



2 - 3 MARCH 2013 PRAGUE

Hilton Prague Hotel Prague, Czech Republic

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Steering Committee, we would like to invite you to attend the 6th Global Thrombosis Forum (GTF), taking place in Prague, Czech Republic from 2-3 March 2013.

This year's GTF will focus on the challenges of chronic anticoagulation, and include discussion about the identification and implementation of strategies to help improve patient outcomes. After the initial plenary session, the programme will include two parallel tracks – one on stroke prevention in atrial fibrillation and one on venous disease. Delegates will then divide into smaller interactive sessions allowing for more intimate scientific and clinical exchange among colleagues.

As with prior meetings, we are assembling an international faculty of experts and regional leaders to address the unmet clinical needs existing in the field. Evidence-based scientific information will be presented in various formats throughout the meeting using fair balance and scientific rigor.

We are grateful to our sponsor, Boehringer Ingelheim for providing an education grant to support the GTF in its sixth year. We hope you are able to join us with other colleagues around the globe to learn and share experiences to help bring clinical practice forward in the anticoagulation field.

Sincerely,

The GTF 2013 Organisers

COURSE INFORMATION

Venue

Hilton Prague Hotel Pobrezni 1, Prague 186 00 Czech Republic www.hiltonprague.com Tel: +420 (0) 224 841 111

Overview

The Global Thrombosis Forum (GTF) is now in its sixth year of providing quality, state of the art education for physicians dedicated to the treatment of patients at risk for thromboembolism in atrial fibrillation, at risk for venous thromboembolism (VTE), or with existing VTE. At the GTF, physicians will receive a comprehensive review of current strategies for the prevention and treatment of both arterial and venous thromboembolism, thereby helping to address the unmet needs in anticoagulation today.

Delegates will be educated on topics including epidemiology and the natural history of thrombosis, prevention of stroke in atrial fibrillation, prevention and treatment of venous thromboembolic disease. Most importantly, the challenges of chronic anticoagulation will be discussed as well as implementation strategies for these new pathways.

The combination of didactic lectures, debates, patient cases, and other interactive sessions will allow for colleagues to engage with the subject matter from a variety of perspectives.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Provide an overview of the state of the art in the management of arterial and venous thrombosis
- Identify how clinical trial data fits into the context of clinical practice for arterial and venous thromboembolic disease
- Determine the risk-benefit ratio of various therapeutic options via optimal risk stratification schema for stroke prevention in atrial fibrillation and venous disease
- Transfer knowledge to enhance application of evidence-based guidelines

Target Audience

This activity is focused on healthcare professionals (including cardiologists, general surgeons, hematologists, neurologists, internists) responsible for patients at risk or suffering from arterial and venous thromboembolism.

Accreditation

Accreditation is being sought for this program from the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) and the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME).

Congress Secretariat

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AGENDA

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ARTERIAL TRACK

Stroke Prevention in Atrial Fibrillation

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VENOUS TRACK

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FRIDAY 1 MARCH 2013

Faculty and Delegate Arrivals

SATURDAY 2 MARCH 2013

PLENARY SESSION I

09.00 - 09.15 **Opening Remarks**

09.15 - 10.45 State of the Art Lectures

09.00 - 09.30 Stroke Prevention in AF
 09.45 - 10.15 Acute Coronary Syndromes
 10.15 - 10.45 Venous Thrombosis

10.45 - 11.15 Coffee Break

11.15 - 12.00 Panel Discussion: Where Are We in Thrombosis 2013?

12.00 - 13.30 Lunch Break

13.30 - 15.15 Core-Track Session

■ Arterial Track

■ Venous Track

15.15 - 15.45 **Coffee Break**

15.45 - 17.15 **Focus Session I:**

Practical Application – Patient Cases

17.15 Welcome Reception

SUNDAY 3 MARCH 2013

08.30 - 10.00 Focus Session II:

Regional Implementation Workshops

PLENARY SESSION II

10.00 - 10.45 **Medical Society Leadership Roundtable**

10.45 - 11.45 **Keynote Lecture**

11.45 - 12.00 Closing Remarks

CORE-TRACK AGENDA

Arterial Core-Track

TRACK CO-DIRECTORS



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SATURDAY 2 MARCH 2013

13.30 - 15.15	Arterial Core-Track Plenary
13.30 - 14.00	Insights on AF/ACS as a Global Disease
14.00 - 14.30	Debate: Patients Well Controlled on Warfarin Should Still Be Switched to New OACs
14.30 - 14.45	Sub-clinical AF and the Risk of Stroke
14.45 - 15.15	Short Reports (10 minute mini-lectures)
15.15 - 15.45	Coffee Break
15.45 - 17.15	 Focus Session I: Practical Application – Patient Cases Anticoagulant Drug Bridging in the Context of Devices/Ablations Assessing Bleeding Risk in AF Patients Remote Monitoring of AF

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08.30 - 10.00 Focus Session II:

Regional Implementation Workshops

- Implementation of Novel OACs in a Regional Context
- Patient Cases:
 - Women and AF: Special Considerations?
 - AF/ACS: Triple Therapy
 - Reversing OACs
 - Managing Kidney Function and New OACs

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Venous Core-Track

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SATURDAY 2 MARCH 2013

13.30 - 15.15	Venous Core-Track Plenary
13.30 - 14.00	Pathogenesis of VTE and Translational Medicine
14.00 - 14.20	Risk Stratifying Patients for Thromboprophylaxis
14.20 - 14.50	New Treatment Paradigms in VTE
14.50 - 15.15	Debate: Short-Term vs Indefinite VTE Treatment
15.15 - 15.45	Coffee Break
15.45 - 17.15	Focus Session I: Practical Application – Patient Case Studies ■ How to: • Address Adherence

- Monitor Novel OACs

 - Manage Bleeding
- Patient Cases:
 - Patient with mechanical valves
 - Management of new/suspected HIT

SUNDAY 3 MARCH 2013

08.30 - 10.00 Focus Session II:

Regional Implementation Workshops

- Implementation of Novel OACs in a Regional Context
- Patient Cases:
 - Superficial Vein Thrombosis
 - Reversing OACs
 - Cancer and Thrombosis

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