CARDIOLOGY GRAND ROUNDS

Presentation: The State of Atrial Fibrillation: Treatment Options, Iatrogenic Flutter Avoidance, and Left Atrial Appendage Management

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Dr. Cox is best known for his work in the field of cardiac arrhythmia surgery and the development of the Cox-Maze Procedure for the treatment of atrial fibrillation.

His work in the field of arrhythmia surgery was supported by a personal RO1 NIH Grant continuously for over 25 years. Dr. Cox has trained many prominent surgeons in North America, South America, Europe and Asia and has served as the Guest Lecturer, Visiting Professor or Guest Surgeon over 450 times and in 30 countries. He has published over 350 peer-reviewed scientific articles and over 150 scientific abstracts and holds 30 patents on medical devices. Since retiring from clinical practice, Dr. Cox has been instrumental in the founding of six startup companies, four of which have subsequently been sold to larger companies, including Medtronic, St. Jude Medical and Johnson & Johnson.

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Location: ANW Education Building, Watson Room

OBJECTIVES
1. Evaluate approaches to left atrial appendage management.
2. Describe open and thoracoscopic approaches to treat atrial fibrillation.
3. Discuss strategies for avoiding peri-mitral atrial flutter.

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