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Mark Your Calendars - CPMC Atrial Fibrillation Webinar - March 12, 2008

CPMC Electrophysiologists Andrea Natale, MD, Steven Hao, MD, FACC and Richard Hongo, MD will be hosting a webinar on Wednesday, March 12 from 5-7PM, moderated by Richard Gray, MD. You can earn up to 2 AMA PRA category 1 credits™. To register for this event, go to <http://afibexperts-ls.webex.com>

Based on the quality parameters measured in relation to stroke, CPMC identified a lack of early identification of patients with atrial fibrillation --which creates a high risk group for stroke. This web-based seminar will address early detection of atrial fibrillation as well as the importance of initiating early anticoagulation to manage atrial fibrillation and the use of ablation to cure atrial fibrillation which could ultimately eliminate this risk factor for stroke.

The educational objectives of this live, interactive presentation are:

1. Identify patients with atrial fibrillation who are candidates for atrial fibrillation ablation
2. Discuss the benefits, risks and success rate of the procedure
3. Demonstrate the recommended care and follow up of patients who underwent atrial fibrillation ablation
4. Discuss the role of the allied professional in the management of patients pre and post A-Fib Ablation

Mark Your Calendars – April 10 -11, 2008 - McClelland Visiting Professorship in Cardiovascular Medicine - A Symposium on Valvular Heart Disease

The next McClelland Visiting Professorship Program will take place during the dates of April 10-11, 2008. Our speakers include Dr. Robert Bonow, Goldberg Distinguished Professor, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine; Chief of the Division of Cardiology, Northwestern Memorial Hospital; Co-Director, Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute and Dr. Tirone David, Chief of Cardiac Surgery, Toronto General Hospital; Professor of Surgery, University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Topics to be covered during this event include:

- Aortic Valve Endocarditis and Prophylaxis
- Percutaneous Valve Strategies
- Mitral Valve Pathology and Disease Management
- Aortic Valve Disease Management / Is REPAIR Ready for “Prime Time”?
- **Special Nursing Event** – The Changing Face of the Patient with Valvular Heart Disease
- **Special Evening Event** at the St. Francis Yacht Club - Mitral Regurgitation - Patient Selection and Surgical Management

For more information and/or to register for this program please contact Paula Rowbury, Program Supervisor, via phone at 415 600-5896 or via e-mail at rowburp@sutterhealth.org

Dr. Kersh Speaking to the CPMC Department of Family Medicine

Dr. Ed Kersh will be presenting a lecture to the CPMC Department of Family Medicine as noted below:

Date and Time: March 21, 2008 From 8:00 - 9:00 a.m

Topic: “Prehypertension” - Edward Kersh, MD

Location: 2340 Clay Street, Room 121

Mark Your Calendars - 10/31/08-11/02/08 - SPHC 3rd Annual Physician Symposium Series: Current Topics in Cardiovascular Medicine:

Translating State of the Art Diagnosis and Treatment into Clinical Practice

The Sutter Pacific Heart Centers will be hosting their 3rd Annual Physician Symposium Series during the dates of October 31, 2008 through November 2, 2008 at the Ritz-Carlton Half Moon Bay. Faculty and program content are in development and will be announced in future newsletters. Please contact Paula Rowbury for more information: 415 600-5896 / rowburp@sutterhealth.org.

4th Annual Sutter Pacific Heart Centers Nursing Symposium Gets Very Favorable Marks

On February 6, 2008, the Sutter Pacific Heart Centers held its fourth annual nursing symposium which provided a comprehensive approach to Cardiac Surgery in the 21st Century. Topics covered during this program included

- ❖ Aortic and Mitral Valve Surgery
- ❖ Congenital Heart Disease
- ❖ Cardiac Transplant
- ❖ Post Op Management of the Cardiac Surgical Patient
- ❖ Epicardial Pacemaker Wires: Common Problems and Use for Rhythm Diagnosis
- ❖ Walking the Fine Line - Case Studies in Interventional/Cardiac Surgery

256 attendees registered for this nursing conference, and 11 vendors supported the program. The evaluation forms turned in at the end of the symposium gave us very high marks. When asked the question: "How would you rate the overall program?" on a scale of 1 to 5 (with 1 being low and 5 being high), 97% of the audience voted the course with a 4 or 5.

Below are only 2 of the very positive comments that were taken from the evaluation forms:

"Well thought out presentations by Speakers"

"The program motivated me to want to learn more about this patient population that I take care of"

Michael Black, Jill Ley and Richard Shaw's Poster Presented at Cardiology 2008

Michael Black, Jill Ley, and Richard Shaw's poster was presented at last month's Cardiology 2008 meeting in Scottsdale, AZ. Their research is a collaborative effort with the Society of Thoracic Surgeon's titled, "Surgical Ligation of Patent Ductus Arteriosus, Analysis of 2715 Neonates". They documented a national perspective on risk of mortality in today's premature infant requiring PDA ligation. Dr. Black, et al, found a doubling of the all cause 30-day mortality rate to approximately 16% vs 8% when ligation was performed at < 7 days of age or in neonates < 750 gm. Of note, CPMC patients have a substantially lower mortality rate (<3%) despite the high numbers of very small, premature babies undergoing PDA ligation in our NICU.

The purpose of this monthly newsletter is to bring you up to date on the new features, programs and other newsworthy information from the cardiovascular programs at Marin General Hospital, Novato Community Hospital and California Pacific Medical Center (including St. Luke's). We welcome your input and any newsworthy content you may have for this publication.