“SCAI is an opportunity to expand my knowledge and achieve excellence.”

- SCAI Member
Letter from SCAI’s President

Tremendous strides have been made in the prevention and treatment of cardiovascular disease over the past several decades. While mortality rates have been on the decline, cardiovascular disease is still the leading cause of death and disability in not only the United States, but the world. Projections suggest mortality rates will continue to decline, giving reason to believe that, in the near future, survival rates will improve enough to move cardiovascular disease off the very top of the mortality list.

This progress can be attributed to a wide range of advances – including new and constantly improving pharmaceutical and device therapies, enhanced approaches to prevention, and timely treatment strategies. SCAI is honored to support the work of interventional cardiologists and to deliver the education and tools they need to continue this forward trajectory. The dramatic improvement in door-to-balloon times over just the past five years is proof of Interventional Cardiology’s many contributions to the effort.

We believe continued success in the fight against heart disease must continue to be a united one. We are honored to work with partners in all areas of healthcare – our members and other healthcare providers, researchers and scientists, sister societies, policymakers, industry, and patients themselves. Working together we are saving millions of lives and restoring quality of life for millions more.

This report highlights our contributions and accomplishments beginning in January 2010 and continuing through late 2011. We are proud of these accomplishments and look forward to many more.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. White, MD, FSCAI
President, SCAI

Norm Linsky
Executive Director, SCAI
SCAI: Milestones of the New Decade

SCAI: Milestones of the New Decade provides a concise report of SCAI’s accomplishments in five goal areas. These goals support SCAI’s mission to promote excellence in invasive and interventional cardiovascular medicine through physician education and representation, and the advancement of quality standards to enhance patient care.

SCAI’s Goals

- **Educate and inform** interventional cardiologists and other cardiovascular providers.

- **Grow patient and public awareness** of cardiovascular disease and treatment options.

- **Define standards for quality care and provide tools** for quality improvement.

- **Advocate** for the needs of interventional cardiologists and their patients.

- **Build a global interventional cardiology community.**

“SCAI is the organization I most respect in the practice of interventional cardiology.”

- SCAI Member
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SCAI’s Membership at a Glance

SCAI members diagnose and treat cardiovascular disease in its many forms, including carotid coronary, neurovascular peripheral, renal, structural, valvular, vascular, and venous disease.

SCAI members’ practice settings include:

- Single and multispecialty cardiovascular groups
- Academic medical centers
- Community hospitals
- Industry
- Military settings
- Research sites
- Industry
- Military settings
- Research sites

For 35 years, SCAI has been educating invasive and interventional cardiologists. In 2011, SCAI’s membership roster included 4,200 members in more than 70 countries.

More than 4,200 active members.

SCAI Members’ Clinical Interests

- Acute myocardial infarction
- Acute stroke interventions
- Angiography
- Cardiac cath
- Carotid artery stenting
- Coronary artery disease
- Cardiac CT
- Clinical trials
- Congenital heart disease
- Diagnostic cardiac cath
- Echocardiography
- Healthcare disparities
- Heart failure
- Hemodynamics
- Hybrid procedures
- Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
- Imaging
- IVUS
- Nuclear medicine
- Pediatric interventions
- Percutaneous coronary interventions
- Peripheral artery disease
- Renal artery disease
- Stem cell therapy
- Stenting
- Structural heart disease
- TAVI / TAVR
- Transradial access & interventions
- Venous disease
- Women & CVD
SCAI Scientific Sessions
May 5 – 8, 2010 in San Diego, CA | May 4 – 7, 2011 in Baltimore, MD

Cardiovascular healthcare providers came from four continents to participate in SCAI’s “Best of the Best” Scientific Sessions. The programs featured world-renowned experts addressing topics directly relevant to clinical practice. Attendees particularly appreciated case-based sessions in both adult and pediatric/congenital cardiology, sessions aimed at preventing and handling complications, emerging therapies, and small interactive workshops.

Highlights
- Launch of the Emerging Leader Mentorship (ELM) Program
- Unveiling of the SCAI Quality Improvement Toolkit (SCAI-QIT)
- Mini-symposium on Transradial Access and Interventions
- Emerging and state-of-the-art therapies in Structural and Valvular Heart Disease
- Peripheral Vascular and Coronary case reviews
- Stand-alone, three-day track on Congenital Heart Disease
- CTO Mini-Symposium
- 8th Annual Interventional Fellows Complex Coronary Complications (C3) Summit
- Introduction of SCAI On Demand allowing attendees to view all simultaneous sessions

89% of respondents agreed that as a result of attending SCAI 2011, their performance as a clinician and/or researcher will improve.

96% of respondents rated the quality of the information presented at SCAI 2011 as “excellent.”
Continuing Medical Education (CME)

Always on the forefront of medicine, SCAI’s programs teach interventional cardiologists at all stage of their careers new procedures and techniques, and keep them up-to-date on the latest advances and challenges impacting clinical practice.

SCAI has been accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) for nearly 20 years.

2010 – 2011 CME Highlights

- Advanced Curriculum in Acute Stroke Intervention and Carotid Stenting Course
- Global Interventional Summit (GIS)
- Know What Counts Educational Series for non-interventional cardiovascular providers
- M3 International Cardiovascular Conference
- SCAI 2010 & 2011 Scientific Sessions
- SCAI CREST Regional Dinner Programs
- SCAI Radial Summit
- Transradial Interventional Program (TRIP) Series
- Women in Innovations (WIN) Educational Symposia
- Women in Interventional Cardiology (WIC) Programs

24/7 eLearning Library

Featuring content developed by cardiology’s leading experts, SCAI’s online library offers around-the-clock access to a diverse selection of educational resources. Most courses are available free of charge on SCAI’s website at www.SCAI.org/eLearning.

- Interventional Cardiologists Institute (ICI)
- Interventional Fellows Institute (IFI)
- Peripheral Vascular Disease Online Course
- SCAI Radial Summit Online
- SCAI 2011 On Demand
- SCAI-QIT Webinar Series

COMING SOON!

- Major Adverse Cardiac Events (MACE)
- High-Risk PCI

More than 225,000 pages viewed.
Fellows & Career Development Programs

**SCAI Interventional Cardiology Fellows-in-Training (FIT) Block Grant Program**

Contributing to the overall growth and strength of interventional cardiology, the FIT Block Grant Program provides physician training programs the support they need to expand the number of interventional cardiologists they train, all of whom will go on to serve a growing national demand for care. Since January 2010, over 80 grants have been awarded to ACGME-accredited interventional cardiology fellowship training programs.

**SCAI Complex Coronary Complications (C3) Summit**

In an atmosphere that encourages rigorous exchange between today’s experts and tomorrow’s thought leaders, the C3 Summit brings together the premier leaders in interventional cardiology with tomorrow’s practicing interventionalists to explore and examine the most complex cases in interventional cardiology. The C3 Summit is held in conjunction with the annual Scientific Sessions.

**SCAI Fall Fellows Courses**

Consisting of two programs – the Adult Interventional Cardiology Fellows Course and the Congenital/Structural Heart Disease Interventional Cardiology Course – Fall Fellows is the premier educational meeting for interventional cardiology fellows-in-training, attracting over 90% of all U.S. interventional/invasive FITs each year as well as leading interventionalists-in-training from across the globe.

*SCAI Fall Fellows Courses in Las Vegas, Nevada, December 2010*

90% of Fall Fellows attendees strongly agreed the educational content of the program exceeded expectations.
SCAI 2010 - 2011 International Fellows Courses

Providing world-class training across the globe, the SCAI international fellows’ courses bring thought leaders to the next generation of interventional cardiologists. Nine hundred international fellows attended five courses in four countries: India, China, South Korea, and Argentina.

SCAI Emerging Leader Mentorship (ELM) Program

This unprecedented initiative provides promising young physicians a unique and important opportunity to become visionary leaders in the field of interventional cardiology. In 2011, the inaugural year, 10 National Fellows were chosen from 62 outstanding applicants.

Women in Innovations (WIN)

WIN addresses issue of gender disparities in cardiovascular care through educational events, research activities, and professional opportunities – serving as the expert-based voice for this cause and the vehicle through which research, education and dissemination of new information can be achieved.

WIN has more than 225 members in 25 countries.
Communication Channels

Catheterization & Cardiovascular Interventions (CCI)

Interventional Cardiology’s foremost peer-reviewed journal, Catheterization and Cardiovascular Interventions (CCI) is the official publication of SCAI.

CCI’s Impact Factor continues to improve. Up from 2.363 in 2009, CCI’s Impact Factor was 2.398 in 2010, giving it the highest impact factor of all journals focused on invasive/interventional therapies.

www.SCAI.org

www.SCAI.org reflects the breadth of SCAI educational, advocacy, and quality initiatives as well as the scope of complex opportunities and challenges faced by interventional/invasive cardiology. The site also delivers several interactive, community-building tools for physicians with more on the way.

SCAI News and Highlights

SCAI News & Highlights is the official newsletter of SCAI, offering valuable updates on clinical, educational, advocacy, and quality-of-care issues in interventional cardiology, as well as news on SCAI activities and initiatives. SCAI News & Highlights is distributed to more than 5,000 members and other subscribers.

SCAI This Week

SCAI This Week e-Brief is the Society’s weekly e-newsletter providing members and others with the latest news impacting interventional cardiology. SCAI This Week offers a quick and effective means for reaching the interventional cardiology community.

SCAI SmartBrief

Each week SCAI SmartBrief provides a succinct and useful round-up of headlines impacting invasive and interventional cardiology as well as highlights of SCAI activities. Launched in 2011, SCAI SmartBrief quickly established an opt-in subscription of over more than 2000 weekly subscribers.

Media

SCAI media activities attract the attention of mainstream and trade reports from throughout the world. At SCAI 2011 alone, 102 million media impressions resulted from SCAI’s media activities.

www.SCAI.org received 400,000 visitors and

1.6 million

page views since January 2010.
Public Awareness

Public Education Campaigns

SCAI has conducted a number of targeted public education campaigns aimed at growing awareness of cardiovascular disease and treatment options while establishing SCAI as the go-to resource for insights in invasive/interventional cardiovascular medicine. SCAI’s WINHeart campaign, addressing women and heart disease, garnered more than 1.2 million media impressions. In 2011, SCAI teamed up with legendary, two-time Super Bowl winning coach Jimmy Johnson to urge Americans to know their risk and seek prompt treatment.

Public Education Events

Since January 2010, cardiovascular patients, their families, and others concerned about heart health have attended Know What Counts – Heart Smarts programs in cities throughout the United States. Each of these free programs features noninvasive heart disease screenings, heart-healthy refreshments, and a high-quality educational program including personal stories of heart disease survivors as well as presentations by leading cardiovascular providers. Topics include adherence to recommended treatment regimens, evaluating test and treatment options, and working with your doctor to create an individualized care plan.

“I got a real wake-up call today. I’ll be seeing my doctor. Thank you for an excellent program.”

- Know What Counts program attendee in San Diego, CA
Online Public Education

www.SecondsCount.org

Educated patients lead to better care. That’s why SCAI created SecondsCount.org, an evidence-based website for cardiovascular patients and the people who love them. At SecondsCount.org, patients find in-depth information about cardiovascular health, heart and vascular conditions, tests, and treatment options. Users access useful tools that help them track their symptoms, implement provider recommendations, and hold productive conversations with their doctors about procedures they are considering.

www.Sharecare.com

SCAI has answered more than 800 health questions on Sharecare.com, the public education website established by the founders of WebMD and television personality Dr. Mehmet Oz.

Examples of questions SCAI answers on Sharecare:

- Are stents safe?
- Can angioplasty and stenting be used to treat PAD?
- How do heart attack symptoms differ in people with diabetes?
- Is it safe to shovel snow if you have heart disease?
- How soon can children return to school after a cardiac catheterization?
Setting Standards for Quality

Since January 2010, SCAI has authored, co-authored (*), or endorsed (**) more than 20 official clinical documents, including guidelines, consensus statements, and performance measures. The following titles and more are available online at www.SCAI.org/Guidelines.

Angina
- Management of Patients with Unstable Angina/Non ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction

Cardiovascular Risk
- ** 2010 ACCF/AHA Guideline for Assessment of Cardiovascular Risk in Asymptomatic Adults

CT Angiography
- CT Angiography Expert Consensus Statement

Echocardiography
- Appropriate Use of Echocardiography

Extracranial Carotid and Vertebral Artery Disease
- Management of Patients with Extracranial Carotid and Vertebral Artery Disease

Gender-Based Issues
- Statement on Gender-Based Issues in Interventional Cardiology

Innovations
- Innovations in Design and Function of Cath Lab of the Future

Live Cases
- Statement on the Use of Live Case Demonstrations at Cardiology Meetings

Multi-Vessel PCI
- Staging of Multi-Vessel Percutaneous Coronary Interventions

Peripheral Artery Disease
- Management of Patients with Peripheral Artery Disease
- * PAD Focused Update
- Performance Measures for Adults with Peripheral Artery Disease
- * TASC IIb

Pharmacology
- ** Clopidogrel Clinical Alert: Approaches to the FDA Boxed Warning

Quality Improvement
- Standards for Quality Assessment and Improvement in Interventional Cardiology

Radiation Safety
- ** International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Radiation Safety
- Occupational Radiation Exposure to the Pregnant Cardiologist and Technical Personnel
- Radiation Safety Program for the Cardiac Cauterization Laboratory

Structural Heart Disease
- Structural Heart Disease Core Curriculum-Interventional Fellowship in Structural and Congenital Heart Disease for Adults
- Structural Heart Disease Core Curriculum-Results of SCAI Survey of Physicians and Training Directors for Structural and Valvular Heart Disease

Thoracic Aortic Disease
- Diagnosis and Management of Patients with Thoracic Aortic Disease
- Diagnosis and Management of Patients with Thoracic Aortic Disease Guideline

Transradial Access
- Transradial Arterial Access for Coronary and Peripheral Procedures
SCAI Quality Improvement Toolkit (SCAI-QIT)

Building on our legacy of using evidence to guide new ways to advance care and improve outcomes, SCAI launched the SCAI Quality Improvement Toolkit (SCAI-QIT) at SCAI 2011. SCAI-QIT ensures facilities and providers have the tools necessary to deliver consistent quality care in cath labs as well as the elements requisite for an accredited cardiac catheterization lab. SCAI’s national quality program proactively addresses issues related to appropriateness of care and underscores SCAI’s commitment to continuous quality improvement and performance measurement.

The SCAI-QIT webinar series was attended by nearly 600 interventional cardiologists and members of cardiac cath lab teams.

SCAI-QIT Tools address:
- Guidelines
- Peer review conference
- Random case selection
- National database participation
- Pre-procedure checklists
- Data collection
- Inventory management

Accreditation for Cardiovascular Excellence (ACE)

Launched in May 2010 by SCAI and the American College of Cardiology Foundation (ACCF), the Accreditation for Cardiovascular Excellence (ACE) provides professional review of facilities where invasive cardiac and endovascular procedures are performed. ACE is designed to promote and uphold high-quality patient care and improve patient safety in facilities and offers independent evaluation of facilities’ processes and objective peer review of outcomes based on established benchmarks derived from scientific evidence in peer-reviewed medical literature and national practice guidelines.

SCAI Cardiovascular Catheterization Laboratory Survey Program

A valuable resource for physicians and cardiovascular catheterization laboratory administrators seeking expert input on how to run safe and successful laboratories, SCAI’s Cath Lab Survey Program provides comprehensive, independent outside review of all aspects of the cath lab. For over 30 years, numerous physicians and administrators have turned to SCAI for assistance in identifying the strengths and deficiencies of their labs and developing plans for improvement.

219 Quality Champions in 34 states and 17 countries have enrolled in the SCAI QIT program.
Advocacy & Representation

As the leading advocate for interventional cardiologists and their patients, SCAI works to improve the legislative and regulatory environment and to address the delivery of and access to care. In 2010–11, SCAI worked on its own and with partners to accomplish the following:

• **Set the record straight on the number of PCI procedures performed annually:** SCAI convinced the American Heart Association to reconsider its use of a duplicative counting methodology wherein a single balloon angioplasty and stent implantation was routinely counted twice. As a result of SCAI’s efforts, AHA’s widely cited Statistics report now shows PCI was performed half as often as previously recorded.

• **Proposed state legislation to address mounting concerns about the use of coronary stenting in Maryland:** SCAI representatives led discussions with state lawmakers and regulators on nuances of data analysis; standards, guidelines, and tools for quality improvement in the cath lab; the role of peer review in ensuring optimal patient care; and the value of external oversight. SCAI continues to work with the state to improve the oversight of PCI and guide the public release of outcomes data.

• **Persuaded the RBRVS Update Committee to publicly oppose both a 10 percent fee cut in 2011 and threats for additional 20 percent cuts for 2012 for diagnostic cardiac catheterization procedures:** SCAI successfully demonstrated significant changes in the complexity of patients undergoing diagnostic cardiac catheterization procedures over the past two decades. This information showed members of the committee that the procedures were fairly valued and did not deserve reductions in reimbursement.

• **Stressed the need to limit the use of inaccurate, all-cause mortality measures for PCI:** SCAI encouraged broadening of hospital measures to include all acute myocardial infarction patients, rather than only PCI patients.
• **Encouraged approval and reimbursement of new interventional therapies:** SCAI has played an active role in the creation of 49 new cardiovascular CPT codes for procedures such as left atrial appendage, TAVR and lower extremity revascularization and recommended local and national coverage policies.

• **Convinced a local Medicare carrier to expand indications for percutaneous ventricular assist device:** SCAI persuaded NHIC – the local Medicare carrier for several New England states – to cover the use of pVADs for most indications.

• **Played a key role in CMS’s 2010 decision to raise Medicare payment rates for invasive and interventional cardiology procedures:** SCAI and other medical groups teamed up to convince CMS to acknowledge in the fee schedule the high malpractice risk associated with invasive / interventional cardiology procedures.

• **Advocated with the House of Medicine on issues impacting patients’ access to affordable cardiovascular care:** SCAI lobbied for a permanent fix to the sustainable growth rate; comprehensive malpractice reform; and repeal of the Independent Payment Advisory Board program, a provision of the healthcare reform law that would make reimbursement decisions the prerogative of an independent panel, rather than Congress.

• **Visited elected officials and Capitol Hill staff with messages about the value of specialty care:** As a member of the Alliance of Specialty Medicine, SCAI sent several representatives from various states to Capitol Hill to provide legislators with insights on how legislation then under consideration could impact Medicare patients.

• **Hosted an educational webinar event to teach members how to implement newly bundled codes for diagnostic cardiac catheterization:** SCAI partnered with the ACC to deliver timely training on the use of a new family of codes implemented in 2011.

### Agencies SCAI Interacts with Closely

- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
- American Medical Association (AMA)
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
- CPT
- Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- Specialty Society Relative Value Scale Update Committee (RUC)

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“I believe they are the BEST interventionalist advocacy group. I respect their leadership.”

- SCAI Member
International Activities

SCAI is committed to connecting interventional cardiologists from across the globe to encourage worldwide dialogue, leading to new ideas, shared standards for quality care, and the best care for patients everywhere.

SCAI partners with interventional cardiovascular organizations worldwide and is expanding its activities throughout the globe.

- SCAI’s Women in Innovations program won third place in the ESC Her at Heart contest for a collaborative project with Stent for Life and the Spanish Society of Cardiology.

- More than 900 fellows have attended SCAI International Fellows Courses.

- Nearly 40 countries were represented at the inaugural Global Interventional Summit (GIS) held in Istanbul in 2010.

- Over 225 international attendees participated at the 2010 and 2011 SCAI Scientific Sessions.

- With active involvement of Latin American faculty as program directors and speakers, the inaugural SCAI M3 International Cardiovascular Conference was uniquely tailored to interventionalists from all American nations.

International SCAI Events

- Global Interventional Summit: Turkey
- Fellows Courses: India, China, South Korea, Argentina
- Women In Innovations Programs: France, Sweden, South Korea

SCAI’s membership includes interventional cardiologists in 73 countries.
Organizational Partners

SCAI partners with myriad healthcare organizations and international societies committed to defeating cardiovascular disease. By collaborating with like-minded partners, we are more effective in striving toward our shared goal of improved patient care and enhanced patient outcomes worldwide.

- AdvaMed
- American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation
- American College of Cardiology
- American Medical Association
- Alliance of Specialty Medicine
- Asia Pacific Society of Interventional Cardiology
- Association of Black Cardiologists
- British Cardiovascular Interventional Society (BCIS)
- CACI
- Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
- Cardiovascular Research Foundation
- The Egyptian Working Group of Interventional Cardiology
- The European Association for Percutaneous Cardiovascular Interventions
- Go Red For Women
- Gulf Cardiac Society
- Hellenic Working Group on Interventional Cardiology
- Indonesian Heart Association
- The Israel Working Group on Interventional Cardiology
- Italian Society of Invasive Cardiology (GiSE)
- Jordanian Cardiac Society
- The Korean Society of Cardiology
- Malaysian Pediatric Cardiac Society
- National Heart Association of Malaysia
- Mended Hearts, Inc.
- Mended Little Hearts
- National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention
- P.A.D. Coalition
- Pediatric Interventional Cardiology Symposium (PICS)
- Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
- Saudi Arabia Cardiology Interventional Group
- SBHCI
- Society of Invasive Cardiovascular Professionals (SICP)
- Sister to Sister: The Women’s Heart Health Foundation
- Society of Cardiology of the Russian Federation
- SOCIME
- SOLACI
- South African Society of Cardiovascular Intervention (SASCI)
- The Swedish Working Group on Interventional Cardiology
- WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease
- Working Group for Interventional and Acute Cardiology
- Working Group of Interventional Cardiology of Latvian Society of Cardiology
- Working Group of the Portuguese Society of Cardiology
- Working Group on Cardiovascular Interventions of the Polish Cardiac Society
- Working Group on Interventional Cardiology
- Working Group on Interventional Cardiology of Serbia
- Working Group on Interventional Cardiology (AGIK)
- Working Group on Invasive Cardiology
Coming in 2012!

SCAI has a robust year planned with exciting developments coming in all of our goal areas.

Highlights

• SCAI 2012 will feature focused tracks on coronary, structural, peripheral interventions as well as a multi-disciplinary track
• SCAI 2012 content to be delivered via mobile phone app
• Publication of guidelines in the areas of carotid artery disease, chronic total occlusions, transcatheter aortic valve replacement and percutaneous cardiac assist devices
• Development of symposia, webinars and patient awareness information on interventional heart failure
• Launch of major adverse cardiac events (MACE) on-line program
• Release of fully updated didactic content on Interventional Fellows Institute (IFI) and Interventional Cardiologists Institute (ICI) on-line programs
• Development of a series of programs on chronic total occlusion (CTO)
• Expansion of the SCAI QIT to include new tools and increased evaluation measures
• Campaign on quality of life benefits from interventional therapies

2010 – 2011
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