

CRT 2008 is an international multi-modular symposium that covers a variety of evidence based medical disciplines in the field of cardiovascular medicine and intervention. A renowned faculty of experts from around the world will discuss scientific issues, clinical controversies, and current experiences both pre-clinical and in clinical patient treatment settings. The program consists of 14 concurrent meetings, which are components of the Coronary, Scientific, Endovascular and Technology tracks.

CRT 2008 will include special sessions for cardiology fellows, nurses and technologists; premier evening symposia, abstract poster sessions and industry-sponsored breakfast sessions. The program also includes case reviews, cutting edge presentations, reviews of recent trials, lectures, interactive workshops, and manufacturers' exhibits. Live Case demonstrations from 5 international sites will illustrate state-of-the-art current practice of interventional procedures. Two entertaining evening functions following our evening symposia will provide an opportunity for social interaction among participants and faculty.

The varied format of CRT will provide each attendee with a unique, well-rounded experience, encompassing a complete understanding of all factors that make up the field of interventional vascular therapy and vascular medicine.

Conference Format

- Didactic lectures providing up-to-date information on the current status and future direction of cardiovascular medicine
- Live case demonstrations allowing for a complete understanding of the implementation of different devices associated with the field of interventional cardiology
- Panel discussions to provide a broad range of information from multiple experts
- Evening satellite symposia and industry breakfast workshops providing smaller settings to interact directly with faculty

Target Audience

This conference is intended for physicians, biologists, nurses, technologists, cath lab staff and other healthcare professionals with an interest in coronary and vascular intervention, and imaging.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants should be able to:

- Discuss the results from important clinical trials and evidence-based medicine that guide the contemporary management of patients with coronary and peripheral atherosclerosis

- Compare new interventional technologies strategies and procedures in the care of patients with complex coronary, endovascular disease and structural heart disease
- Explain advances in diagnostic evaluation and treatment for patients with carotid and peripheral arterial disease
- Integrate appropriate pharmacologic management in the care of patients who present with acute coronary syndrome and myocardial infarction
- Compare new interventional technologies and propose their appropriate applications to patients with cardiovascular disease, bifurcation lesions and total occlusions

CME Accreditation

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of Washington Hospital Center and Cardiovascular Research Institute. Washington Hospital Center is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Credit Designation

Washington Hospital Center designates this educational activity for a maximum of *28 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits TM*. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.