**Program Overview**

This 9th annual multi-disciplinary CME conference is dedicated to further advancing knowledge and expertise in the complex field of Cardiovascular-Thoracic (CVT) Critical Care. It is designed to bring together the entire team of health care professionals that provide care for patients undergoing CVT operations and interventional procedures. The program includes faculty presentations, symposia regarding major issues, audience panel discussions and workshops.

**Educational Objectives:**

- Apply the latest concepts, technology and developments in CVT critical care to optimize patient outcomes.
- Recognize the importance of the multi-disciplinary team approach in CVT critical care and how the ICU team is organized.
- Understand how to develop and implement evidence-based CVT critical care protocols and how to analyze the results.

**Accreditation:**

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery designates this live activity for a maximum of 18.75 AMA PRA Category I Credit™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Nurses: This activity is pending approval with the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

Perfusionists: The American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion (ABCP) designates this educational activity for a maximum of 22.6 Category 1 CEUs. Perfusionists should only claim credits commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**Disclosure Policy:**

It is the policy of the American Association for Thoracic Surgery that any individual who is involved in planning, presenting or is an author on a program designated for AMA Physician’s Recognition Award Category 1 Credit™ must disclose any financial interest or other relationship (grant, research support, consulting, etc.) that individual has with any manufacturer(s) of any commercial product(s) that may be discussed in the individual’s presentation. This information is disclosed to the audience prior to an activity. The ACCME has procedures in place if a conflict of interest should arise. In addition, faculty members are asked to disclose when any discussion of unapproved use of pharmaceutical or medical devices occurs.

For further information on the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) Standards of Commercial Support, please visit www.accme.org.

**TARGET AUDIENCE:**

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**Early Registration Deadline - August 22, 2012**

**PAYMENT**

- **DEPOSIT**: $200 (Due with registration form)
- **BALANCE**: $855

- **MASTERCARD / VISA / AMERICAN EXPRESS**

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**Cardiovascular - Thoracic (CVT) Critical Care 2012**

Meeting the Challenges of Innovative Technology and the ICU Community to Increase Speed of Recovery, Safety & Patient Comfort

Thursday, Oct 4 - Sat, Oct 6, 2012

Omni Shoreham Hotel

Washington DC

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Thursday, October 4

SESSION I 7:00 am – 8:00 am
Light Breakfast & Registration

SESSION II 8:00 am – 8:10 am
Welcome & Introductions to the Program
Mary J. Zellinger, CCRN

SESSION III 8:10 am – 9:10 am
Latest Challenges & Developments in CVT Critical Care
Mary J. Zellinger, RN, MSN, CCRN

SESSION IV 9:10 am – 10:10 am
Audience - Panel Discussion
       Nathan S. Bailey, MD & Daniel C. Fitzgerald, CCP

SESSION V 10:10 am – 11:10 am
Recent Innovations in Respiratory Care, including Patient with VAD
David C. Fitzgerald, CCP & Marsha Sabo, CCRN

SESSION VI 11:10 am – 12:10 pm
Audience - Panel Discussion
       Moderator: Mary J. Zellinger, CCRN
       Panelists: Daniel C. Fitzgerald, CCP, Marsha Sabo, CCRN, Michael C. Doll, MPAS, PA-C

SESSION VII 12:10 pm – 1:10 pm
Lunch & Networking

SESSION VIII 1:10 pm – 2:10 pm
Audience - Panel Discussion
       Moderator: Derek M. Fine, MD

SESSION IX 2:10 pm – 3:10 pm
Refreshments

SESSION X 3:10 pm – 4:10 pm
Audience - Panel Discussion
       Moderator: Mary J. Zellinger, CCRN

SESSION XI 4:10 pm – 5:10 pm
Poster Session - Breakout - Exhibit Hall

SESSION XII 5:10 pm – 6:10 pm
Closing Comments

*Program Agenda is subject to change.