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OCTOBER 18-21, 2012 | EL PANAMA HOTEL, PANAMA CITY, PANAMA

Thursday, 18.10.12

Day I

Registration

Get-together reception



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Friday, 19.10.12

Day II

- 7:30-8:30 Registration
- 8:30-9:00 Opening Ceremony
- 9:00-9:25 Heart failure; pathophysiology as a basis for diagnosis and therapy.
Uri Elkayam, MD.
- 9:25-9:45 Diagnosis of acute heart failure
Alan Maisel, MD
- 9:45-10:05 Acute heart failure syndromes: patients characteristics and therapeutic challenges.
Barry Greenberg, MD
- 10:05-10:25 Effective management of the hospitalized patient with heart failure
Uri Elkayam, MD
- 10:25-10:45 Use of diuretics and ultra filtration in the management of decompensated heart failure
Maria Rosa Costanzo, MD
- 10:45-11:05 Case presentation and panel discussion
- 10:45-11:00 Break
- 11:00-11:20 Pulmonary hypertension: new classification and diagnostic work up
Lewis J. Rubin, MD





11:20-11:40 The management of the asymptomatic patient with Left ventricular systolic dysfunction, prevention of remodeling and disease progression

Berry Greenberg, MD

11:40-12:00 Pulmonary hypertension: an update on therapy

Lewis J. Rubin, MD

12:00-12:30 Case presentation and panel discussion

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-13:55 The management of the symptomatic patient with Left ventricular systolic dysfunction

Maria Rosa Costanzo, MD

13:55-14:20 Diastolic heart failure: Management strategies

Barry Greenberg, MD

14:20-14:35 Break

14:35-15:00 A practical approach for the use of BNP for the diagnosis and management of acute and chronic heart failure

Alan Maisel, MD

15:00-15:25 The cardio-renal syndrome in heart failure: definition, prognostic implications and strategies for management

Maria Rosa Costanzo, MD

15:25-15:40 Case presentation and panel discussion

16:00-18:00 Poster session with guided poster presentation





Saturday, 20.10.12

Day III

8:15-8:40 Implantable defibrillators for prevention of sudden death in patients with heart failure: Evidence base and patient selection

Jonathan S. Steinberg, MD

8:40-9:05 The approach to the patient with heart failure and coronary artery disease

Thomas Heywood, MD

9:05-9:30 The widening indications for the selection of patients for cardiac resynchronization therapy

Jonathan S. Steinberg, MD

9:30-9:55 Sleep Apnea and heart failure: diagnosis, prognosis and treatment

Uri Elkayam , MD

9:55-10:25 Case presentation and panel discussion

10:25-10:40 Break

10:40-11:15 New antiarrhythmic and anti-coagulation drugs and their applications to patients with heart failure

Tien Ng, PharmD

11:15-11:40 Atrial fibrillation and heart failure: Rate versus rhythm control, ablation and stroke prevention.

Jonathan S. Steinberg, MD



11:40-12:05 How to organize a heart failure clinic?

Ileana Pina, MD

12:05-12:30 Case presentation and panel discussion

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-13:55 Left ventricular assist devices for bridge to transplantation and destination therapy: Patient selection and outcome

Hector Ventura, MD

13:55-14:20 The use of implantable devices for remote monitoring and optimization of Chronic heart failure therapy

Thomas Heywood, MD

14:20-14:45 Heart transplantation – In the area of Left ventricular assist devices a status report

Hector Ventura, MD

14:45-15:00 Break

15:00-15:25 Exercise in patients with heart failure: how often and how much?

Ileana Pina, MD

15:25-15:50 Anemia and Iron Deficiency in heart failure: incidence, mechanisms, clinical significance and potential therapy

Thomas Heywood, MD

15:50-16:20 Case presentation and panel discussion

16:30-18:30 Poster session with guided poster presentation





Sunday, 21.10.12

Day IV

8:30-8:55 Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy: Risk evaluation and strategies for prevention of sudden death

Barry Maron, MD

8:55-9:15 Chagas Cardiomyopathy: epidemiology and diagnosis

Anis Rassi Jr, MD

9:15-9:40 Hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy: Drugs, surgery and septal ablation

Barry Maron, MD

9:40-10:10 Case Presentation and panel discussion

10:10-10:25 Break

10:25-10:45 Chagas Cardiomyopathy: current and emerging therapeutic options

Anis Rassi Jr, MD

10:45-11:15 Current status of transcatheter valve repair

Raj Makkar, MD

11:15-11:35 Predictors and prevention of mortality in patients with Chagas disease

Anis Rassi Jr, MD

11:35-12:00 The management of pregnancy associated cardiomyopathy

Uri Elkayam, MD



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12:00-12:25 Stem cell therapy for the management of the failing heart – A status report

Raj Makkar, MD

12:25-12:50 Case presentation and panel discussion

12:50-13:00 concluding remarks

Uri Elkayam, MD



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