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THURSDAY, May 9

1:00-1:15 pm Welcome and Program Overview
  Frederick A. Schaller, DO, MACOI

1:15-2:00 pm CVD Risk Reduction in Women
  Erin Michos, MD

2:00-2:45 pm Optimal Treatment of ACS in the ED:
  Anticoagulation; P2Y3 Preload; Use of Blockers
  Rami Heart, DO

2:45-3:30 pm Chest Pain Evaluation:
  Is There an Optimal Test?
  Vincent F. Carr, DO, FACOI

3:30-3:45 pm BREAK

3:45-4:30 pm Coronary Artery Calcium Scoring
  Erin Michos, MD

4:30-5:15 pm Anemia and Iron Deficiency in CHF:
  New Insights
  Frederick A. Schaller, DO, MACOI

FRIDAY, May 10

7:30-8:00 am Continental Breakfast

8:00-8:45 am Going Beyond 30 Days: Novel Detection
  of Occult Atrial Fibrillation
  Martin C. Burke, DO, FACOI

8:45-9:30 am Left Atrial Appendage
  Occlusion vs. Anticoagulation
  Kenneth J. Tobin, DO, FACOI

9:30-10:15 am Cardiac Ablation:
  Patient Selection and Methods
  Martin C. Burke, DO, FACOI

10:15-10:30 am BREAK

10:30-11:15 am Impact and Management of Atrial
  Fibrillation in Cardiomyopathy
  Kenneth J. Tobin, DO, FACOI

11:15 am-12:00 pm Managing Ventricular
  Tachyarrhythmias 2019:
  Med, Devices and Ablation
  Martin C. Burke, DO, FACOI

12:00-1:00 pm LUNCH (on your own)

SATURDAY, May 11

7:30-8:00 am Continental Breakfast

8:15-9:00 am Exercise Therapy and Cardiomyopathy
  in the Elderly Cardiac Patient
  Troy L. Randle, DO, FACOI

9:00-9:45 am Role of Neprolysin Inhibition in CHF
  Christopher J. Sciamanna, DO, FACC

9:45-10:30 am New Diabetes Therapeutics
  and CV Risk Reduction
  Robert J. Chilton, DO, FACOI

10:30-10:45 am BREAK

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  Indications/Qualifications/Testing - Optimal Timing for Use
  - LVAD Update
  Christopher J. Sciamana, DO
  - Managing Meds Without a BP
  Robert J. Chilton, DO, FACOI
  - Complications and Follow-Up - Destination Therapy Prognosis
  Vikrant Gongidi, DO, FACOI

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WELCOME RECEPTION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 6:00-7:30 PM

1:00-1:45 pm Cardiorenal Syndrome
  John E. Prior, DO, FACOI

1:45-2:30 pm New Hypertension Management Guidelines:
  ACC vs ADA vs ACP Debate
  Troy L. Randle, DO, FACOI

2:30-2:45 pm BREAK

2:45-3:30 pm CHIP - Complex High Risk PCI*
  Mutka C. Srivastava, MD

3:30-4:15 pm Multi-Vessel vs Culprit Vessel PCI in STEMI
  Mutka C. Srivastava, MD

4:15-5:00 pm Universal Definition of MI:
  Application to Clinical Practice:
  How Do We Approach a Minimally Elevated Troponin?
  Rami Heart, DO

SUNDAY, May 12

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8:00-8:45 am Anticoagulation in Pregnancy
  Saurabh Rajpal, MD

8:45-9:30 am Primary Prevention with Anticoagulation:
  The Compass Trial
  Chad A. Link, DO

9:30-10:15 am HFpEF – What’s New 2019
  Felix J. Rogers, DO, FACOI

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  Chad A. Link, DO

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