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Society of Interventional Radiology Offers Y90: Are You Ready? **SIR Course Provides the First Comprehensive Curriculum for Clinical Teams on the Role of Yttrium-90 in the Treatment of Liver Tumors; Online Registration Ends Soon**

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FAIRFAX, Va.—Y90: Are You Ready?—an intensive course examining radiation biology, dosimetry, radiation safety, embolotherapy and clinical office management in the use of yttrium-90 in the treatment of cancer—is being offered by the Society of Interventional Radiology Feb. 10–13 in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Participants will be able to explore the development of hepatic artery radioembolization devices, compare and contrast current and future device platforms, determine trends in patient selection and outcome prediction, review information on the treatment algorithm and discuss the rationale for the two-stage delivery approach and describe best practice in Y90 radiation safety and dose management. The course includes radiation physics and various methods of calculating dosimetry, advanced knowledge of the Y90 administration procedure, the importance of a robust radiation safety program, and hands-on advanced microcatheterization and embolization skills. This three-and-a-half-day course will include lectures, panel discussions, teaching files, case scenarios and hands-on interaction with flow models.

“Interventional radiologists have been at the forefront of the research and development of this technology; there is now clear rationale for a comprehensive course on this evolving therapy. IR trainees, researchers, medical and radiation oncologists and IR technologists/nurses will gain from this most in-depth and challenging curriculum available for clinical teams interested in initiating or enhancing their practice in this area of interventional radiology,” noted Riad Salem, M.D., MBA, FSIR, professor of radiology, medicine and surgery and director of interventional oncology at Northwestern University, Chicago, Ill.

Besides Salem, program coordinators include Matthew S. Johnson, M.D., FSIR, professor of radiology and surgery and director of interventional oncology at Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, Ind., and Brian F. Stainken, M.D., FSIR, adjunct professor at Boston University and the chair of the diagnostic imaging department at Roger Williams Medical Center, Providence, R.I.

Y90: Are You Ready? incorporates the requisite training and testing for official SIR validation of an interventional radiologist attendee as qualified to apply for Authorized User (AU) status for intra-arterial Y90 in the treatment of hepatic malignancies. *Please note: Registrants are reminded that the criteria for Authorized User status vary significantly between individual states and hospitals. SIR cannot guarantee that successful completion of the program and society validation will be accepted for individual AU endorsement.*

Y90: Are You Ready? will be held Feb. 10–13 at the FireSky Resort and Spa in Scottsdale, Ariz., which is offering discounted room rates for attendees. For more information or to register, visit online at www.sirweb.org/meetings/SIR_Y90.shtml or phone (703) 691-1805. The registration cut-off date is Jan. 12. When reserving a room, be sure to mention that you will be attending the “SIR Y90 oncology meeting.”

More information about the Society of Interventional Radiology, interventional radiologists and how to find an interventional radiologist in your area can be found online at www.SIRweb.org.

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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.

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