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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Summer is upon us and brings with it some new changes in our Council leadership. After serving faithfully for the past two years as Council chair, Ken Block, MD, steps down while Karl Kern, MD, assumes that role, and Evangelos Michelakis becomes vice chair. Ours is truly a unique Council with several distinct constituencies, including the resuscitation science community (including critical care) and those interested in pulmonary vascular disease and right heart pathology. Such diversity adds tremendously to the vibrancy of our Council and the work it undertakes and supports. We continue to have strong representation in our leadership from both areas. Ken (basic science interest in pulmonary vascular biology; Harvard University) has done a wonderful job in moving us forward as our chair and has also served as chair of the AHA National Research Committee. Karl (resuscitation science researcher and clinician; University of Arizona) continues his involvement with the Council after serving as vice chair and program chair in the recent past (see box at right). Evangelos (pulmonary hypertension researcher, University of Alberta), having just finished as 3CPR program chair will now serve as vice chair.

As a Council we will continue to support the Dickinson Richards Lecture at Sessions, as well as the Cournand and Comroe Young Investigator Competition at the annual AHA Scientific Sessions. Likewise, we are committed to support and see the Grover Conference on Pulmonary Vascular Biology succeed and grow.

This November we again look forward to the Resuscitation Science Symposium (ReSS) combined with the AHA annual Scientific Sessions, this year in Orlando, Fla. ReSS has become the world’s premier annual meeting for resuscitation science and last year in Chicago drew an attendance of nearly 1,350.

Come and support your Council at Scientific Sessions in Orlando this November. See you there!

SCIENTIFIC STATEMENT PUBLISHED

The 3CPR Council, in conjunction with CPVD and CATB, recently sponsored a new scientific statement. “The management of massive and submassive pulmonary embolism, iliofemoral deep vein thrombosis, and chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension: a scientific statement from the American Heart Association,” was led by Michael R. Jaff, DO, and M. Sean McMurtry, MD, PhD, and was published online before print in Circulation on March 21, 2011.

This statement highlights the epidemiology, morbidity and mortality of venous thromboembolism. It summarizes the current literature on the subject and provides practical advice for clinicians to optimize management for massive and submassive acute pulmonary embolism, iliofemoral deep vein thrombosis, and chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension. Therapies discussed include initial anticoagulation, thrombolysis, catheter-based interventions, surgical embolectomy, and inferior vena cava filters. The statement also includes a discussion of screening and management for patients with a patent foramen ovale and highlights knowledge gaps for future research.

The full paper can be found at http://circ.ahajournals.org/cgi/reprint/CIR.0b013e318214914f. The related “Top 10 Things You Should Know” and a commentary by Dr. Merchant can be found at http://networking.americanheart.org/files/326 and http://pt.wkhealth.com/pt/re/aha/addcontent.14354811.htm, respectively. You can also reach the commentary by visiting my.americanheart.org and clicking on Library, then on “View all” for commentaries, and then on “Understanding Treatment Options for Severe Manifestations of Venous Thromboembolism in the Absence of Definitive Guidelines.”

The Council encourages the proposal of additional topics that would benefit from being addressed in a future scientific statement. If you have any such ideas, please submit them to Cheryl Perkins at cheryl.perkins@heart.org.
Plan to Attend!

Resuscitation Science Symposium (ReSS)
Nov. 12–13 | Orange County Convention Center | Orlando, Fla.

SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS

• Resuscitation in the Developing World
• Disparities in Resuscitation
• Is the U.S. a Friend or Foe of Resuscitation Research?
• Resuscitation of the Cell Membrane — A Holey Cell Tells No Tales
• Two in the Hand is Better Than One in the Bush: Systems of Care for Cardiac Arrest, STEMI and Trauma

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