Report on SCAI Fellows Course for BCIS

Many thanks to BCIS for supporting my attendance at the SCAI Fall Fellows Course in Las Vegas December 2011.

Attending the Coronary Intervention stream consisted of a series of mostly didactic lectures covering the breadth of coronary intervention. In addition there was one session devoted to peripheral arterial and carotid interventions.

There was a strong emphasis on evidence-based practice along with some insightful personal opinion and interesting case complications. The ‘tutorial’ sessions were perhaps less interactive than they could have been due to the large numbers of participants in each group.

The perspective in terms of both clinical care and service management is distinctly US based and offered some intriguing insights into coronary intervention in another healthcare culture.

The course confirmed the excellent training we receive in the UK, consolidated theoretical knowledge, challenged decision-making and offered exposure to some rare complications/challenges.

The course also allowed us to sample the phenomenon that is Las Vegas. Despite full days we enjoyed great food, bars, and shows in the evenings and marvelled at the cowboys in town for the rodeo! I would advise anyone to apply for the course for both its educational and social opportunities and not to miss out on the Cirque Du Soleil.

Anne Scott