



# **WellStar Cardiac-Cerebrovascular Clinical Symposium: Bridging the Divide**



*JW Marriott ♦ Atlanta, GA ♦ October 5, 2019*

# Greetings from the Program

## **Program Committee**

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Welcome to the 2019 WellStar Cardio-Stroke Symposium: Bridging the Divide! This is our first symposium for Neurology and Cardiology. The Program Committee has worked hard to develop a curriculum encompassing relevant topics for your enjoyment.

Our one day format will have a moderated panel discussion followed by a case review and moderated commentary from our audience members. We hope this format will be exciting and informative.

Our six sessions will be:

- 1) Patent Foramen Ovale
- 2) Management of Atypical Cardio-Embolic Stroke
- 3) Carotid Artery Revascularization – We've Got Options
- 4) Detection of Atrial Fibrillation for Cryptogenic Stroke
- 5) Atrial Fibrillation Management
- 6) Cerebral Neuroprotection

Our goals for the Conference include:

- Provide a discussion on the management of challenging stroke patients secondary to a cardiac mechanism.
- Provide information that is relevant and practical to the care of our patients.
- Develop communication and relationships between our attendees and our industry partners.

## ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM

The First Annual WECAN meeting was uniquely conceptualized as a multi-disciplinary framework to address pertinent clinical topics managed at the intersection of cardiac and neurologic disease. Our highly-experienced panel will cover the management strategies of a wide array every-day clinical conundrums related to managing the stroke patient with concomitant cardiac pathology. We anticipate a lively discussion surrounding complex case reviews with audience participation. Physicians, Advanced Practice Providers, and other team members who care for cerebrovascular and cardiovascular patients will benefit from this conference.

# Our Program

## Saturday, October 5

7:00 -7:45am

Breakfast, Registration and Exhibit

7:45 -8:00am

### Welcome

**John Brennan, MD, MPH**

Executive Vice President, Chief Clinical Integration Officer  
WellStar Health System, Marietta, GA

8:00 – 9:00am

### Session: Patent Foramen Ovale – Are We There Yet?

**Moderator: Amar Patel MD, FACC**

Co-director, Structural Heart & Valve Center  
WellStar Health System, Marietta, GA

Panel Discussion

- **A Pitch for PFO Closure**

**Prad Tummala MD, FACC**

Interventional Cardiology  
Northside Cardiovascular Institute, Atlanta, GA

- **Not so Fast: Medical Management of PFO**

**Fadi Nahab, MD**

Stroke Quality Director  
Emory Healthcare, Atlanta, GA

- **Controversial PFO Closure**

**Arthur Reitman MD, FACC**

Medical Director, Cardiac Catheterization Laboratories  
WellStar Health System, Marietta, GA

- **Case Review of Complex PFO Cases**

(Moderator & Audience Q&A)

9:00 – 10:00am

### Session: Unusual Causes of Stroke

**Moderator: David Campbell, MD**

WellStar Medical Group Neurocritical Care  
WellStar Health System, Marietta, GA

Panel Discussion

- **Stroke Management in Infective Endocarditis**

**Deepak Bhaskaran, MD**

WellStar Medical Group Neurocritical Care  
WellStar Health System, Marietta, GA

- **Fibroelastoma – Imaginary Cause of Stroke?**

**Richard Myung, MD, FACS**

Director, Cardiovascular Surgery  
WellStar Medical Group, Marietta, GA

- **Rescue Therapy For Cardiac Procedures**

**Ahmad Khaldi, MD, MS**

Director, Cerebrovascular and Endovascular Neurosurgery  
WellStar Medical Group, WellStar Health System, Marietta, GA

- **Case Review of Challenging Cases**

(Moderator & Audience Q&A)

10:00 – 10:30am

Break with Exhibitors

10:30 – 12:00pm

**Session: Carotid Artery Revascularization — We've Got Options**

**Moderator: Rishi Gupta, MD, MBA, FANA**

Director, WellStar Health System Stroke and Neurocritical Care  
WellStar Medical Group, Neurosurgery, Marietta, GA

Panel Discussion

• **CEA for First Line Therapy**

**Emily Lagergren, MD, RPVI**

Vascular Surgical Associates, Marietta, GA

• **TCAR for First Line Therapy**

**Arun Chervu, MD, FACS**

Vascular Surgical Associates, Marietta, GA

• **CAS for First Line Therapy**

**Arthur Grigorian, MD**

Director, Neurosurgery, Atlanta Medical Center  
WellStar Medical Group, WellStar Health System, Marietta, GA

• **Management of Carotid Disease Prior to CABG**

**Raisa Martinez, MD**

WellStar Medical Group Neurocritical Care  
WellStar Health System, Marietta, GA

• **Challenging Carotid Case Review**

(Moderator & Audience Q&A)

12:00 – 1:00pm

**Rural Health, Telemedicine: Managing Acute MI and Stroke**

**David Hess, MD**

EVP, Medical Affairs and Dean  
Medical College of Georgia, Augusta University  
Augusta, GA

**Jean Sumner, BSN, MSN, MD**

Dean of the School of Medicine, Mercer University  
Macon, GA

1:00 – 2:00pm

**Session: Detection of Atrial Fibrillation for  
Cryptogenic Stroke**

**Moderator: Mohammad Kooshkabadi, MD**

Cardiac Electrophysiology  
WellStar Health System, Marietta, GA

Panel Discussion

• **Non-invasive Monitoring MCOT vs. Event Monitor vs. Holter**

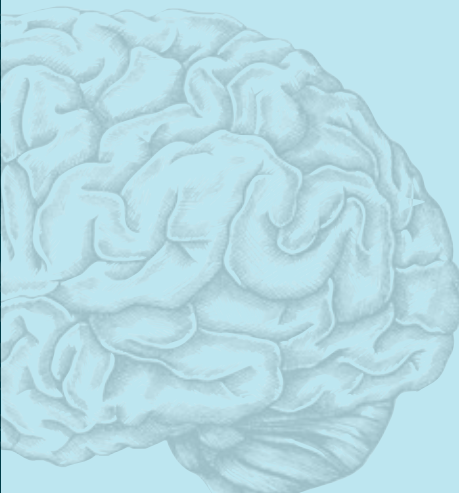
**Michael Mendoza, MD, MPH**

WellStar Medical Group Neurocritical Care  
WellStar Health System, Marietta, GA

• **ILR Monitoring is Superior to Non-invasive Monitoring**

**Bryan Piedad, MD**

Cardiac Electrophysiology  
WellStar Health System, Marietta, GA



● **Challenging Cases Review**  
(Moderator & Audience Q&A)

2:00 – 3:00pm

**Session: Atrial Fibrillation Management**

**Moderator: Cesar Egoavil, MD**

Cardiac Electrophysiology  
WellStar Health System, Marietta, GA

Panel Discussion

● **Management of Embolic Stroke of Undetermined Source**

**Nojan Valadi, MD**

Director of Neurology and Stroke  
Saint Francis Hospital, Columbus, GA

● **Watchman Device – Just for the High Risk Patient?**

**Narendra Kanuru, MD**

Director, Cardiac Electrophysiology  
WellStar Health System, Marietta, GA

● **Timing of Anticoagulation After Intracerebral Bleeds**

**Kumiko Owada, MD**

Director Comprehensive Stroke Program, Kennestone Hospital  
WellStar Medical Group Neurology  
WellStar Health System, Marietta, GA

● **Challenging A Fib Cases**

(Moderator & Audience Q&A)

3:00 – 3:30pm

Break with Exhibitors

3:30 – 4:30pm

**Session: Cerebral Neuroprotection**

**Moderator: Rishi Gupta, MD, MBA, FANA**

Director, WellStar Health System Stroke and Neurocritical Care  
WellStar Medical Group, Neurosurgery, Marietta, GA

Panel Discussion

● **Hypothermia for Acute Cardiac Decompensation (Cardiology)**

**Salvatore Maninno, DO, FACC**

Medical Director, Mechanical Circulatory Support  
WellStar Health System, Marietta, GA

● **Hypothermia for Large Vessel Ischemic Stroke**

**Christopher Horn, MD**

Director Neurocritical Care, Kennestone Hospital  
WellStar Medical Group Neurocritical Care  
WellStar Health System, Marietta, GA

● **Cerebral Protection for Percutaneous Cardiac Procedures**

**Arthur Reitman, MD, FACC**

Medical Director, Cardiac Catheterization Laboratories  
WellStar Health System, Marietta, GA

4:30pm

Adjourn

## SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION

Registration for this meeting will be online. Registration will ensure you have a required badge for the Symposium.

**Register Now at:** <https://www.123signup.com/register?id=rvrvm>

## SYMPOSIUM FEE:

- \$35 per person
- Includes Breakfast and Lunch

The conference registration desk will open Friday at 7:00am-5:00pm

**SYMPOSIUM LOCATION: JW MARRIOTT, ATLANTA/Buckhead, GA**  
**3300 Lenox Road, NE**  
**Atlanta, GA 30326**

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## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

**\$124.00 Room Rate + tax**

To reserve a room please call 404-262-3344 and ask for the WellStar Symposium room block. You will be asked to hold your reservation with a credit card.

## ATTIRE

Business Casual attire is appropriate throughout the Symposium.

## SPEAKERS

All speakers photos, biographies, lecture titles and objectives are listed on our website at [www.accga.org](http://www.accga.org) for your review prior to registration.

## COURSE OBJECTIVE

To update our members on the latest developments in general and interventional cardiology, and issues affecting our clinical practice.

## CREDIT STATEMENT

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