Saturday Morning EP Report
Challenging Cases in Atrial Fibrillation

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Program Overview

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Atrial fibrillation (AF) is not a benign disease, but rather is associated with substantial morbidity and mortality, such as increased risk of stroke and increasing stroke severity, heart failure onset, and cardiovascular hospitalizations and mortality. Clinical management to avoid these poor outcomes is complicated by the multiple presentations of AF, available strategies, and treatment options. In addition, there is a wealth of important new data prompting ongoing revisions to AF management guidelines and improvements in clinical practice. Thus, obtaining the best current information on AF from knowledgeable faculty in a useful learning environment can be valuable for busy clinicians.

This Saturday Morning EP Report program is designed to engage clinicians in understanding and synthesizing the latest data and guideline recommendations with the goal of translating them into improved AF management. Participants will interact in a familiar case-based "Morning Report" format with a prestigious faculty member. The case topics, selected by the faculty to highlight the most challenging and dynamic topics in AF management, include optimizing outcomes in AF, pharmacotherapy pre-, peri-, and post-ablation, rate and rhythm control, cardioversion, and left ventricular dysfunction. Electrophysiologists, cardiologists, and other healthcare professionals who treat patients with AF will benefit from attending this program.

Target Audience
Clinical Cardiologists, Electrophysiologists, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, EP Fellows

Learning Objectives

- Diagram an individual management strategy for challenging patient cases based on the underlying electrical mechanism of AF, diagnostics, and the patient’s health status by integrating peer-to-peer input consistent with morning report dialogue by EPs.
- Maximize serial learning opportunities to discuss how novel and emerging antiarrhythmic therapies can best be integrated into the EP practice to reduce AF related morbidity and mortality.
- Formulate a clinical plan to incorporate and evaluate the latest advances in anticoagulation therapy to optimize outcomes in challenging patients with nonvalvular AF.
- Cite evidence on which to base an AF management strategy which considers heart rate control as well as rhythm control.
- Maintain a direct line of communication with key opinion leaders to address ongoing, relevant AF management issues to better understand clinical practice gaps.

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