

Aortic Valve Sparing Surgery

We are organizing a joint meeting of a Special Symposium on the "Aortic Valve Sparing Surgery" and the Twenty Second Southern "Biomedical Engineering conference". The conference itself will last for three days (September 26-28, 2003) and the first day will be exclusively dedicated to valve sparing surgery. In the Special Symposium, the tentative plan is to have 4 sessions with a total of 28 presentations, 15 minutes each. We would like to extend our invitation to you and your group to participate and/or attend this special symposium. We anticipate about 200 surgeons, cardiologists, and other physicians to be attending this symposium, which will offer them a special experience of a one-day immersion in the field of valve sparing. Biomedical engineers and people from the Medical Devices Industries (about 200 of them) will also be attending the symposium.

The valve sparing procedure has a considerable history yet the evolution goes on. As you know there is still a fair amount of art involved in the procedure. Our interest has been to apply the science of the "normal" valve to the valve sparing procedure. Our purpose in putting the focused symposium together at this time is to explore the possibility that **"the spared valve can be totally competent, it can function efficiently, and this can be achieved with 100% confidence at the very first valve sparing attempt"**. Several centers that routinely perform the valve sparing procedures still struggle with the question of how to restore the dimensions of the aortic root and dimensions of the stretched-out leaflets. The symposium will strive to develop a consensus and to develop scientific yet practical approaches to the valve sparing surgery. It seems possible to convey that this procedure can produce even better results and thereby offer unparalleled advantages to the patients.

We hope that you will join us in making this symposium a great success.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Mano J. Thubrikar
Conference Chairman

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Bioengineering

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This special joint meeting strives to bring physicians, engineers and Medical Devices Industries together. We would like to extend our invitation to you and your group to participate and/or attend the Biomedical Engineering Conference.

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