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A LETTER FROM THE GALA COMMITTEE

DEAR FRIENDS,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the SIR Foundation, it is my honor to welcome you to the 2026 SIR Foundation Gala in beautiful Toronto, Canada. We are delighted that you have joined us at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel for an unforgettable evening dedicated to buoying interventional radiology research, education and patient care.

The SIR Foundation Gala is a celebration of the passion, innovation and collaboration that define our community and unite us in a common mission to advance interventional radiology through groundbreaking research and meaningful discovery.

We are especially honored to recognize Barry T. Katzen, MD, FSIR, as the recipient of the 2026 Frederick S. Keller, MD, Philanthropy Award, for his steadfast support of the foundation and his profound contributions to advancing IR. Additionally, we proudly celebrate the 2026 Leaders in Innovation Award recipient Bradford Johns Wood, MD, FSIR, for his pioneering advancements of interventional oncology. We also honor John Fritz Angle, MD, FSIR, the inaugural recipient of the Barry T. Katzen Master Clinician Award, for his dedication to and diligence in advancing clinical patient care.

As we come together over dinner, entertainment and fellowship, let us reflect on the remarkable progress made possible by donors and advocates like you—from transformative clinical research grants to mentorship programs that cultivate the next generation of investigators. Together, we are shaping the future of our specialty and improving the lives of patients around the world.

Thank you for your generous support of SIR Foundation and for your commitment to advancing interventional radiology. Tonight is a testament to what we can accomplish when we come together to create a rising tide of science, education and care.

Please enjoy this special evening, and thank you for making a meaningful difference in our field.

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BARRY T. KATZEN, MD, FSIR, is the founder and chief medical executive emeritus of the Miami Cardiac and Vascular Institute, a system-wide center of excellence that is part of Baptist Health South Florida, the largest health system in South Florida. He is a professor in the Department of Cardiovascular Services and in the Department of Biomedical Engineering in the College of Engineering and Computing Science at the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, Florida International University. Since its founding in 1987, the Miami Cardiac and Vascular Institute, under Dr. Katzen's leadership, has served as a national model of success in multidisciplinary cooperation, innovation and patient centered care, and is one of the nation's leading cardiac and vascular institutions.

Dr. Katzen graduated from the University of Miami School of Medicine in 1970 and completed an internship in internal medicine at Jackson Memorial Hospital. He completed his residency in diagnostic radiology at the New York Hospital/Cornell Medical Center and was awarded a fellowship in cardiovascular radiology at St. Vincent's Hospital Medical Center in New York, and the University of Rome, Italy.

He established the interventional radiology program, cardiac catheterization laboratory and noninvasive vascular laboratory at Alexandria Hospital in Virginia in 1976, where he pioneered the use of sophisticated video and audio technology to enhance the process of education for practitioners. He is credited with being the first to use "live patient demonstrations" in the United States, which became the benchmark for procedural education in endovascular therapy and many other procedural areas of medicine.

A pioneer of interventional radiology, Dr. Katzen has served as a national site principal investigator for many clinical trials in the study of aneurysms, carotid artery disease and peripheral vascular disease. He has also been involved in the development of numerous devices for less invasive vascular therapy, such as percutaneous transluminal angioplasty and peripheral thrombolysis for vascular disease, and the first intravascular stent.

Dr. Katzen has authored/co-authored four textbooks, numerous book chapters and more than 190 peer-reviewed articles in scientific journals. Dr. Katzen is the founding editor of *Techniques in Vascular and Interventional Radiology* and *Endovascular Today*, where he was chief medical editor.

Dr. Katzen has received numerous awards, including the SIR Gold Medal; the Gold Medal of the University of Miami School of Medicine Alumni Association and entered into the "Hall of Fame" at the UM Medical School; the Gold Medal award from the Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiological Society of Europe; the Career Achievement Award at the Transcatheter Therapeutics Conference; Vascular Disease Foundation's Julius H. Jacobson II MD Award for Physician Excellence; Cor Vitae Heart Award; and the American Heart Association Distinguished Achievement Award.





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A LETTER FROM THE GALA CHAIR

DEAR FRIENDS,

It is a true pleasure to welcome you to the **SIR Foundation Gala 2026** here in **Toronto**. As Gala chair, I am honored to join you for this special evening that brings our community together in celebration, connection and purpose.

Tonight is about more than an elegant setting or a memorable program—it is about people. It is about the clinicians, researchers, partners and supporters who believe deeply in the mission of the SIR Foundation and who give their time, talent and resources to advance interventional radiology for the benefit of our patients. Your presence here reflects a shared commitment to innovation, discovery and improving patient care worldwide.

Planning this year's gala has been a privilege, made possible by an extraordinary group of volunteers, sponsors and staff whose dedication mirrors the spirit of our foundation. I hope this evening provides not only inspiration, but also an opportunity to reconnect with colleagues, make new connections, celebrate achievements and look ahead to the exciting work still to come.

Thank you for being part of this remarkable community and for helping make the SIR Foundation Gala 2026 such a meaningful success. I hope you enjoy every moment of the evening and leave energized by the impact we have as a rising tide advancing IR research.

With warmest regards,



Merve Ozen,
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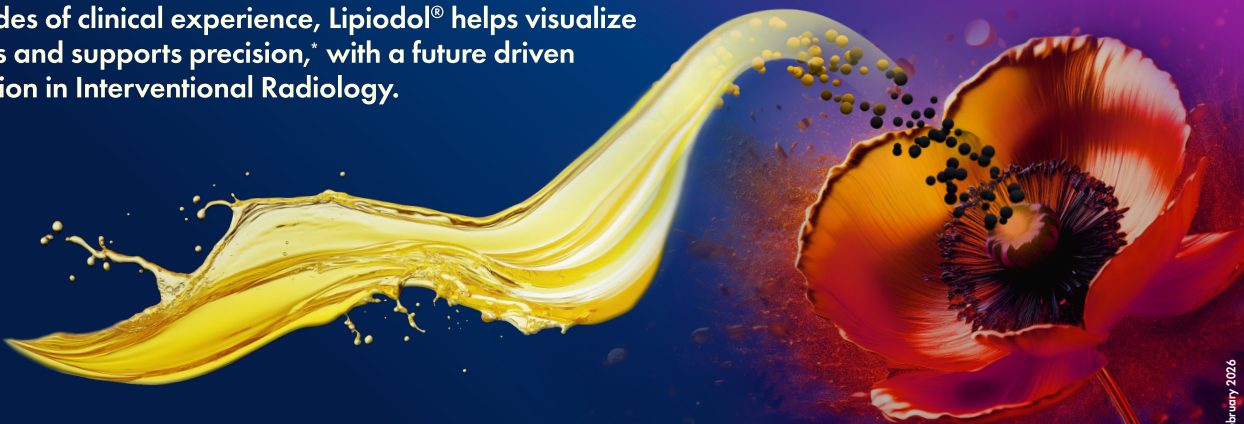


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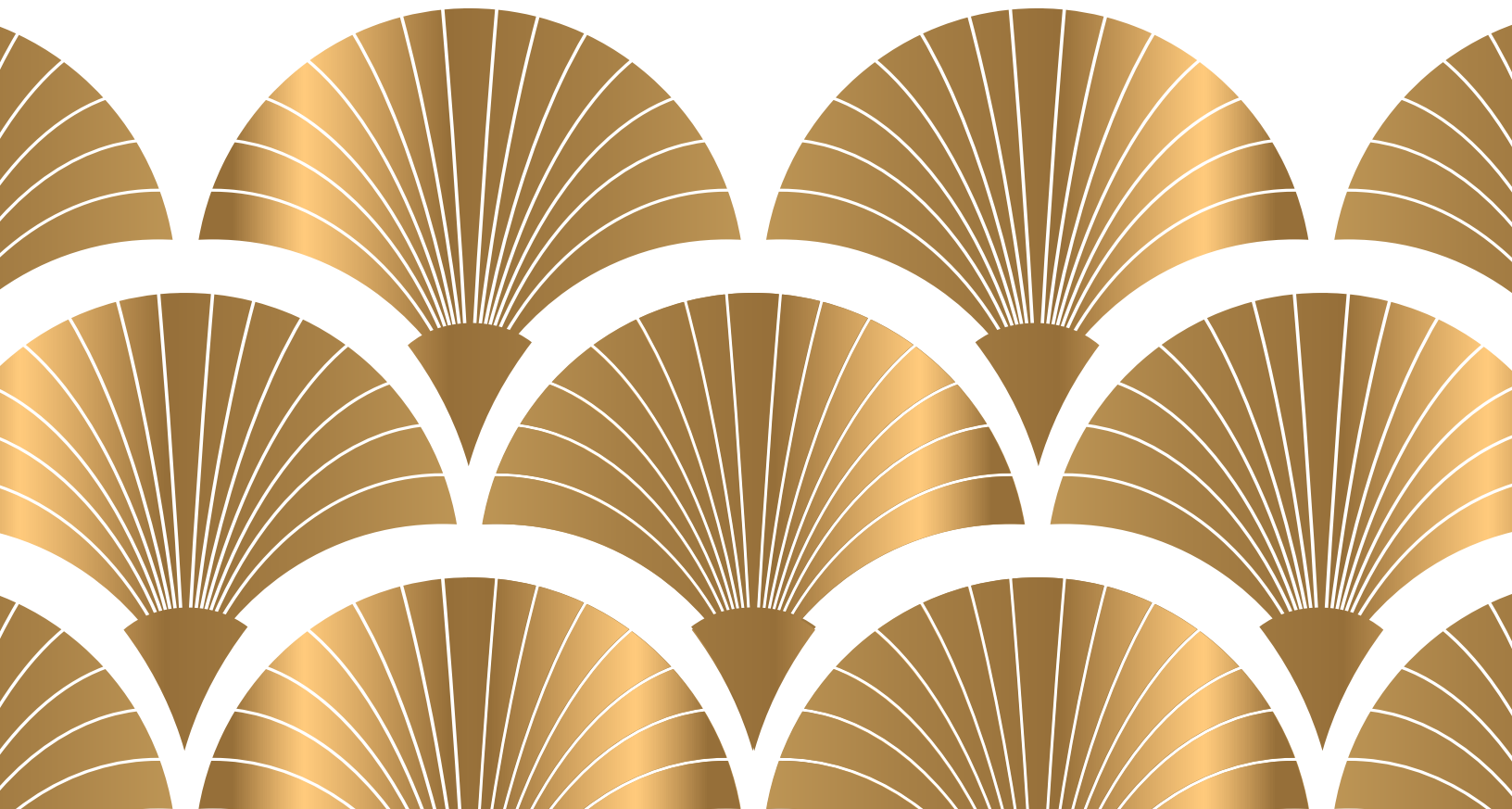
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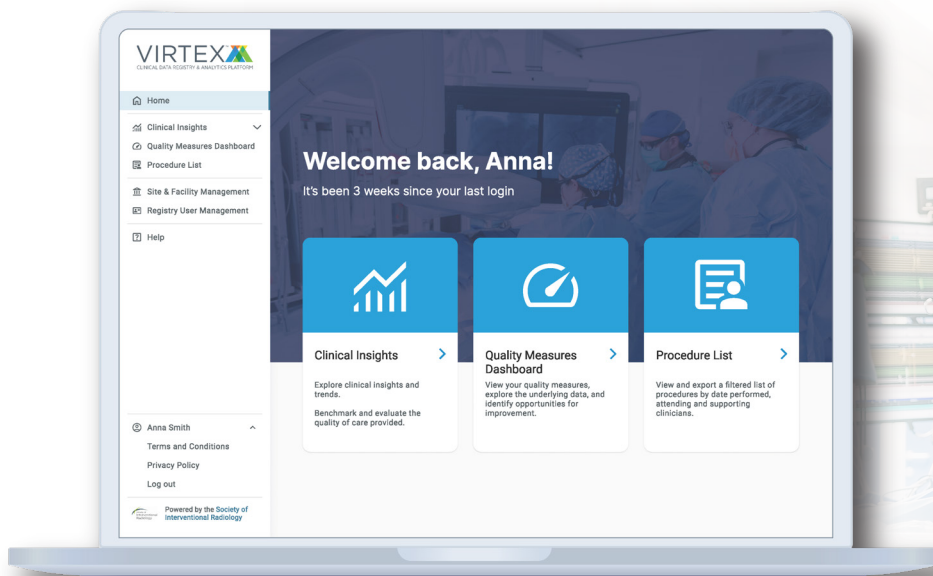
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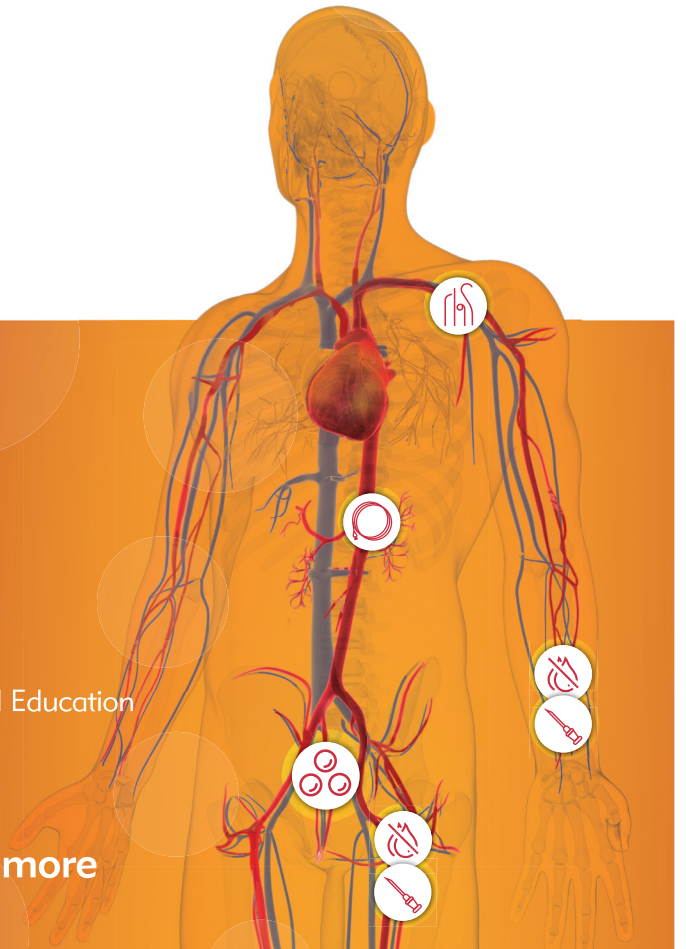
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