

Course Report



Monaco USA Arrhythmia Course 2014



ATTENDING FACULTY

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Pr Hein Wellens

OBJECTIVES

- ♥ To understand the experimental basis of ventricular and supra ventricular arrhythmia ablation.
- ♥ To understand the embryological basis of ventricular and supra ventricular arrhythmia substrate development.
- ♥ To understand the normal and abnormal anatomy for the electro physiologist.
- ♥ To use and understand various types of electrogram recordings.
- ♥ To identify and discuss the ECG aspect of complex ventricular and supra ventricular arrhythmia.
- ♥ To design the various ablation approaches of ventricular and supra ventricular arrhythmia.

A course that focuses on complex, forgotten or rarely taught concepts and arrhythmias mechanisms

<http://muacmonaco.wix.com/monacousaarrhythmiaac>

STRUCTURE

There were 30 minute teaching lectures, given by the faculty on various topics and demonstrating state of the art arrhythmia procedures. These lectures were followed by several clinical case discussions per session. Throughout class and to encourage interaction within the group, thought-provoking comments and information were presented. Thereafter, multiple choice questions were asked and answered individually by a remote computerised answering system.

The computer evaluation system used to validate skill acquirement was set up in such a way that each fellow had a remote and was able to give his or her personal answer. When shown ECG readings or questions on the slide, they could confer with their colleagues then press the appropriate button corresponding to their choice. On the following slide, the correct answer was highlighted with a percentage next to each response.





Pr Nadir Saoudi

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ATTENDANCE

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This course, under the legal umbrella of the 'Monaco Chirurgie Médecine et Imagerie Innovantes' (MCM2I), started in the Lou Clapas amphitheatre in the Princess Grace Hospital with live cases from the Princess Grace catheter laboratory followed by one from the UPENN laboratory. Thereafter there was a hands-on training session of Carto by Biosense. The following day's sessions, along with the Spectrum Dynamics company symposium were held in the Monte Carlo Bay conference rooms. The target audience was highly specialised and consisted of fellows training in electrophysiology, young electro physiologists after fellowship and cardiologist with a vivid interest in electrophysiology. These fellows were selected by the board based on their degree of commitment to cardiac electrophysiology and who we like to help become truly outstanding electrophysiologists in the future.

This year we had 60 fellows from 16 different countries subscribe to the course, from several prestigious institutions such as: Tel Aviv Medical Centre, Mayo Clinic, Harvard, National Guard Health Affairs of Jeddah, University of Colorado Healthcare, Hôpital d'Instruction des Armées Percy, Royal Brompton London, Hospitales Madrid Universitario Montepincipe... The uniqueness of this course is established by the attendance of top faculty who are available to interact throughout the entire duration of the event. Subsequently, this indiscriminate intermingling of faculty, fellows and industry representatives alike creates a friendly and academically stimulating atmosphere throughout the entire 3 days and is ideal for founding networks that will last.

This year the course was endorsed by the European Heart Rhythm Association and also received the accreditation from the 'Société Française de Cardiologie' earning participants a total of 16 points for full attendance. This recognition confirms the importance of this course on the international electrophysiologists' agenda.

Fellows with full sponsorship have the following paid for:

- ♥ Flights or other modes of transportation.
- ♥ Airport transfers.
- ♥ Accommodation at the Monte Carlo Bay Hotel.
- ♥ Meals at the Monte Carlo Bay Hotel restaurants.
- ♥ Gala dinner at the Oceanographic Museum.
- ♥ Internal transfers.

FEEDBACK

The feedback this year was excellent, with five categories out of nine scoring 100% satisfied to extremely satisfied fellows and the lowest score being 95%.

Here below are the details.

- ♥ Level of live case information: 97% satisfied to extremely satisfied
- ♥ Usefulness in their work: 97% satisfied to extremely satisfied
- ♥ Level of scientific content: 95% satisfied to extremely satisfied
- ♥ Presentation quality: 100% satisfied to extremely satisfied
- ♥ Quality of the faculty: 100% satisfied to extremely satisfied
- ♥ Agenda quality & timing: 100% satisfied to extremely satisfied
- ♥ Gala evening event: 97% satisfied to extremely satisfied
- ♥ Quality of the support before and during the course: 100% satisfied to extremely satisfied

We are 'extremely satisfied' and we are tremendously happy to have achieved such a high appreciation from the fellows attending the course.



CONCLUSION

The feedback results from this year's course far exceeded all our expectations; five out of the nine questions received the 100% satisfaction or better rating. This high standard of result is brought about by the teachings of the internationally recognised faculty in an informal and relaxed atmosphere. These combined elements facilitate the transfer of knowledge and the creation of inter-cultural relations that will last throughout the fellows' careers.

The next course will take place from the 19th to the 21st march 2015.

