

## **Western Atrial Fibrillation 2018 Symposium Agenda**

**Friday, February 23, 2018**

**6:45 am      Registration & Breakfast**

**7:15 am      Welcome**  
Nassir Marrouche, MD

**#ASKWAF** Kevin Campbell, MD; John Mandrola, MD

**Session 1      Chairs: Melvin Scheinman, MD; Fred Han, MD**

**7:30 am      Is AF ablation safer than AAD? A systematic review**  
John P. DiMarco, MD, PhD

**7:45 am      Interaction between hypercoagulability and atrial fibrillation**  
Ulrich Schotten, MD, PhD

**8:00 am      Clinical outcomes of AF mapping and rotor guided ablation**  
David Wilber, MD

**8:15 am      LAA closure: Long-term follow-up data**  
Rahul N. Doshi, MD

**8:30 am      Predisposition gene discovery in Utah: Atrial fibrillation and fibrosis**  
Lisa Cannon-Albright, PhD

**8:45 am      Q&A**

**Session 2      Chairs: David Wilber, MD; Roger Freedman, MD**

**9:00 am      It is all about lesion delivery: Is electroporation the future of AF ablation?**  
Pierre Jais, MD

**9:15 am      Atrial MR imaging: How to improve resolution?**  
Dana C. Peters, PhD

**9:30 am      LAA closure devices: Benefit beyond stroke prevention?**  
Dhanunjaya Lakkireddy, MD

**9:45 am      Is AF a marker or a risk for stroke?**  
Nazem Akoum, MD, MS

**10:00 am      Q&A**

**10:15 am      Break**

**Session 3    Chairs: Jonathan Piccini, MD; Melvin Scheinman, MD**

- 10:30 am      Is AF ablation a first-line therapy in 2018?**  
Eric Prystowsky, MD
- 10:45 am      CABANA: What to expect?**  
Douglas Packer, MD
- 11:00 am      Is atrial fibrosis reversible: Insights from experimental evidence**  
Stanley Nattel, MD
- 11:15 am      QoL post AF ablation: The CAPTAF trial**  
Carina Blomström-Lundqvist, MD, PhD
- 11:30 am      Q&A**
- 11:45 am      Lunch**

**Session 4    Chairs: Michael Cutler, DO, PhD; Fred Han, MD**

- 12:30 pm      Cryo-balloon for AF: Long-term results**  
Bradley Knight, MD
- 12:45 pm      Is it AF or the myopathy? Lessons from MR imaging**  
Saman Nazarian, MD, PhD
- 1:00 pm      Atrial fibrosis modeling: Clinical implications**  
Natalia Trayanova, PhD
- 1:15 pm      Mortality benefit post AF ablation: The CASTLE-AF trial**  
Johannes Brachmann, MD
- 1:30 pm      Q&A**

**Session 5    Chairs: Jonathan Piccini, MD; Roger Freedman, MD**

- 1:45 pm      Do we still need to monitor for asymptomatic AF after ablation?**  
Suneet Mittal, MD
- 2:00 pm      Rotational activity and atrial fibrosis: How DECAAF II might help?**  
Christian Sohns, MD
- 2:15 pm      Post-ablation blanking period: 4, 8, 12 or zero weeks?**  
David Callans, MD
- 2:30 pm      Catheterized fiber-optics confocal microscopy for mapping of atrial fibrosis**  
Frank B. Sachse, PhD
- 2:45 pm      Q&A**

**3:00 pm      Break**

**Session 6      Chair: David Callans, MD; Saman Nazarian, MD, PhD**

**3:15 pm      Targeting rotational activity during re-do procedures**  
Sanjiv M. Narayan, MD, PhD

**3:30 pm      CASTLE-AF: What we learned beyond the primary endpoint**  
Nassir Marrouche, MD

**3:45 pm      Treatment of esophageal injury post AF ablation: A GI perspective**  
Deborah Fisher, MD, MHS

**4:00 pm      AF in heart failure patients: Lessons from SCD-HeFT**  
Jeanne Poole, MD

**4:15 pm      Q&A**

**Session 7      Chairs: Frank B. Sachse, PhD; Suneet Mittal, MD**

**4:30 pm      Esophageal protection during AF ablation**  
Moussa C. Mansour, MD

**4:45 pm      When to anticoagulate AF patients with CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc <2?**  
Andrea M. Russo, MD

**5:00 pm      Risk factors for AF in women**  
Christine Albert, MD, MPH

**5:15 pm      Q&A**

**5:25 pm      Break**

**Session 8      Moderators: Walid Saliba, MD; Darryl S. Wells, MD**

**5:35 pm      Roundtable: How, when and why to monitor for AF—Examples from practice**  
Andres Bochoeyer, MD; Bengt Herweg, MD; Nischala Nannapaneni, MD; Kamran Rizvi, MD; T. Scott Wall, MD; Bassam Wanna, MD

**6:30 pm      Adjourn**

## Saturday February 24, 2018

**6:45 am**      **Registration & Breakfast**  
**Exhibits open**

**Session 9**    **Chairs: John Mandrola, MD; Alexies Ramirez, MD**

**7:15 am**      **Real-world impact of NOACs: Neurologist perspective**  
Scott Brehaut, MD

**7:30 am**      **ESC AF guidelines update**  
Gerhard Hindricks, MD, PhD

**7:45 am**      **How much AF is too much? (Especially with wearables everywhere...)**  
Mintu Turakhia, MD

**8:00 am**      **Debate: DOACs should be given for at least 6 weeks post-LAA implant**  
Pro: Jonathan Lowy, MD  
Con: Julian Chun, MD

**8:25 am**      **Q&A**

**Session 10**   **Chairs: Fred Han, MD; Julian Chun, MD**

**8:30 am**      **Contemporary real-world and registry data of NOACs: Is Coumadin dead?**  
Jonathan Hsu, MD, MAS

**8:45 am**      **Low-voltage zone vs MR detected fibrosis: A comparison**  
Takanori Yamaguchi, MD

**9:00 am**      **Why are we struggling to agree on an ideal mapping system for AF?**  
Olaf Dössel, PhD

**9:15 am**      **Ablation of AF: 10 years of follow-up**  
Andrea Natale, MD

**9:30 am**      **Q&A**

**9:45 am**      **Break**

**Session 11**   **Chairs: Prash Sanders, MBBS, PhD; Thomas J. McGarry, MD, PhD**

**10:00 am**     **AF & OSA: Chicken and the egg**  
Thomas F. Deering, MD, MBA

**10:15 am**     **Cardiac fibrosis and treatment outcome: Lessons from CAMERA-MRI**  
Jonathan M. Kalman, MBBS, PhD

- 10:30 am**      **A novel AF risk scoring model using MRI**  
Brent D. Wilson, MD, PhD
- 10:45 am**      **High-power, short-duration lesions during AF ablation: Lessons from MRI**  
Mihail G. Chelu, MD, PhD
- 11:00 am**      **MR pulmonary vein scans in AF patients: More to it than just fibrosis**  
Christopher J. McGann, MD
- 11:15 am**      **Q&A**
- 11:30 am**      **Lunch**

**Session 12**    **Chairs: Thomas Deneke, MD; Vikas Sharma, MD**

- 12:30 pm**      **Approaches to ablate persistent AF in 2018: Why too many?**  
Gregory Michaud, MD
- 12:45 pm**      **How to modify lifestyle and educate the AF patient?**  
Prash Sanders, MBBS, PhD
- 1:00 pm**        **Role of atrial fibrosis during surgical AF ablation**  
Ralph J. Damiano, Jr., MD
- 1:15 pm**        **How to best monitor treatment with NOACs?**  
Elaine M. Hylek, MD, MPH
- 1:30 pm**        **Q&A**

**Session 13**    **Chairs: Atul Verma, MD; Stephen Rechenmacher, MD**

- 1:45 pm**        **Real-time MRI cryo-balloon guided ablation**  
Evgueni G. Kholmovski, PhD
- 2:00 pm**        **Radiofrequency balloon systems**  
Amin Al-Ahmad, MD
- 2:15 pm**        **Real-time MRI for cardiac ablation**  
Philipp Sommer, MD
- 2:30 pm**        **Is transmural lesion an important endpoint during AF ablation? Show me the data!**  
David Haines, MD
- 2:45 pm**        **Q&A**
- 3:00 pm**        **Break**

**Session 14 Chairs: Christian Mahnkopf, MD; David Haines, MD**

- 3:15 pm Patient-reported outcomes in AF**  
Benjamin A. Steinberg, MD, MHS
- 3:30 pm Off-label treatment of AF**  
Kimberly A. Selzman, MD, MPH
- 3:45 pm Importance of durable PVI for persistent AF**  
Atul Verma, MD
- 4:00 pm Q&A**

**Session 15 Chairs: Philip Sommer, MD; David Haines, MD**

- 4:15 pm Treatment of AF: Heart failure specialist's perspective**  
Heribert Schunkert, MD
- 4:30 pm Lessons learned from acute and chronic ablation lesion visualization using MRI**  
Ravi Ranjan, MD, PhD
- 4:45 pm How early should we ablate AF? Temporal and structural criteria**  
Oussama Wazni, MD
- 5:00 pm Q&A**

**Session 16 Moderators: Kevin Campbell, MD; John Mandrola, MD**

- 5:15 pm #ASKWAF**  
Mihail G. Chelu, MD, PhD; John D. Day, MD; Christian Mahnkopf, MD; Debbie McCall, MBA; Jonathan Piccini, MD; Mellanie True Hills; Oussama Wazni, MD
- 6:30 pm Adjourn**