

## **FACT SHEET: Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions (SCAI)**

- SCAI is the primary professional association for invasive and interventional cardiologists, physicians who diagnose and treat conditions such as cardiovascular disease, congenital/structural heart conditions, stroke and peripheral artery disease through catheter-based procedures including angiography, angioplasty and stenting.
- SCAI works to promote excellence in invasive and interventional cardiovascular medicine through:
  - ❖ Physician education and representation
  - ❖ The advancement of quality and safety standards and guidelines for all aspects of cardiovascular catheterization and angiography to enhance patient care
- SCAI engages in a range of quality and advocacy issues, including issues impacting healthcare quality measurement and reporting, development of practice guidelines, and health reform.
- SCAI membership includes 4,000 invasive and interventional cardiologists in more than 60 nations. **Christopher J. White, M.D., FSCAI**, serves as the 2011-12 SCAI President. **J. Jeffrey Marshall, M.D., FSCAI**, will serve as the 2012-13 SCAI President.

### **SCAI ACTIVITIES**

- To achieve the status of Fellow of the Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions (FSCAI), candidates undergo a review of credentials that must include letters of recommendation, board certification in interventional cardiology or five years of experience post-training with more than 1,000 procedures performed (375 for pediatric).
- SCAI's public education website is [www.SecondsCount.org](http://www.SecondsCount.org). SCAI hosts free regional "Know What Counts/Heart Smarts" educational events designed to promote awareness of cardiovascular disease and healthcare issues.
- SCAI's Women in Innovations ("WIN") program is a worldwide effort devoted to improving the approach to the medical treatment of women with cardiovascular disease and expanding opportunities for female interventionalists.
- SCAI hosts numerous educational programs for interventional cardiologists and other healthcare professionals, including the SCAI Scientific Sessions, the premier interventional cardiology meeting for practicing interventional cardiologists.
- SCAI provides several programs for hospitals and physicians to monitor and maintain quality and appropriateness of care: SCAI-QIT (Quality Improvement Toolkit), Accreditation for Cardiovascular Excellence (ACE, in partnership with the American College of Cardiology), and numerous educational programs.
- SCAI sponsors an annual Interventional Cardiology Fall Fellows Course for fellows in their final year of training, including the Adult Cardiology Course and the Congenital/Structural Heart Disease Course.
- SCAI publishes the peer-reviewed journal *Catheterization and Cardiovascular Interventions (CCI)*, which covers the broad field of cardiovascular diseases. **Steven R. Bailey, M.D., FSCAI**, is the Editor-in-Chief of *CCI*.

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