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CardioSmart Heart Explorer

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NEWSSTAND EDITOR'S PICKS

Lack of health literacy 'major barrier' in CVD prevention, treatment

A new scientific statement issued by the American Heart Association (AHA) suggests limited health literacy is a major barrier that blocks many people from achieving good cardiovascular health or benefitting from effective treatment for myocardial infarction, heart failure, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases.

<u>Cardiology Societies Call for Better Radiation Dose Tracking</u>

A new consensus document on how to mitigate radiation exposure in cardiac imaging for both patients and staff was issued in May, and it advocates for greater use of radiation dose monitoring technologies.

<u>Ticagrelor Doesn't Carry Any Off-Target Effects Compared With Clopidogrel, Prasugrel</u>

New randomized data are crossing out a long-held hypothesis many assumed about how the potent antiplatelet agent ticagrelor works. Contrary to expectations, the drug does not appear to convey any additional off-target effects related to endothelial function or increased systemic adenosine plasma levels compared with prasugrel and clopidogrel in stable patients following an ACS.

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INDUSTRY PRESS RELEASES

Medtronic

FDA Classifies HeartWare(TM) HVAD(TM) Systems Unexpected Power Source Switching as Class I Recall

June 1, 2018

The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has classified Medtronic plc's (NYSE: MDT) recent voluntary urgent field action related to the HeartWare(TM) HVAD(TM) System unexpected power source switching as a Class I recall.



Real-World Study Results Support Use of Abbott's AMPLATZER™ Amulet™ to Reduce Stroke in Patients Suffering from Atrial Fibrillation Without the Need for Lifetime Blood Thinners

May 24, 2018

Abbott today announced real-world results that showed treatment with the company's AMPLATZER™ Amulet™ left atrial appendage (LAA) occlusion device in patients with irregular heart beats, known as atrial fibrillation (AF), reduced the risk of stroke, transient ischemic attack (TIA) and systemic embolism (SE) without the need for blood-thinning medication.

New Analysis Shows Medtronic Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy Medtronic Feature Associated with Improved Patient Survival

May 15, 2018

Medtronic announced study results showing its exclusive AdaptivCRT(TM) algorithm is associated with improved patient survival. The data were recently presented at Heart Rhythm 2018, the Heart Rhythm Society's 39th Annual Scientific Sessions in Boston.

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TCT 2018

Date: 09/21/2018 - 09/25/2018 City/State: San Diego, CA

Venue: San Diego Convention Center

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15th Annual Meeting of the ESC Working Group on **Myocardial and Pericardial Diseases**

Date: 10/05/2018 - 10/07/2018 City/State: Belgrade, Serbia

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AHA 2018

Date: 11/10/2018 - 11/14/2018

City/State: Chicago, IL

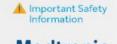
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