

Happy Holidays!!!

Dear Colleagues

Welcome to the Journal of Atrial Fibrillation. Hope you had a great last quarter. We are sure ever one is busy with wrapping up the clinical year and preparing for the Holidays. As you are aware the journal has been approved for PUBMED listing a few months ago. The technical team has been working hard to get all the previous issues to be available online very soon here. Each and every one of the papers from the past will be part of the online PUBMED listing.

Several important scientific meetings have happened this quarter. Congratulations to Dr. Young Hoon Kim and his colleagues from the far east on organizing a terrific annual Asia Pacific Heart Rhythm Society (APHRS) meeting in Seoul, Korea in October. There were a wide array of topics in electrophysiology that covered by the best presenters around the world. While Dr. Vivek Reddy and colleagues finished their annual VT symposium in New York City. It is incredible to see the significant advances we have made in the VT space over the last decade. This upcoming weekend, the annual Atrial Fibrillation & Ventricular Tachycardia Symposium in Chicago will provide another unique learning experience to the fellows and EP colleagues from around the country.

In this issue of the Journal we have several important original articles and interesting case reports for your perusal. It covers a wide array of topics from the use of edoxaban in cardiac surgery patients to vacuum suction of clots on the pacemaker leads during lead extractions. Schaerf et al published their early experience in AngioVac suction of the thrombus or vegetation attached to the leads. This looks like a new approach to preventing massive embolization of unwanted

materials into the pulmonary circulation. Sucu and colleagues from Turkey showed that coronary slow flow can indeed cause significant repolarization abnormalities which in turn could be associated with ventricular arrhythmias and sudden cardiac death syndromes. There are several nice review articles including the one by Aizawa on Brugada Syndrome.

On behalf of the entire team from the Journal we wish you happy Holidays. Stay warm and safe.

Sincerely



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