

## Registration Open for 2008 Legs For Life®

**S**IR Foundation's Legs For Life® is a national education and screening program dedicated to the cardiovascular health of the community. The program focuses on diagnosing peripheral arterial disease (PAD), abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA), venous disease and carotid disease. Legs For Life strives to educate the public, primary care physicians and the medical community, to identify patients at risk and to strengthen collaborative relationships among health care professionals who treat these conditions.

**Ready to Use Education Materials**—Legs For Life provides you with:

- ▶ Patient brochures, media factsheets and updated statistics about PAD, AAA, carotid stenosis, and venous disease to help you educate patients, as well as referring physicians

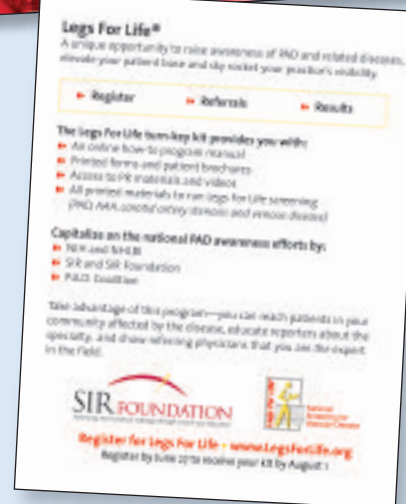
**Exposure to Potential Patients**—Legs For Life enables you to:

- ▶ Offer free screenings to potential patients and demonstrate your clinical expertise
- ▶ Conduct screenings solely for specialty groups such as local police, firefighters and paramedics

**Promoting Your Practice**—Legs For Life creates opportunity for you to:

- ▶ Utilize this well-known program to inform your local community about the benefits of interventional radiology and the services you provide
- ▶ Use SIR Foundation's national Legs For Life press release to reach local reporters or run an article in your hospital newsletter
- ▶ Increase public awareness about vascular disease

Over 100 sites nationwide participated in Legs For Life in 2007—Register now to reserve your spot. For more information and to register as a 2008 Legs For Life site, visit [www.LegsForLife.org](http://www.LegsForLife.org).



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## The Research Corner

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One of the critical needs in interventional radiology research is our ability to construct randomized prospective clinical trials and compete for funding through federal funding agencies.

Suresh Vedantham, MD, Associate Professor of Radiology and Surgery at Washington University SOM, is the Principal Investigator of the upcoming Acute Venous Thrombosis: Thrombus Removal with Adjunctive Catheter-Directed Thrombolysis (ATTRACT) Trial. This large multi-center clinical trial will evaluate whether catheter directed thrombolysis in the first-episode of acute proximal DVT will result in a lower incidence and severity of post-thrombotic syndrome and improved quality of life.

I asked Vedantham about his experience in coordinating a large clinical trial and the application for federal funding. As he points out the process is extensive, "It is very time consuming and realistically it takes around four–five years to coordinate." The process starts with refining the research idea. Receiving input from other experts and peers is essential, "We started by forming

a research consensus panel under the guidance of the SIR Foundation, followed by writing of a white paper and then forming a steering committee."

The application for funding was submitted to the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute in 2006, and after resubmission in 2007 the application received a very competitive priority score. I asked Dr. Vedantham about his experience with the NIH application process. "Large-scale trials are a long-term commitment," one must establish him or herself as an expert in the field in order to compete for funding at NIH, "Your work and your reputation have to be defensible both inside and outside the interventional radiology community." Vedantham received help from other IRs who had previous experience in the NIH process, and said, "I hope that in the future I can help other interventional radiologists by sharing my experiences."

This trial will involve twenty-eight centers and close to one hundred fifty investigators, including interventional radiologists, hematologists, vascular specialists, and directors of vascular labs among others. The anticipated patient enrollment will start July or August of 2008. ❖

### THE FUNDING CORNER

| TITLE   | GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT  | APPLICATION DEADLINE DATES  |
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| Deep Vein Thrombosis and Venous Disease (R01)                         | <a href="http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HL-08-002.html">http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HL-08-002.html</a> | Applications Due:<br>March 19, 2008   |
| Etiology, Prevention, and Treatment of Hepatocellular Carcinoma (R01) | <a href="http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-258.html">http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-258.html</a>           | Applications Due:<br>February 5, 2008<br>June 5, 2008<br>October 5, 2008    |
| Etiology, Prevention, and Treatment of Hepatocellular Carcinoma (R21) | <a href="http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-295.html">http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-295.html</a>           | Applications Due:<br>February 16, 2008<br>June 16, 2008<br>October 16, 2008 |

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Interventional radiology carries a rich tradition of innovating to affect modern healthcare. Each year, SIR Foundation proudly supports award programs that recognize outstanding achievements in research and innovation. This year, several researchers in the beginning of their careers have been recognized.

### 2008 Resident/Fellow SIR Foundation Annual Scientific Meeting Research Award

- *Distribution of Iron Oxide Embospheres after TAE in the Vx-2 Liver Tumor: Evaluation with MR Imaging and Pathology.* Kwang-Hun Lee, MD, The Johns Hopkins Hospital
- *A Novel Rat Hepatocellular Carcinoma Model Designed for In Vivo Evaluation of Image-Guided Therapies.* Maurice A.A.J. van den Bosch, MD, PhD, Stanford University Medical Center

- *Stent with Variable Radial Force Sections for the Treatment of the Carotid Stenosis. Animal Study.* Alicia Laborda, DVM, PhD, Hospital Clinico Universitario Lozano Blesa

### 2008 Dr. Constantin Cope Medical Student SIR Foundation Annual Scientific Meeting Research Award

- *Angiographic Variations in the Circle of Willis in the New Zealand White Rabbit.* Charles B. Caldwell, MS, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
- *The Case for Primary Tunneled Dialysis Catheter Placement over Nontunneled Dialysis Catheters in Acute Renal Failure.* Lee A. Coryell, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine
- *Novel MR and CT Detectable ChemoSpheres for Locoregional Delivery of 3-Bromopyruvate and Doxorubicin.* Brad P. Barnett, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine ❖

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