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## **Society of Interventional Radiology Issues Annual Scientific Meeting Call for Abstracts**

**Online Submission Begins for SIR's 35th Annual Scientific Meeting March 13–18, 2010, in Tampa**

FAIRFAX, VA.—Scientific abstracts, covering all areas of vascular and nonvascular interventional radiology, are being accepted for the Society of Interventional Radiology's 2010 Annual Scientific Meeting in Tampa, Fla. Online abstract submission began in early July for original scientific material for oral or poster presentations. The deadline for abstract submission is Oct. 6.

Nearly 400 scientific presentations and posters covering the newest trends in interventional radiology research are given each year to more than 5,000 attendees at the Annual Scientific Meeting, making it one of the world's largest gatherings of interventional radiology professionals. All accepted abstracts are published as a special supplement in the *Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology*—a peer-reviewed, monthly publication long recognized for its exceptional quality and influence as an academic and professional resource—and on its Web site ([www.jvir.org](http://www.jvir.org)).

In the past, abstracts have focused on various topics, including embolization; vascular (venous access, aortic and thoracic aneurysms, carotid artery) and oncologic (radiofrequency ablation, cryoablation) interventions; peripheral arterial imaging and intervention; venous thromboembolic disease; veins and pain; dialysis; and nonvascular interventions (biopsy and drainage, spine and bone).

SIR members and nonmembers may submit abstracts online at [www.SIRmeeting.org](http://www.SIRmeeting.org). SIR will notify authors about the status of abstracts in November. Online meeting registration opens in October. Research awards to support travel are available for medical students, residents and fellows. Up-to-date information is posted at [www.SIRmeeting.org](http://www.SIRmeeting.org) and on SIR's Web site ([www.SIRweb.org](http://www.SIRweb.org)). For more information, contact the SIR office by phone at (703) 691-1805 or e-mail [Abstracts@SIRweb.org](mailto:Abstracts@SIRweb.org).

The SIR Annual Scientific Meeting will be held March 13–18, 2010, at the Tampa Convention Center. Members of the 2010 Annual Scientific Meeting Committee include Kieran J. Murphy, M.D., FSIR, 2010 program chair; William S. Rilling, M.D., FSIR, 2010 scientific program chair; Mahmood K. Razavi, M.D., 2010 workshops chair; Matthew S. Johnson, M.D., FSIR, 2009 program chair; and Debra E. Beach, APRN, 2010 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, such as 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. Today, interventional oncology is a growing specialty area of interventional radiology. Interventional radiologists can deliver treatments for cancer directly to the tumor without significant side effects or damage to nearby normal tissue.

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. Visit [www.SIRweb.org](http://www.SIRweb.org).