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

***Online Submission Begins for SIR's 36th Annual Scientific Meeting March 26–31, 2011, in Chicago***

FAIRFAX, Va.—Scientific abstracts, covering all areas of vascular and nonvascular interventional radiology, are being accepted for the [Society of Interventional Radiology's Annual Scientific Meeting](#) March 26–31, 2011, in Chicago, Ill. The Society of Interventional Radiology is a national organization of doctors, scientists and allied health professionals dedicated to improving public health through disease management and minimally invasive modern medicine.

Online abstract submission is now open for original scientific material for oral or poster presentation. The deadline for abstract submission is 5 p.m. (Eastern) Oct. 12.

Nearly 400 scientific presentations and posters covering the newest trends in interventional radiology research are provided 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, on its Web site ([www.jvir.org](http://www.jvir.org)) and on SIR's Annual Scientific Meeting Web site ([www.SIRmeeting.org](http://www.SIRmeeting.org)).

In the past, abstracts have focused on various topics, including embolization, spine and venous interventions, nonsurgical management of blood clots, image-guided therapies for cancer (radioembolization, radiofrequency ablation, cryoablation, emerging applications) and trends in health economics of minimally invasive therapies.

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. The SIR Annual Scientific Meeting—with its theme “IR Rising: Leading Image-guided Medicine”—will be held March 26–31, 2011, at McCormick Place—West Building in Chicago, Ill. Online meeting registration opens Oct. 1; early bird registration ends Feb. 11, 2011. Research awards to support travel are available for medical students, residents and fellows; up-to-date information will be posted at these SIR Web sites: [www.SIRmeeting.org](http://www.SIRmeeting.org), [www.SIRweb.org](http://www.SIRweb.org) and [www.SIRFoundation.org](http://www.SIRFoundation.org). For more information, contact the SIR office by phone at (703) 691-1805 or e-mail [Abstracts@SIRweb.org](mailto:Abstracts@SIRweb.org).

Members of the 2011 Annual Scientific Meeting Committee are William S. Rilling, M.D., FSIR, program chair; Mahmood K. Razavi, M.D., scientific program chair; Gary P. Siskin, M.D., FSIR, workshops chair; Kieran J. Murphy, M.D., FSIR, 2010 program chair; and Debra E. Beach, APRN, 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).

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