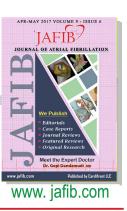


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Chasing the Frontiers of Electrophysiology!

Dear Colleagues

Great to see most of you in Chicago at the Annual Heart Rhythm Society meeting. Congratulations to each one of you for your contributions in advancing the field of electrophysiology through your innovations and discoveries. There were several advances in various aspects of the field. Some of the highlights are worth mentioning. We believe that the leadless pacing has completed their full experience. While it is disappointing to see the battery, issue temper the excitement for Nanostim, long term data and safety looks very promising for Micra. Left atrial appendage closure looks solid with excellent safety and efficacy data from Europe. Subcutaneous ICDs have established their role in the clinical tool box successfully and the global experience seems to be positive. New drugs in electrophysiology are rare. It is refreshing to see Etripamil turn out to be a reasonable alternative for the termination of Supraventricular tachycardias. Last but not least there seems to be continued interest in balloon technologies. The outcomes of radiofrequency balloon ablation for paroxysmal AF seems to be promising.

Key note speech by Hugh Evans, the humanitarian Australian who founded the Global Citizen program was very inspiring. We enjoyed the enthusiasm and the level of engagement of the fellows from around the world in the Heart Rhythm Bowl. Congratulations to Michael Gold and George Van Hare on your new roles and contributions.

This issue of the journal has several excellent original contributions and featured reviews. The case reports are quite interesting. We appreciate your contributions and readership.

Have a great summer. Sincerely



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