SCAI 2011 Report

I submit a short report following the recent facilitated attendance at The Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions (SCAI) meeting held in Las Vegas, December 2011.

In doing so, I would like to strongly encourage future Interventional Cardiology Trainees in applying for this excellent opportunity.

The educational meeting provided by an internationally respected faculty was of exceptional quality and offered a structured programme comprising a comprehensive overview of cardiovascular intervention including coronary, peripheral and structural therapies. This was delivered by clinically relevant didactic lectures providing up to date academic content, but also in satellite workshops and case based discussion format often including the use of cardiovascular simulation.

A session on acute cardiovascular intervention in the setting of acute cerebrovascular events and also the evidence for carotid intervention were thought provoking as regards interventional opportunities potentially applicable to and within current UK infrastructure / service provision.

The workshops on rotablation and also the angiography review sessions were of notable value.

A further particular highlight was a delightful lunchtime lecture on the History of Coronary Intervention. This superbly described story reaffirmed a healthy respect for notable predecessors in the development of this dynamic and absorbing (sub)specialty.

On return to the UK, recognition of registration and attendance, provides annual membership with SCAI and allows access to the extensive portfolio of e-learning modules, such that I most likely will continue membership with the society in future years.

Beyond the meeting itself, this was additionally an excellent opportunity to visit the quite extraordinary Las Vegas and incorporate a long desired visit to the Grand Canyon.

Concluding, may I thank BCIS and SCAI for jointly supporting this venture and hope future trainees can likewise benefit from this most rewarding event.

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