edge of the clinically relevant data for valvular heart disease management.

This inter-disciplinary course emphasizes clinical decision making while combining the most relevant medical, surgical and interventional options for patient care. Tools for management are rapidly advancing and can have significant impacts for the entire care team. Breakout sessions for cardiac surgeons, cardiologists, nurses, and physician assistants are designed to involve the specialists in managing their unique challenges from the team perspective.

**Target Audience**
This course is intended for cardiothoracic surgeons, cardiologists, interventional cardiologists, internists, nurses, physician assistants, and all health care professionals involved in the evaluation, diagnosis, and/or management of patients with valvular heart disease.

**Accreditation**

**Physicians**
This course has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™.*

**Nurses**
The American College of Cardiology Foundation is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

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**2012 Heart Failure Summit**

**21st Century Treatment of Heart Failure: Synchronizing Surgical and Medical Therapies for Better Outcomes**

**October 18–19, 2012**
**Intercontinental Hotel & Bank of America Conference Center**
**Cleveland, OH**

The agenda and registration information are available at [www.ccfcme.org/heartfailure12](http://www.ccfcme.org/heartfailure12)

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**Program Overview**
The Kaufman Center for Heart Failure at Cleveland Clinic and The American Association for Thoracic Surgery have partnered once again to present an educational event for all health care providers who care for patients with heart failure—**21st Century Treatment of Heart Failure: Synchronizing Surgical and Medical Therapies for Better Outcomes.** Heart failure is not only a growing and costly problem but also one that is associated with significant morbidity and mortality. The increasing prevalence of heart failure is due to the aging population as well as the marked increase in survival of patients who suffered from myocardial infarction and valvular disease.

The current state of management, however, is far from optimal. Moreover, the therapeutic armamentarium has remained stagnant since the introduction of resynchronization devices, with no new therapies in development. Given the undertreatment of heart failure and the lack of new therapies, the focus of management has shifted to optimizing existing medical and device therapies, including long-term mechanical circulatory support.

Now in its 15th year, this Summit will feature a faculty of world-renowned cardiologists and cardiovascular surgeons who will offer a clinically relevant review and discussion of current and future therapies for managing heart failure.

**Target Audience**
This program is intended for cardiologists, cardiovascular surgeons, internists, nurses, physician assistants, perfusionists, and researchers involved in the management of patients with heart failure.

**Accreditation**
The Cleveland Clinic Foundation Center for Continuing Education is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The Cleveland Clinic Foundation Center for Continuing Education designates this live activity for a maximum of 14 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™.* Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Participants claiming CME credit from this activity may submit the credit hours to the American Osteopathic Association for Category 2 credit.

**Nurses**
For the purposes of recertification and relicensure, The American Nurses Credentialing Center accepts *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit* issued by organizations accredited by the ACCME.

**Abstract Submission**
The Heart Failure Summit invites you to submit abstracts of original investigation for consideration in the Poster Session on Thursday evening, October 18, from 6:00 PM
to 7:30 PM. Abstracts previously presented at other national or international meetings will be accepted. Accepted abstracts will be printed in the syllabus. The deadline for submission is September 21, 2012. Abstracts must be submitted by E-mail to mavi@jamiebelkin.com. There is no limit to the number of abstracts a presenter can submit.

AATS Focus on Thoracic Surgery: Lung Cancer

November 16–17, 2012
Boston Marriott Copley Place
Boston, MA

Program Directors
Drs G. Alec Patterson and David J. Sugarbaker, along with Program Committee members, Drs Thomas D’Amico, Shaf Keshavjee, James D. Luketich, Bryan Meyers, and Scott J. Swanson have developed a robust two-day program filled with invited lectures, case based presentations, videos, and panel discussions on the following topics:

- CT screening
- Staging
- Navigational Bronchoscopy
- EBUS/EUS
- Video Mediastinoscopy
- VAMLA-TEMLA
- VATS, Robotic and Open Resection
- Lobectomy, Segmentectomy-Wedge and Pneumonectomy
- RFA
- SBRT
- Brachytherapy
- Role of induction Rx and Resection
- Extended Resection
- Guidelines, Efficiency of Care and Database

The complete program can be viewed online at http://aats.org/LungCancer/program.cgi. Housing and registration will be available soon.

Educational Objectives

- Analyze the current role of endoscopic strategies for lung cancer diagnosis and staging
- Learn the advantages and limitations of limited resection for early stage lung cancer
- Appreciate the role of surgical resection in patients with locally advanced and nodal metastatic disease
- Identify the various approaches to minimally invasive pulmonary resection
- Understand the technical challenges and results of extended pulmonary resection
- Learn the current role of stereotactic body radiotherapy (SBRT) in the management of early stage non–small cell lung cancer

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