



DENTON A. COOLEY CARDIOVASCULAR SURGICAL SOCIETY

A Homecoming

14th International Symposium
October 6-10, 2004

Texas Heart Institute
at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital—
The Denton A. Cooley Building
6770 Bertner Avenue
Houston, Texas

Welcome Home

The Texas Heart Institute, site for the Society's 2004 program, is not only the ideal venue, but the singular, appropriate setting for *A Homecoming*, the 14th International Symposium of the Denton A. Cooley Cardiovascular Surgical Society. We look forward to welcoming back Cooley Society members who surely have vivid memories of their days here in postgraduate training. We also welcome the many individuals who worked side by side with our cardiovascular surgeons—anesthesiologists, perfusionists, nurses, cardiologists, and other medical specialists who have contributed to the rich history and success that the Institute enjoys. And we welcome other physicians and surgeons who are interested in any aspect of congenital and acquired cardiovascular disease.

The Denton A. Cooley Cardiovascular Surgical Society was organized and chartered on March 13, 1972 by active CV surgery residents, fellows and staff at the Texas Heart Institute as a tribute to their mentor for his contributions to cardiovascular surgery and to physician education throughout the world. More than 850 physician members now represent 49 countries and 44 of the United States. These symposia, held every two years, fulfill the Society's purposes of scientific exchange and fellowship. The Society also selects for special recognition a physician who has distinguished himself in cardiovascular surgery or medicine. The recipient of the 2004 International Recognition Award is Dr. Stephen Westaby.

Scientific Program Overview

Among the six scientific sessions, this program offers historical reflections from the Texas Heart Institute as well as present-day debates over best practices for managing coronary insufficiency, vascular occlusive disease, valvular heart disease, cardiac arrhythmias, end-stage heart failure and congenital anomalies. New modalities for treating cardiovascular disease will be discussed including the development and use of percutaneous devices for cardiac interventions, and the use of stem cell therapy to treat heart failure.

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of the sessions, participants will have a historical perspective of clinical activities at the Texas Heart Institute in the following areas and should be able to discuss current developments and clinical decision-making for—

- Coronary atherosclerosis
- Selection of valve prostheses for specific age groups
- Choosing robotic, off-pump, or conventional surgical approaches
- Hybrid approaches for management of cardiac arrhythmias
- Optimum choices for managing the failing heart and the role of stem cell therapy
- Selection of interventional vs. conventional approaches to vascular occlusive disease and aortic aneurysms

Honoree: Stephen Westaby



Stephen Westaby, BSc, MS, PhD, FRCS, FETCS, FESC, is consultant cardiac surgeon at John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, U.K. His many accomplishments include his work on the body's inflammatory response to cardiopulmonary bypass, the role of aprotinin in inhibiting fibrinolysis, design of a tracheobronchial stent to treat inoperable major airway obstruction, a rapid recovery approach for patients undergoing cardiac surgery, new approaches in thoracic aortic surgery and, most recently, his work with mechanical circulatory support devices and ventricular recovery.

ACCREDITATION This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essentials and Standards of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint sponsorship of Texas Heart Institute and the Denton A. Cooley Cardiovascular Surgical Society. Texas Heart Institute is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Texas Heart Institute designates this continuing medical education activity for 9 credit hours in Category 1 of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association. Physicians should claim only those hours of credit that they actually spend in the educational activity.

MEETING SITE The symposium will be held in the Texas Heart Institute at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital—The Denton A. Cooley Building, located within the Texas Medical Center. The building's address is 6770 Bertner Avenue, Houston, Texas 77030. The conference center is located on the lower level of the building.

ACCOMMODATIONS Lodging accommodations are available at the Four Seasons Hotel Houston located in the heart of downtown Houston at 1300 Lamar Street. A block of rooms has been reserved at the hotel for a conference rate of \$185–\$215 plus tax. Reservations should be made by contacting the hotel directly at 713-652-6266. To receive this special room rate, you must make your room reservation by **September 15, 2004** and mention this meeting. Information can also be found at the hotel's website www.fourseasons.com.

Downtown Houston also offers a variety of attractions, from statues and parks to some of the best cultural events. Be sure to ask about weekend performances at the Houston Symphony, the Houston Ballet, and the award-winning Alley Theater. For information on things to see and do, contact the Greater Houston Convention and Visitor Bureau, 901 Bagby Street, Houston, TX 77002, 713-437-5556 or 800-4-Houston; or visit www.houston-spacecity.com.

ARRIVAL/MEETING TRANSPORTATION Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport is 30 minutes from the Hotel and is served by all major airlines. The William P. Hobby Airport is 20 minutes from the hotel. There is a public shuttle from both airports directly to the hotel. Rental cars, taxis and limousine services are available as well.

Transportation to the meeting at the Texas Heart Institute in the Texas Medical Center (TMC) is conveniently available on the METRO-Rail. It is a 7.5 mile light rail line running from Downtown Houston to south of Reliant Park. A five-minute walk from the hotel to the Main Street Square station (between Walker & Dallas) allows convenient access for a 20 minute ride to the Dryden/TMC station located in the Medical Center. Additional information will be provided at meeting registration and can be found at www.ridemetro.org.

CANCELLATION POLICY The Denton A. Cooley Cardiovascular Surgical Society looks forward to seeing you in Houston, but understands that on occasion, circumstances change and plans must be cancelled. The Society must receive all meeting cancellations in writing by Friday, September 24 in order for a refund to be issued. A \$50 processing fee will be assessed for each cancellation. Refunds cannot be made for those who register but do not attend without appropriate communication of cancellation.

Summary of Scientific and Social Program

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

- Arrivals All day; hotel check-in at Four Seasons Hotel, Houston
Afternoon Meeting registration at Four Seasons Hotel, Houston
Exhibits set-up at Texas Heart Institute
Evening Welcome reception at Four Seasons Hotel, Houston

Thursday, October 7, 2004

- Morning Meeting Registration & Hospitality Desk, at Texas Heart Institute, Cooley Auditorium
Scientific Sessions
Exhibits
Presidential Address
Afternoon Golf Tournament
Evening On your own

Friday, October 8, 2004

- Morning Meeting Registration & Hospitality Desk, at Texas Heart Institute, Cooley Auditorium
Scientific Sessions
Exhibits
Honoree's Address
Group Photograph
Noon Lunch and Poster Session
Afternoon &
Evening On your own

Saturday, October 9, 2004

- Morning Meeting Registration & Hospitality Desk, at Texas Heart Institute, Cooley Auditorium
Scientific Sessions
Exhibits
Members' Business Meeting
Afternoon &
Evening A Texas Gala at Cool Acres Ranch (motorcoach transportation will be provided)

Sunday, October 10, 2004

- Individual check-out and departures

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