

EuroPCR Course 2015

The world-leading Course in interventional medicine took place from Tuesday 19 - Friday 22 May 2015 in Paris, France. SASCI hosted a dual session with the Irish contingent. Thank you to those members who supported this session. There were numerous South African faces to be seen, serving on panels and presenting in a number of different fora. Thank you to our colleagues for your hard work at this meeting, and for the quality contributions that were made.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR LATER THIS YEAR

SASCI Fellows Workshop

The 11th Annual South African Society of Cardiovascular Intervention (SASCI) Fellows Workshop will take place on 14 - 16 August 2015 in Pretoria, South Africa. Since 2005 the SASCI Coronary and Vascular Workshop for fellows and junior consultants' meeting has proven to be a resounding success. This is an integral part of SASCI's public and private partnership which exposes "cardiologists in training" to operators in private sector practice as well as colleagues from other public sector units in South Africa and beyond. Our aim is putting together a programme that will be educational as well as inspirational. We must strive to find the perfect balance between the basics and the aspirational, never losing sight of our ultimate aim: to help our academic units as they strive to produce safe, informed and motivated interventionalist. For the fellows: we will keep in mind that there are exams to be passed, and consider the contents in the light of the must know topics!

CTO Workshop

The date for the meeting is 20 - 21 November and it will consist of lectures, live cases and canned cases. The organising committee is: Chris Zambakides, Jean Vorster, Gavin Angel and Anthony Becker with Farrel Hellig assisting. This looks to be a very useful couple of days for anyone considering tackling this ultimate frontier of PCI. The faculty will be outstanding and the course will be well structured, with a great balance between watching cases and absorbing didactic teaching, from the basics to the most complex.

SA Heart Congress 2015

This year the 16th Annual SA Heart Congress will be taking place from Sunday, 25 - Wednesday, 28 October, at Sun City in the North West Province. Robert Burns is an excellent and versatile Irish speaker who has accepted the invitation to act as the SASCI international speaker at SA

Heart. SASCI is organising a pre-congress Radial Course. More information will be distributed to all SASCI members as the details are confirmed.

ESC e-learning

This is a training module with the focus on training in interventional cardiology. Sajidah Khan is the national coordinator. If you need further clarification or if you are interested in enrolling, please contact Sajidah at khans19@ukzn.ac.za or 082 564 7477 (cc the SASCI office on all communication sasci@sasci.co.za).

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OTHER ACTIVITIES WHERE SASCI HAS BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED

Coding Guideline (handbook)

JP Theron must be acknowledged for his hard work in compiling a coding handbook for cardiology which was communicated to members. We are still facing the problem that, even with inclusion in SAMA, DBM individual funders (administrators) still need to decide to firstly include new codes in their coding structure and secondly decide on the funding level. The Exco received a mandate from their members to officially publish the first edition of the coding guideline and to engage the main funders and explain the coding handbook as a position statement of SASCI. The manual will also be supplied to CMS and other third parties (including practice management and those involved in

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