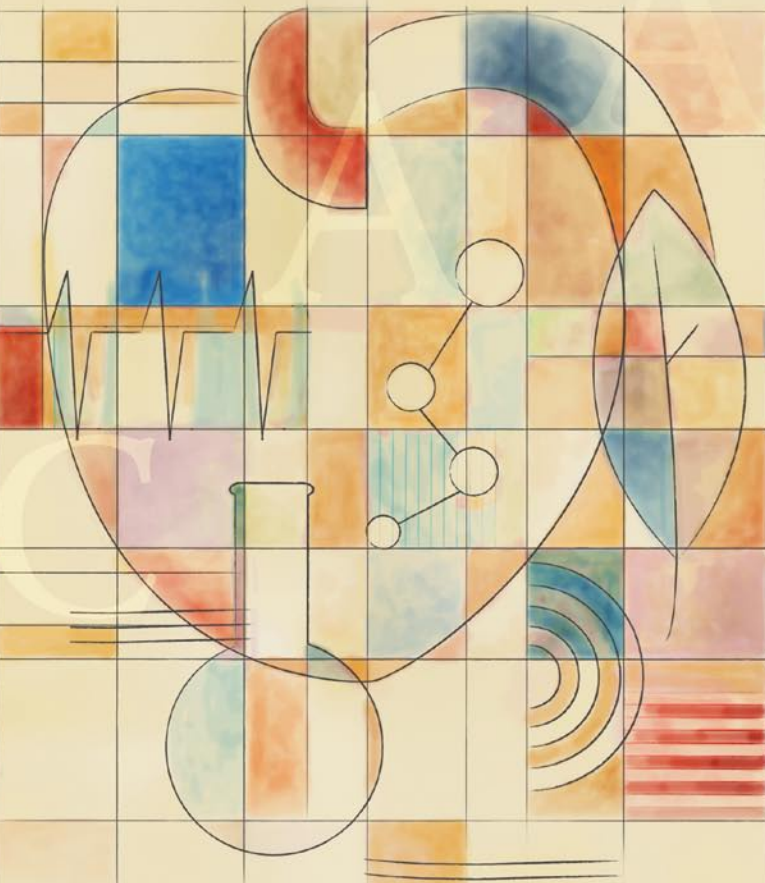




SUMMIT ON ACUTE AORTIC DISEASES: LUX ET VERITAS



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DINNER SPEAKER:
M. DAVID TILSON III, MD

SPECIAL LECTURER:
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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

UPON COMPLETION OF THIS COURSE, PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO:

- UNDERSTAND THE TERMINOLOGY AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE CLINICAL ENTITIES
- UNDERSTAND THE BIOLOGY OF ACUTE AORTIC CONDITIONS
- DISCUSS THE GENETICS OF AORTIC ANEURYSM AND DISSECTION
- RECOGNIZE THE SYMPTOMS AND SIGNS OF ACUTE AORTIC DISSECTION
- DISCUSS THE TREATMENTS OF ACUTE AORTIC CONDITIONS INCLUDING ABDOMINAL AND THORACIC RUPTURED ANEURYSM AND ACUTE AORTIC DISSECTION
- UNDERSTAND SURGICAL THERAPY, STENT THERAPY AND LONG-TERM SUPPRESSIVE THERAPIES
- ASSESS THE PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE SUCH AS MOLECULAR DIAGNOSIS, ENHANCED IMAGING, MOLECULAR-BASED CONVENTIONAL DRUGS AND GENE THERAPY

TARGET AUDIENCE

THIS SYMPOSIUM IS DESIGNED FOR:

- CARDIOLOGISTS
- EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS
- CARDIAC SURGEONS
- VASCULAR SURGEONS
- RADIOLOGISTS
- PERFUSIONISTS
- ATTORNEYS
- PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
- OR NURSES
- ER NURSES
- CCU NURSES
- CARDIAC SURGICAL NURSES
- VASCULAR BIOLOGISTS
- RESIDENTS (MEDICINE AND SURGERY)
- STUDENTS

AND ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN THE CARE OF INDIVIDUALS WITH AORTIC DISEASE.

THIS SYMPOSIUM IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF JOHN RITTER



JOHN RITTER

This supremely talented and beloved actor (*Three's Company*, *8 Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter*, *Sling Blade*, *Problem Child*) and one of America's best-known comedians, succumbed to acute aortic dissection. This symposium is devoted to the investigation, diagnosis, and treatment of acute aortic conditions. Mr. Ritter's family has kindly agreed that this symposium be dedicated in Mr. Ritter's memory.



AMY YASBECK

Ms. Amy Yasbeck, the well-known actress (*Wings*, *Life on a Stick*) who is the wife of Mr. Ritter, has kindly agreed to give a retrospective on the career of John Ritter as well as lend her support to the investigation and treatment of acute aortic diseases.

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M. DAVID TILSON III, MD

Noted aortic authority Dr. M. David Tilson III, Professor of Surgery, Columbia University, who first recognized the genetic component of aortic aneurysm disease, has accepted Dr. Eleftheriades' challenge to speak on the topic: "Aortic Diseases and Creativity: Is There a Link." The considerable number of creative individuals in the arts and sciences who have been felled by aortic diseases indicates that there may be a link – that the genetic alterations that enable the formation of an aneurysm may confer specific creative abilities to the central nervous system. Examples of creative individuals affected by aortic aneurysm and dissection include Mr. Ritter, as well as Lucille Ball, George C. Scott, Albert Einstein, and Broadway composer Jonathon Larson (Rent), among many others.



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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2007

MORNING SESSION

8:00 – 8:15 AM

Introduction, Welcome and Epidemiology

JOHN A. ELEFTERIADES, MD

8:15 – 8:40 AM

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

The Aorta and I: A Lifetime Relationship

DENTON A. COOLEY, MD

8:40 – 9:00 AM

Imaging of Aortic Diseases: CT and MRI

JAMES A. BRINK, MD

9:00 – 9:25 AM

INTERACTIVE SESSION

Difficult Imaging Cases

FACULTY AND PARTICIPANTS

9:25 – 9:45 AM

Pathogenesis of Aortic Aneurysms I

ROBERT W. THOMPSON, MD

9:45 – 10:05 AM

Pathogenesis of Aortic Aneurysms II

DONALD M. BOTTA, MD AND

GEORGE TELLIDES, MD

10:05 – 10:25 AM

INTERACTIVE SESSION

Point/Counterpoint on Pathogenesis

FACULTY AND PARTICIPANTS

10:25 – 10:45 AM

BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS

10:45 – 11:05 AM

Genetics of Aortic Aneurysms

DIANNA M. MILEWICZ, MD, PhD

11:05 – 11:25 AM

Genetics of Aortic Aneurysms

JOHN A. ELEFTERIADES, MD

11:25 – 11:45 AM

INTERACTIVE SESSION

Point/Counterpoint on Genetics

FACULTY AND PARTICIPANTS

11:45 AM – 12:05 PM

Classification of Aortic Diseases

CHRISTOPH NIENABER, MD, PhD

12:05 – 12:25 PM

Diagnosis of Aortic Diseases

ERIC M. ISSELBACHER, MD

12:25 – 12:45 PM

INTERACTIVE SESSION

Point/Counterpoint on Classification/
Diagnosis

FACULTY AND PARTICIPANTS

12:45 – 1:45 PM

LUNCH

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:45 – 2:05 PM

Medical Management of the Aorta

VALENTIN FUSTER, MD, PhD

2:05 – 2:15 PM

INTERACTIVE SESSION

Q&A with Dr. Fuster:

Learning from the Authority

FACULTY AND PARTICIPANTS

2:15 – 2:35 PM

Surgical Treatment of AAA

JOHN B. CHANG, MD

2:35 – 2:55 PM

Endovascular Treatment of AAA

LARRY H. HOLLIER, MD

2:55 – 3:15 PM

INTERACTIVE SESSION

Q&A on AAA

FACULTY AND PARTICIPANTS

3:15 – 3:30 PM

BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS

3:30 – 4:30 PM

Moderated Poster Presentations

4:30 – 4:45 PM

Endovascular Treatment of TAA I

ALAN MATSUMOTO, MD

4:45 – 5:00 PM

Endovascular Treatment of TAA II

JOSEPH E. BAVARIA, MD

5:00 – 5:10 PM

Safety of Aortic Surgery in the Present Era

JOHN A. ELEFTERIADES, MD

5:10 – 5:30 PM

INTERACTIVE SESSION

Knockdown – Drag ‘Em Out Debate:
Endovascular Therapy vs. Surgery
ALAN MATSUMOTO, MD,
JOSEPH E. BAVARIA, MD AND
JOHN A. ELEFTERIADES, MD

5:30 – 5:50 PM

Biomarkers for Diagnosis
DONALD M. BOTTA, MD

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Dinner in the President’s Room
John Ritter Retrospective
AMY YASBECK
Aortic Diseases and Creativity:
Is There a Link?
M. DAVID TILSON III, MD

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2007

MORNING SESSION

8:00 – 8:20 AM

Legal Aspects of Aortic Disease
JOHN A. ELEFTERIADES, MD
AND MOSES LEBOVITS, JD

8:20 – 8:30 AM

INTERACTIVE SESSION

Share Your Legal Woes
FACULTY AND PARTICIPANTS

8:30 – 8:50 AM

Long-Term Suppressive Rx
ROBERT W. THOMPSON, MD

8:50 – 9:00 AM

INTERACTIVE SESSION

Q&A on Suppressive Rx
FACULTY AND PARTICIPANTS

9:00 – 9:20 AM

Putting It All Together: Symptoms,
Signs and Diagnostic Tests
ERIC M. ISSELBACHER, MD

9:20 – 9:40 AM

Lessons from IRAD
ERIC M. ISSELBACHER, MD

9:40 – 9:50 AM

INTERACTIVE SESSION

Session with the Expert: Dr. Issebacher
FACULTY AND PARTICIPANTS

9:50 – 10:10 AM

MMP’s in Aortic Disease
DONALD M. BOTTA, MD

10:10 – 10:20 AM

Weight Lifting and Acute Aortic Dissection
JOHN A. ELEFTERIADES, MD

10:20 – 10:30 AM

How Does Dissection Pick a Date
and Time to Occur?
JOHN A. ELEFTERIADES, MD

10:30 – 11:00 AM

BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS

11:00 – 11:20 AM

Natural History of Aortic Disease:
When to Operate?

11:20 – 11:40 AM

Prospects for the Future: Molecular Diagnosis,
Enhanced Imaging, Molecular-Based
Conventional Drugs and Gene Therapy
JOHN A. ELEFTERIADES, MD

11:40 AM – 12:00 PM

Moderated Poster Session

12:00 – 12:20 PM

INTERACTIVE SESSION

Open Discussion: Any Topic
FACULTY AND PARTICIPANTS

12:20 – 12:40 PM

SPECIAL LECTURE
Deep Hypothermic Circulatory Arrest
in Aortic Surgery
RANDALL B. GRIEPP, MD

12:40 – 1:00 PM

Review: The Key Lessons of this Conference
JOHN A. ELEFTERIADES, MD

1:00 PM

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LOCATION

The Symposium will be held in the Mary S. Harkness Auditorium at Yale University Medical School in New Haven, Connecticut.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Please contact Rebecca Law at rlaw@promedicacme.com for a list of recommended hotels.

PAYMENT

Registration fee may be made by check, payable to Promedica International CME, a California Corporation in US dollars, drawn on a US bank. Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover is also accepted.

REFUNDS

All cancellations must be submitted in writing and refunds will be subject to a \$100 administrative charge. Cancellations will not be accepted over the phone. No refunds will be given after Thursday, September 6, 2007.

SPECIAL OPTIONAL EVENT

Gotham Dream Cars is a unique and exciting opportunity to experience world-class driving and the thrill and passion of six different exotic sports cars such as: Ferrari F430, Lamborghini Gallardo, Bentley Continental GTC, Porsche 911 GT3 and the Aston Martin Vanquish. Information on how to sign-up for the event will be included with your registration confirmation letter.

REGISTRATION FEE INFORMATION



Registration fee includes tuition, continental breakfast, coffee breaks, lunch, dinner and a copy of the book "Acute Aortic Disease" by Dr. John Elefteriades.

\$695 Physician/Industry through August 9, 2007

\$795 Physician/Industry after August 9, 2007

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