

SIF2020
SCOTTSDALE INTERVENTIONAL FORUM

MARCH 18–21, 2020
Scottsdale, Arizona

Canceled due to COVID-19

Dear SIF Attendee,

Following the lead of the American College of Cardiology who cancelled the ACC.20/WCC in Chicago, Illinois, scheduled to take place March 28 – 30; after monitoring the thoughtful and increasingly cautious advice of the United States' Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, and World Health Organization; and after consulting the administration at HonorHealth of Scottsdale, Arizona and our faculty, with a heavy heart **I am cancelling SIF 2020**, March 18-21, 2020.

Although I believe that the risk of contracting and infecting others may be relatively low at this time, the uncertainty surrounding the epidemiology of Covid-19 requires a prudent response. This is especially true where our community outreach program on March 18th traditionally, overwhelmingly draws those most at risk and least able to resist this potentially virulent disease: the elderly, on whom we focus our service.

I entertained alternatives to cancelling **SIF 2020**, but none of them lived up to the high expectations we developed the past 20 years. Our world class faculty members were torn between their natural instincts to heal and educate, and their oath to "first, do no harm."

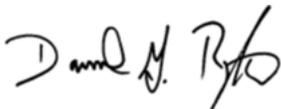
There will be another day and another time to continue the excellent, unique work we began two decades ago. However, today the risks of the unknown are too great, and uncertainty too measureless and constant to gamble with the lives of those for whom we've sworn to do good.

Our course directors are exploring the creation of a "virtual version" of our educational content and SIF Live Cases. The details of this are being worked out and we will update you as soon as we have more information.

Regarding this year's cancellation, any course registration fees paid will be refunded in full to the credit card used for payment. If you were planning on staying at The Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort, we apologize-- you may have received a notice from them regarding cancelling rooms prior to our correspondence. The Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort has agreed to reinstate your reservation at the SIF discounted room rates if you would still like to come and enjoy Scottsdale. If you would like to continue your reservation, please reach out to The Hyatt at **480-444-1234** as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding during this time as we all work to prioritize the safety of the community around us. We look forward to continuing this outstanding educational conference next year.

Save the Date for SIF2021, March 10-13, 2021!



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