Bologna), F. Zhang (Shanghai),

F. Iacopi (Faenza)

Scientific and Educational Relationship with Chinese
Medical Committee and Policlinico San Donato:
an almost 10-year-old experience

R. Cappato (Milan)

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Tindari

Clinical Appropriateness in the Management of Acute Coronary Syndromes: from Guidelines to Patient's Bed

Chairmen: **G. Di Pasquale (Bologna), A. Oto (Ankara)**

Chest Pain Management in the Emergency Room
A. Fiscella (Catania)

**Appropriate Reperfusion Strategy according to Guidelines:
State of Art and Recommendations**
G. De Luca (Novara)

**High Risk Patient: Risk Stratification and Appropriate
Pharmacological Treatment in ACS**
L. Bolognese (Arezzo)

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Clinical Value and Logistic Models for Remote Patient Management: the Latitude Experience

Chairmen: **L. Padeletti (Florence), H. Schmidinger (Wien)**

The US Experience with the Latitude System: Lessons from Over 100.000 Patients Cases

G. Mascioli (Bergamo)

The Remote Patient Management:
Possible Working Models

T. Toselli (Ferrara)

Remote Patient Management: a Tool to Manage Device Follow Up Burden in the Era of Primary Prevention?

C. Morais (Amadora)

Remote Patient Management of HF Patients Implanted with CRTD: How this Technology Can Help Electrophysiologists and Clinicians?

L. Calo' (Rome)

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11.00 -12.00 *Meet the Experts - A. Menarini*

Ulisse

La disfunzione endoteliale: dalla fisiopatologia alla clinica

Endothelial Dysfunction: from Physiopathology to Clinical Application

Chairman: F. Bovenzi (Lucca)

La disfunzione endoteliale nell'ipertensione arteriosa e nello scompenso cardiaco

Endothelial Dysfunction in patients affected by Arterial Hypertension and/or Heart Failure

G. Ambrosio (Milan)

L'endotelio come target della terapia: ruolo del nebivololo

Endothelium as Target of Pharmacological Therapy: role of Nebivolol

E. Gronda (Milan)

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12.30 – 13.00 *Lecture*

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The Percutaneous Closure of Patent Ductus Arteriosus and of Interatrial Communications: State of the Art 2009

Presenter: A. Silvia (Catania)

Lecturer: G. Pongiglione (Genoa)

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12.30 – 13.00 *Lecture*

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Omega-3 in Cardiology

Presenter: A.P. Maggioni (Florence)

Lecturer: R. Griffo (Genoa)

12.30 – 13.00 *Lecture*

Ulisse

Ivabradina: Applicazioni Cliniche in Cardiologia Ivabradina: Clinical Application in Cardiology

Presenter: A. Circo (Catania)

Lecturer: F. Arrigo (Messina)

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13.00 - 14.30 Luncheon Panel

Tindari

New Frontiers in Cardiac Pacing Therapies

Chairmen: **C. D'Ascia (Naples)**, **A. Duparc (Toulouse)**

Physiological Pacing in Selected RV Stimulation Sites
D. Igidbashian (Gorizia)

Is Triple Ventricular Cardiac Resynchronization in Very Dilated Cardiomyopathy Safe and Efficient?
P. Mondoly (Toulouse)

Closed Loop Stimulation in Paroxysmal Atrial Tachycardia
P. Scipione (Ancona)

RV Bifocal vs. Biventricular Pacing: an Alternate Approach to CRT
P. Diotallevi (Alessandria)

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15.00 – 16.30 *Symposium*

Tindari

Where does Clinical and Interventional Search go?

Chairmen: **M. Brignole (Lavagna), S. Mangiameli (Catania)**

In Non-ST-Elevation Acute Coronary Syndromes
G. Di Pasquale (Bologna)

In the Early Treatment of Heart Failure
A.P. Maggioni (Florence)

In “Physiological” Cardiac Pacing
E. Occhetta (Novara)

CRT-P an Initial Implant for which Anti-bradycardia
Indicated
S. Nisam (Diegem)

In the Prevention of Sudden Death
G. De Fabrizio (Lecce)

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AF Ablation in different clinical settings

Chairmen: **A. Bonso (Mestre-Venice), A. Capucci (Ancona)**

AF Ablation in Elderly Patients

A. Bonso (Mestre-Venice)

AF Ablation in Patients with Heart Failure and/or Left Ventricular Dysfunction

M. Zecchin (Rome)

AF Ablation in Patients with Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

C. Tondo (Rome)

AF Ablation in Patients with History of Cardiac Surgery

R. De Ponti (Varese)

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16.30 - 18.00 *Intercultural Exchanges on:*

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Syncope: Non-Invasive Evaluation and Management

Chairmen: **O. Oseroff (Buenos Aires), S. Sermasi (Rimini)**

- 16.30 LL1 A Novel Intravascular Defibrillator (Innerpulse Picd):
Defibrillation Threshold Comparison To Standard
Configurations In Dogs
**M. Richey, S.C. Masson, T. Ransbury, M. Urtz,
W.E. Sanders**
Chapel Hill, USA
- 16.40 LL2 Predictors Of Early Mortality Among Patients Receiving
Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillators
**S. Bhavnani, C. Coleman, C.M. White, D. Guertin,
R. Yarlagadda, C.A. Clyne, J. Kluger**
Hartford, USA
- 16.50 LL3 Effect Of Residual Critical Stenosis On The Outcome Of
Recipients Of Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator
**M. Mezzetti, M. Marconi, N. Franco, M. Ruffini,
A. Santarelli, D. Santoro, G. Piovaccari**
Rimini, Italy
- 17.00 LL4 Identification Of Patients With Idiopathic Dilated
Cardiomyopathy And Scd-Heft Inclusion Criteria Who
Could Be Considered For Early ICD Implantation
**M. Zecchin, A. Di Lenarda, D. Gregori, A. Pivetta,
M. Merlo, G. Sabbadini, G. Barbati, L. Vitali Serdoz,
A. Proclemer, G. Sinagra**
Trieste, Italy



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- 17.10 LL5 The Impact Of Home Monitoring Technology On Patient Medical Treatment
E. Ammendola, I. De Crescenzo, L. Santangelo, R. Calabró
Naples, Italy
- 17.20 LL6 Correlation of Diastolic Dysfunction with Left Atrial Volume
S. Kakouros, N. Kakouros, E. Iski
Athens, Greece
- 17.30 LL7 Impact Of Physical Counterpressure Maneuvers On Quality Of Life Of Patients With Neuromediated Syncope
G.M. Francese, M.M. Gulizia
Catania, Italy

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16.30 - 18.00 **Intercultural Exchanges on:**

Nettuno

Heart Failure: Electrical Treatment

Chairmen: **D. Mangiameli (Catania), T. Toselli (Ferrara)**

- 16.30 MM1 Acute Effect Of AV Optimization On Arterial Blood Pressure (ABP) In Patients Implanted With A Biventricular Device (CRT)
E. Lucca, A. Borrelli, N. Bakhtadze, C. Belvito, R. Marconi, G. Mascioli
Bergamo, Italy
- 16.40 MM2 18 Month Outcomes In The Resynchronization Reverses Remodeling In Systolic Left Ventricular Dysfunction (Reverse) Trial
C. Linde, W.T. Abraham, M.R. Gold, C. Daubert
Stockholm, Sweden
- 16.50 MM3 Impact Of Moderate Exercise Workload On legm Predicted Optimal PV And VV Delays Determined By Quickopt Algorithm
K. Seidl, M. Strauss, T. Becker, T. Kleemann
Ludwigshafen, Germany
- 17.00 MM4 Trans-Valvular Impedance Sensitivity To Left-Ventricular Hemodynamics
E. Moro, G. Allocca, C. Marcon, E. Marras, S. Cukon, E. Lanari, N. Sitta, F. Di Gregorio, A. Barbetta, P. Delise
Conegliano, Italy



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- 17.10 MM5 Comparative Long Term Results Of Worldwide Risk Charts Use In The Prevention Of Cardiovascular Diseases" From Framingham Study To China Risk Charts A New Increasing Role For Prevention And Changes In Life Styles Education
F. Naccarella, L.L. Sun, G. Morselli, H. Dayi, P. Pandolfi, C. Felicani, M. Jun
Bologna, Italy
- 17.20 MM6 Clinical Drugs Trials In Cardiology. Where Are We Now? The Role Of International Trials Worldwide And In China. A Prospective From The Nucleus Of The Working Group On Drugs Of The European Society Of Cardiology
F. Naccarella, Z. Feng, L.L. Sun, G. Morselli, H. Dayi, P. Pandolfi, C. Felicani, M. Jun
Bologna, Italy
- 17.30 MM7 Analysis Of The Heart Failure Drug Use In An Older Population
N. Krstić, G. Koraćević, L. Todorović, M. Lazović, Lj. Radević, A. Stojković, S. Salinger-Martinović, G. Lazarević
Brno, Czech Republic

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Discussion: 10.30-11.00 and 14.30-15.00

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- PS28 - 41. Plasma B-Type Natriuretic Peptide Levels And The Risk Of Atrial Fibrillation In Patients With Acute Myocardial Infarction
P. Ptaszynski, J. Ruta, K. Kaczmarek, K Chizynski, J.K. Wranicz
Lodz, Poland
- PS28 - 42. NT-Probnp In Patients With Acute Coronary Syndromes and Intervention – A 12 Month Follow Up Analysis
K.M. Lampropoulos, A. Marinakis, N. Kouvelas, T.A. Iliopoulos
Athens, Greece
- PS28 - 43. Influence On Renal Function And Occurence Of Contrast Induced Nephropathy After Coronarography And Percutaneous Coronary Intervention
M. Kňazeje, F. Kovar, R. Olos, S. Funiak, B. Raska, M. Mokň
Martin, Slovakia
- PS28 - 44. Pacemaker Leads - Substrate For Infectious Endocarditis? - Case Presentation
C. Statescu, R.A. Sascau, C. Arsenescu Georgescu
Iasi, Romania
- PS28 - 45. Left Ventricle Stimulation Via Epicardial Approach In The Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy
G. Pistis, F. Parisi, S. Grossi, R. Riccardi, F. Bianchi, R. Casabona, R. Bevilacqua
Turin, Italy

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- PS28 - 46. Depressed Low Frequency Of Heart Rate Variability During Slow And Deep Breathing Identifies Heart Failure Patients With Poor Prognosis
D. Trifunovic, M. Ostojic, M. Petrovic, M. Zivkovic, M. Zdravkovic, P.M. Seferovic, B. Vujisic-Tesic, M. Nidzovic
Belgrade, Serbia
- PS28 - 47. Correlation between Pulse Wave Velocity and Heart Rate Variability in Young Patients with Isolated Systolic Hypertension
K. Hristova, P. Damianov, P. Atanasov, S. Milanov
Sofia, Bulgaria
- PS28 - 48. Risk Factors For Acute Myocardial Infarction Nowadays And Ten Years Ago
M.R. Damjanovic, D. Djordjevic-Radojkovic, G. Koracevic, S. Apostolovic, Z. Perisic, M. Pavlovic, R. Jankovic
Nis, Serbia
- PS28 - 49. Correlation Of Heart Frequency With Other Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factors In The Case Of Adiposity
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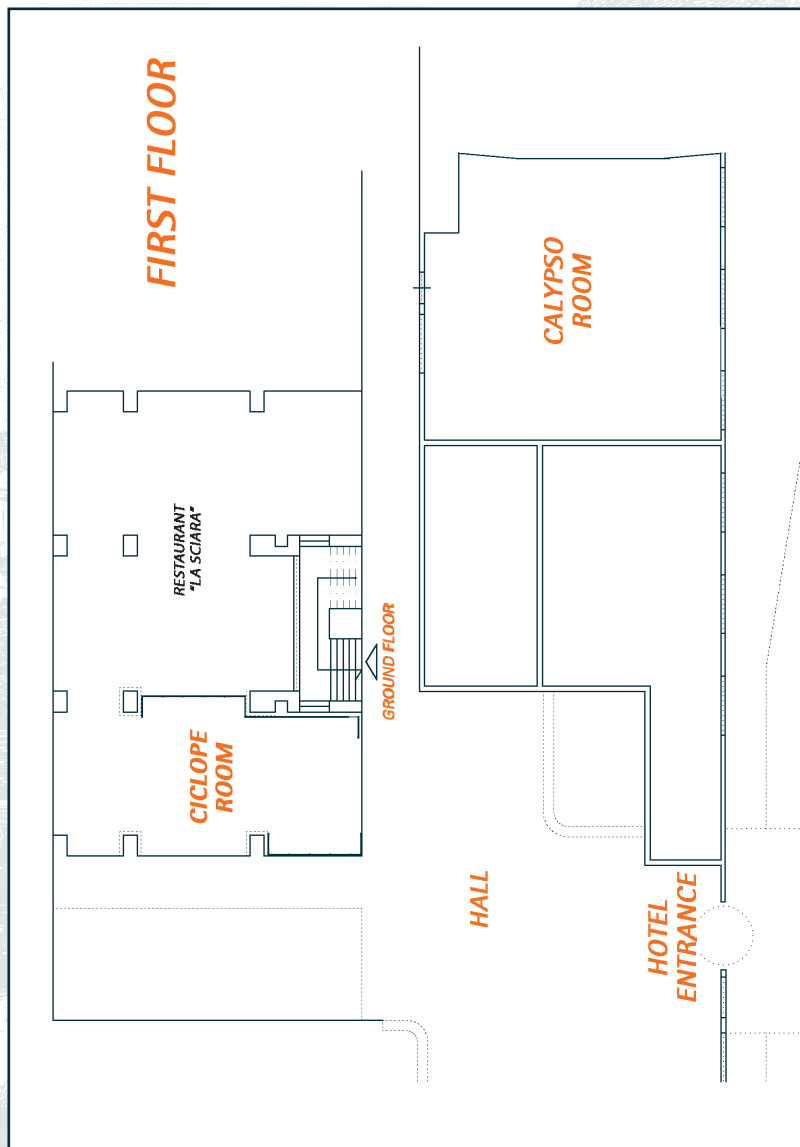


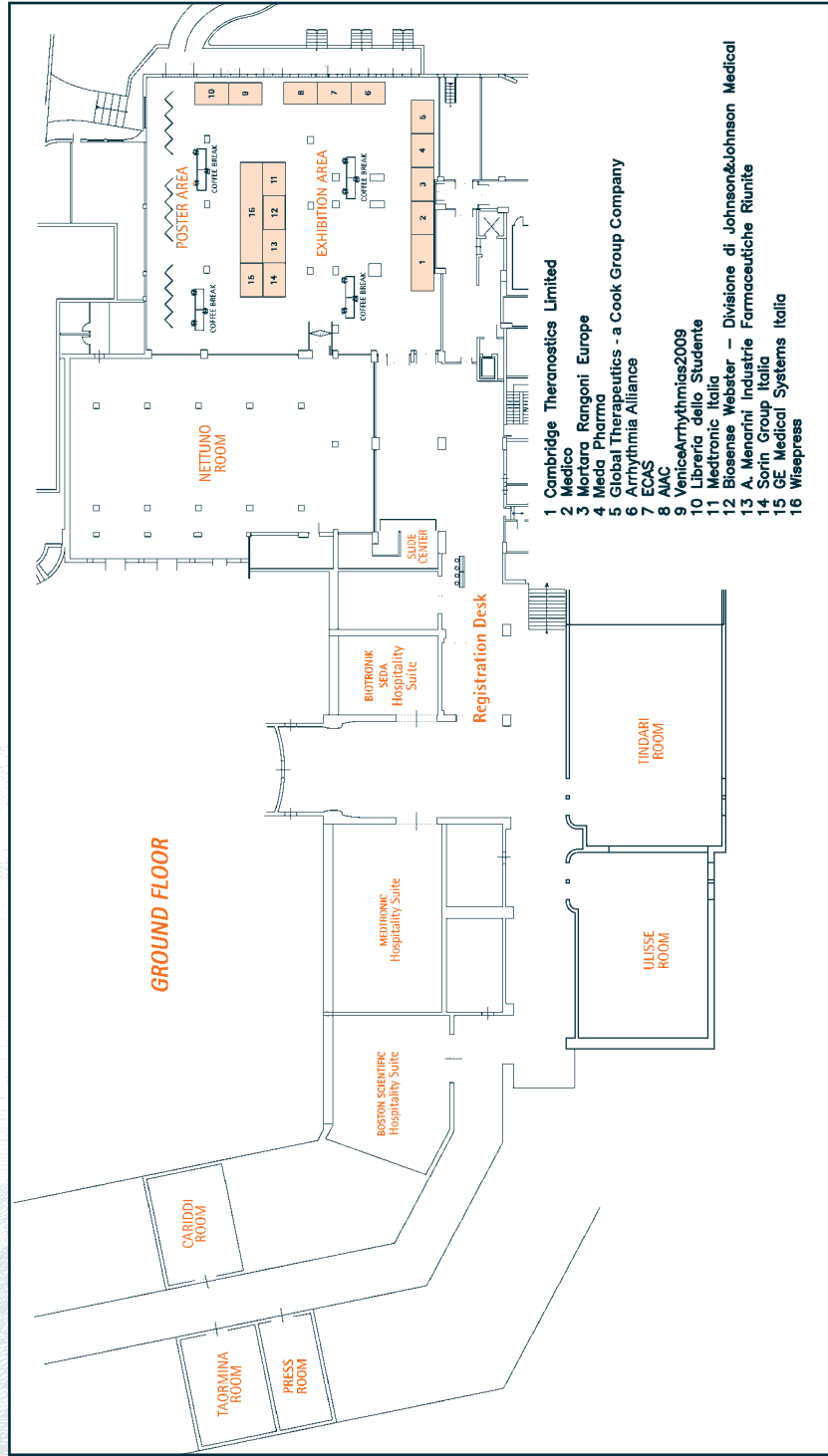
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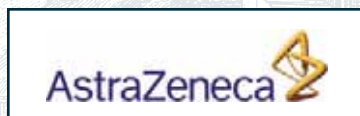
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Medtronic Italia SpA

Piazza Indro Montanelli 20099
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Medtronic is the global leader in medical technology - alleviating pain, restoring health, and extending life for millions of people around the world. Medtronic develops and manufactures a wide range of products and therapies with emphasis on providing a complete continuum of care to diagnose, prevent and monitor chronic conditions. Key Businesses are Cardiac Rhythm Disease Management, Neuromodulation, Spinal and Biologics, Diabetes, Cardiovascular and Surgical Technologies.

Medtronic Italy partners with medical professionals to develop life-changing technologies that improve the way chronic diseases are treated.



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Merck Sharp & Dohme Italia SpA

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The company is headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and has grown since 1982 to include offices in Australia, Italy, (Mortara Rangoni Europe, the European headquarters) Germany and the Netherlands. Products are marketed worldwide through subsidiaries and distribution partners.

Mortara Rangoni Europe Srl

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Mortara Instrument is ISO 13485 certified.

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Neomedical Srl

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Neomedical Srl is a leading supplier of medical device for the treatment of cardiovascular diseases. The headquarter is in Catania.

Neomedical Srl is the exclusive distributor for the crm and electrophysiology line of SJM Medical.

Recordati SpA

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Schering-Plough Italy

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Sigma Tau

Industrie Farmaceutiche Riunite SpA

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Sigma-tau is a leading, all Italian capital, International pharmaceutical group that invests in the research, development and marketing of innovative and effective treatments to improve human well-being and quality of life.

The Group, with headquarters in Pomezia (Roma, Italy) had subsidiaries in France, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Portugal, Germany, UK, USA (Gaithersburg, Maryland) and India, as well as in Spain and Sudan where the Group operates two production facilities. Sigma-tau S.p.A., with head office in Pomezia, has a strong research focus: the Company consistently re-invests 16% in R&D. The Group with its total annual turnover of 605 million Euros (LBE), has a workforce of over 2,400, about 400 of whom are engaged in R&D in the following areas: cardiovascular, metabolism, oncology, immunology, central and peripheral nervous system.

R&D Group develops in the following centers:

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- Tecnogen S.p.A., Piana di Monte Verna (Caserta)
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Sorin Group Italia Srl

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The Sorin Group is a global medical device company and a leader in the treatment of cardiovascular diseases. The Company develops, manufactures and markets medical technologies for cardiac surgery and for the treatment of cardiac rhythm disorders. With 3,500 employees worldwide, the Group focuses on three major therapeutic areas that include: cardiopulmonary bypass (extracorporeal circulation and autotransfusion systems), cardiac rhythm management, and heart valve repair and replacement. Every year, over 1 million patients are treated with the devices of Sorin Group in more than 80 countries.

St. Jude Medical Italia SpA

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Palazzo Andromeda, 16/1
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St. Jude Medical develops medical technology designed to put more control into the hands of those who treat cardiac, neurological and chronic pain patients worldwide. The company is dedicated to advancing the practice of medicine by reducing risk wherever possible and contributing to successful patient outcomes. Headquartered in St. Paul, Minn., St. Jude Medical employs more than 14,000 people worldwide and has five major focus areas that include: cardiac rhythm management, atrial fibrillation, cardiac surgery, cardiology and neuromodulation. Learn more at sjm.com.



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Takeda Italia Farmaceutici SpA

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Takeda is a research-based global pharmaceutical company, the largest in Japan and one of the global leaders of the industry.

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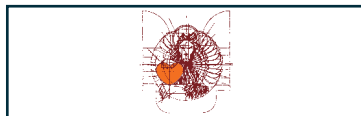
Ethical drugs are Takeda's core business provided across a range of therapeutic areas to meet the needs and expectations of medical professionals and patients in 90 countries around the world.

Takeda's portfolio includes drugs for the treatment of diabetes, hypertension, peptic ulcers, prostate cancer and endometriosis.



VeniceArrhythmias 2009

Adria Congrex Srl
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The 11th International Workshop on Cardiac Arrhythmias - Venice Arrhythmias 2009 - will be held in the historical prestigious venue of the Giorgio Cini Foundation located in the heart of the Venetian Lagoon from October 4 to 7 2009. This well renowned biannual workshop is held under the auspices of the most important International Scientific Societies and it will attract over 3.000 attendees. The Scientific program is developed within 4 days in 9 concurrent meeting rooms run by the most world-wide recognized leaders. The Workshop is focused on the following central topics: Atrial Fibrillation Ablation, Syncope, Heart Failure and Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy, Pacemakers and ICDs, Sport and Arrhythmology, Surgical Approach to Cardiac Arrhythmias. It will also provide special Corner Sessions prepared in cooperation with Scientific Societies or representatives of geographic areas, and didactic teaching Core Curricula with up-to-date information and relevant clinical implications. A great amount of time will be dedicated to live cases sessions, video-presentations, and interactive sessions. Unresolved and controversial issues will be the subject of several debates. A wide and open discussion among all the participants will be allowed and encouraged.

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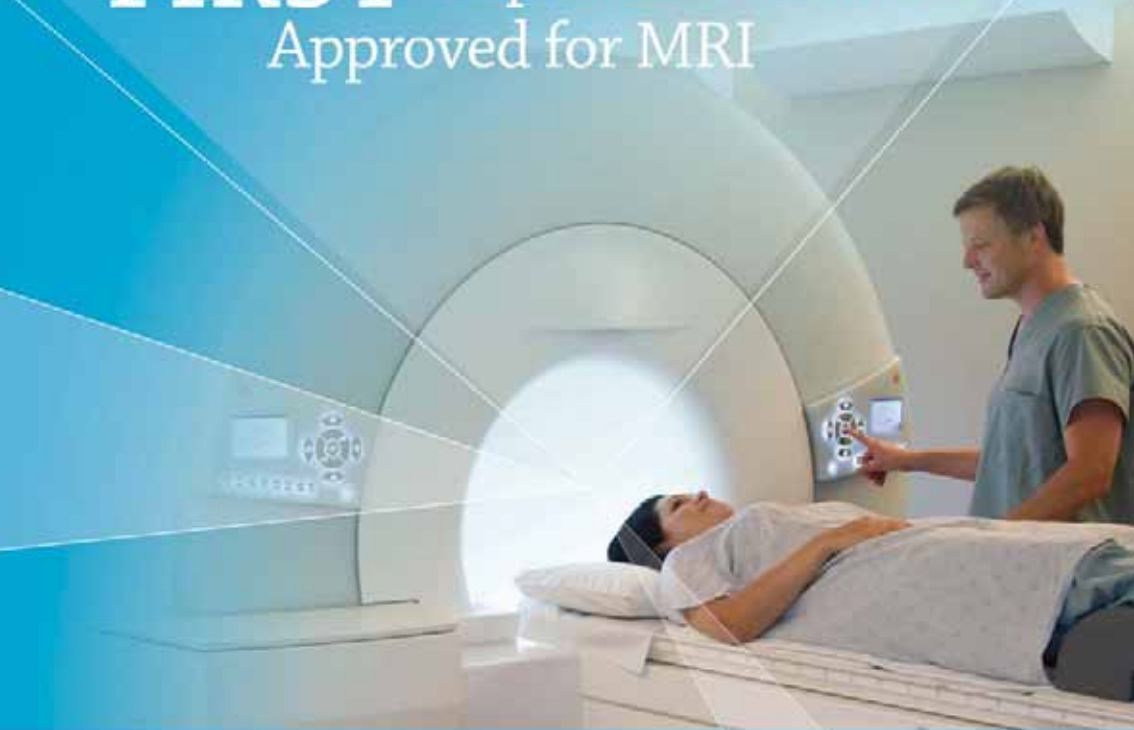


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