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General Information

Why Should You Attend
The purpose of our program is to further the clinical interpretation and application/management skills of physicians and technologists in non-invasive nuclear cardiac imaging.

The mission of The Cardiovascular Institute (CVI) is to advance the science and practice of cardiovascular medicine through research and education.

Payment Method
Physician/Industry—$300.00
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** Add $10 service fee for Visa/MC
Target Audience
Cardiologists, technologists and mid-level providers involved in or with an interest in non-invasive nuclear cardiac imaging

Goals and Objectives
After attending the program participants will be better able to:
- Describe the criteria which would delineate the most appropriate tool (myocardial perfusion imaging or cardiac catheterization) to use in the diagnosis and management of cardiovascular disease.
- Provide evidence based discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of SPECT and CT angiography for the role of noninvasive gatekeepers of the cardiac catheterization laboratory.
- Describe the use of nuclear imaging to assess the etiology of congestive heart failure.
- Describe the importance of Electrocardiogram Interpretation within the stress testing arena.
- Recognize artifacts and technical issues affecting Myocardial Perfusion Imaging.
- Familiarize themselves with the prognostic power of myocardial perfusion imaging.
- Describe how Current Health Policy Discussions May Affect CV Imaging and Nuclear Cardiology in the Future.
- Consider steps they can take to successfully advocate in support of CV Imaging and Nuclear Cardiology.

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Program Schedule

1:30p.m. - Introduction & Overview of Myocardial perfusion Imaging
Veronica A. Covalesky, M.D.

2:00p.m. - CT vs. SPECT for Gate Keeping of Cardiac Cath Lab
Ronald Schwartz, M.D.

3:00p.m. - Use of Radionuclide Imaging in Patients with Heart Failure and Arrhythmias
Mark Travin, M.D.

4:00p.m. - Stress Testing 101: Tuning up the Basics
Rose Covalesky, M.S., PA-C

5:00p.m. - Dinner

5:30p.m. - Patient Case Presentations & Discussions
Erin O’Malley Tysko, M.D.

6:30p.m. - Is Anatomy Destiny? Lessons from Recent Trials
Christopher Hansen, M.D.

7:30p.m. - Big Brother and You: The Role of the Federal Government in CV Imaging and Nuclear Cardiology
William Van Decker, M.D.

8:30p.m. - Your role as an Advocate in Support of CV Imaging and Nuclear Cardiology Review
Mark Victor, M.D.

8:45p.m. - Review and Closing
Veronica Covalesky, M.D.

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Registration Form

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