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Society of Interventional Radiology Issues Call for Abstracts for 2009 Annual Scientific Meeting

***Online Submission Begins for SIR's 34th Annual Scientific Meeting March 7–12, 2009, in
San Diego***

FAIRFAX, VA.—Scientific abstracts, covering all areas of vascular and nonvascular interventional radiology, are being accepted for the 2009 Society of Interventional Radiology's Annual Scientific Meeting in San Diego, Calif. Online abstract submission began in July for original scientific material for oral or poster presentations. The deadline for abstract submission is Oct. 7.

In the past, abstracts have focused on venous thromboembolic disease; embolization: arteries, veins and arteriovenous malformations; vascular interventions: venous access, closure devices, aortic and thoracic aneurysms, carotid artery, hemorrhage and trauma, renal and mesenteric arteries; radioembolization; arterial lysis, arterial imaging; oncology: arterial infusion and embolization, radiofrequency and cryoablation, outside the liver; venous thromboembolic disease; veins and pain; dialysis; uterine fibroids; nonvascular interventions: biopsy and drainage, spine and bone; peripheral arterial imaging and intervention; and portal vein and portal hypertension. All accepted abstracts will be published as a special supplement to the Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology (JVIR).

To submit an abstract online, visit the SIR Annual Scientific Meeting Web site (www.SIRmeeting.org). Additional details are posted there and on SIR's Web site (www.SIRweb.org). For more information, contact the SIR office by phone at (703) 691-1805 or e-mail AnnualMeeting@SIRweb.org. Research awards are available for medical students, residents and fellows.

The SIR meeting will be held March 7–12, 2009, at the San Diego (Calif.) Convention Center. Members of the 2009 Annual Scientific Meeting Committee include Matthew S. Johnson, M.D., FSIR, chair, 2009 program; Kieran J. Murphy, M.D., FSIR, chair, 2009 scientific program; William S. Rilling, M.D., FSIR, chair, 2009 workshops; Jeanne M. LaBerge, M.D., FSIR, chair, 2008 program; and Debra E. Beach, APRN, 2009 clinical associate liaison.

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About the Society of Interventional Radiology

Interventional radiologists are physicians who specialize in minimally invasive, targeted treatments. They offer the most in-depth knowledge of the least invasive treatments available coupled with diagnostic and clinical experience across all specialties. They use X-ray, MRI and other imaging to advance a catheter in the body, usually in an artery, to treat at the source of the disease internally. As the inventors of angioplasty and the catheter-delivered stent, which were first used in the legs to treat peripheral arterial disease, interventional radiologists pioneered minimally invasive modern medicine. Interventional oncology is a growing specialty area of interventional radiology.

Today many conditions that once required surgery can be treated less invasively by interventional radiologists. Interventional radiology treatments offer less risk, less pain and less recovery time compared to open surgery. In 2008, the Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR) celebrates 35 years of quality patient care innovation. Visit www.SIRweb.org.