



## Interventional Specialists: New Program Planned for Chicago

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The Planning Committee for the upcoming Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions Annual Scientific Sessions in partnership with ACCi2 Summit meeting, March 29 – April 1 in Chicago, has put together a new program tailored to meet the needs of Interventional Cardiac Care Associates.

Based on feedback received from last year's Innovation in Intervention: i2 Summit 2007, two half-day educational sessions and a Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist (RCIS) review course will be offered at the SCAI-ACCi2 meeting this year. The half-day sessions have been planned so attendees will be able to pick and choose sessions that are appropriate to their level of training and experience.

### Convenient Half-Day Sessions

The first session, on the afternoon of March 29, is a Basic Track, designed to cover the basics of invasive cardiology. This session is perfect for the new practitioner in the cath lab or for the non-cath lab practitioner who wants to understand what happens to their patients when they go to the cath lab for a procedure. Topics include an overview of cardiac anatomy and disease pathology, assessment of valve disease, prevention and management of complications, and evidence for point-of-care testing.

The second half-day session, which takes place Sunday morning, focuses on innovation and is designed to address the interests of the more experienced cath lab staff or advanced CCA practitioners. Interventional experts and advanced practice CCAs will present topics ranging from new stent designs, antiplatelet resistance and secondary prevention to innovations in health care delivery including inpatient and outpatient cardiovascular services managed by nurse practitioners.

The sessions will provide an overview of each topic, and attendees will have the opportunity to speak with presenters during breaks. Topics will include —

- Which device for which patient?
- Innovations 2008: stent designs, carotid stents
- Patient management: Transfusion for an asymptomatic anemic patient?
- Innovations in health care delivery
- Supplements: Where's the evidence?

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*The CCA Spotlight on Intervention is more than just a great educational opportunity. It is an occasion for networking with colleagues from across the country.*

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### RCIS Review

Finally, the Society of Invasive Cardiovascular Professionals (SCIP) will be offering a day-long RCIS review course on Monday, March 31. This program is an RCIS certification exam preparatory course that will wrap up with an RCIS review and mock question and answer period. It will be presented by the instructors from SCIP.

Share experiences and expertise and seek that next epiphany! To find out more, visit [www.scai-acci2.org](http://www.scai-acci2.org).

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