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Moroccan Interventional Radiology Society

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1st JOINT SAFIRE - SMRI MEETING

Challenges and opportunities of Interventional Radiology in Africa

PROGRAM

Casablanca

Main topics:

IR Toolbox

Female pelvis

Prostate

Breast interventions

Venous interventions

MSK interventions and pain management

Interventional Oncology

Portal interventions

New: Simulation sessions in vivo

May 2nd-3rd 2025

HYATT REGENCY-CASABLANCA



Welcome Message

On behalf of the **Society of African Interventional Radiology and Endovascular Therapy (SAFIRE)** and the **Moroccan Interventional Radiology Society (SMRI)**, we are pleased to welcome you to **SAFIRE-SMRI joint meeting**, which will be held on **May 2nd and 3rd, 2025** at the **HYATT Regency Hotel**, in **Casablanca, Morocco**.

The theme of this congress is **“Challenges and opportunities of Interventional Radiology in Africa”**

This meeting will provide an opportunity for medical professionals in the fields of Interventional Radiology, Radiology and other related specialties to come together and learn about the latest advancements and research in this rapidly growing field.

Top experts and faculty members from highly respected international and regional institutions from Africa, USA and Europe, will share their experience throughout the scientific program. There are great opportunities to learn through an array of lectures, clinical cases, interactive hands-on workshops with in-vivo simulation sessions.

We are committed to providing a memorable scientific experience to all attendees, filled with the warmth and gracious hospitality that Casablanca has to offer. Registration is open and we invite all medical professionals from around the globe to participate and collaborate with us.

We look forward to welcoming you in the beautiful city of Casablanca in May, 2025.

Friday, May 2, 2025

07:00-08:30 REGISTRATION

OPENING SESSION

8:30-8:35	Welcome - SMRI	Najwa Touil (Morocco)
8:35-8:40	Welcome - SAFIRE	Ahmed Kamel (USA)

Session 1: Varicose veins



Moderators:

Osman Ahmed (USA), Fattah Belhoucine (Morocco), Catia Domingos (Mozambique)

8:40-8:55	Anatomy of lower extremity superficial venous system: what you need to know	Latifa Sanhaji (USA)
8:55-9:10	Varicose veins of the lower extremity: Pre treatment Doppler US mapping	Omar Kacimi (Morocco)
9:10-9:25	Ablation and laser treatment of varicose veins	Kari Nelson (USA)
9:25-9:40	Foam therapy for varicose veins: Indications, techniques and outcomes	Mohamad Al Twalah (KSA)
9:40-9:55	Varicocele treatment: techniques and outcomes	Khalil Hamza (Tunisia)
9:55-10:00	Q and A	

10:00-10:30 COFFEE BREAK AND EXHIBITS

Keynote presentation

10:30-10:45	How to foster innovation and research in healthcare in resource-limited countries	Jafar Golzarian (USA)
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Session 2: Female Interventions



Moderators:

Nadia Hammami (Tunisia), Maina Wangari (Kenya),
Nazik Allali (Morocco), Jalil Quessar (Morocco)

10:45-11:00	Uterine fibroid: Diagnosis and Patient selection	Nadia Sqalli (Morocco)
11:00-11:15	Uterine fibroid embolization: Technique, follow up and outcomes	Mostafa El Hajjam (France)
11:15-11:30	Management of post-partum hemorrhage and ectopic pregnancy	Fabian Laage-Gaupp (USA)
11:30-11:40	Uterine arteriovenous malformation embolization	Mohammad Badran (Jordan)
11:40-11:50	Fallopian tube recanalization restores hope	Daniel Chepsiror (Kenya)
11:50-12:05	Pelvic venous disorders: Presentation, diagnosis and patient selection	Salwa Bouklata (Morocco)
12:05-12:15	Pelvic venous disorders: Techniques and outcomes	Kari Nelson (USA)
12:15-12:30	Q and A	

Interventional Oncology Tools

12:30-13:00	Improving your decision and technique using advanced software tools	Ahmed Kamel (USA)
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13:00-14:00 LUNCH AND EXHIBITS



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Session 3: Deep Venous Thrombosis and Pulmonary Embolism

Moderators:

Refaat Salman (KSA), Taoufik Africha (Morocco),
Charles Sanyika (South Africa)

14:00-14:15	DVT: Diagnosis and complications	Soukaina Wakrim (Morocco)
14:15-14:30	Management of acute DVT: lytics vs thrombectomy	Osman Ahmed (USA)
14:30-14:45	Recanalization of chronic venous occlusion: when and how	Bulent Arslan (USA)
14:45-15:00	IVC filter placement: Indications, types and technique	Alae Mrani Zentar (Morocco)
15:00-15:15	IVC filter retrieval: Basic and advanced techniques	Fourat Ridouani (USA)
15:15-15:30	Acute Pulmonary embolism: Diagnosis and treatment algorithm	Badr Eddine Alami (Morocco)
15:30-15:45	Management of acute pulmonary embolism: Techniques and outcomes	Refaat Salman (KSA)
15:45-16:00	Q and A	

16:00-16:30 COFFEE BREAK AND EXHIBITS

Session 4: Interventional Oncology

Moderators:

Ahmed Kamel (USA), M. Youssef Lamrani (Morocco),
Hammed Ninalowo (Nigeria)

16:30-16:40	BCLC: Update, limitations and pitfalls	Houria Tabakh (Morocco)
16:40-16:50	Transarterial Chemoembolization: How to improve your technique	Ahmed Kamel (USA)

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16:50-17:00	Radioembolization for colorectal liver metastasis: technique and evidence	Phillipe Pereira (Germany)
17:00-17:10	Heat, Freeze, Treat: How to master renal ablation	Mohamed Abdelsalam (USA)
17:10-17:20	Role of IR in the management of kidney cancer	Fourat Ridouani (USA)
17:20-17:30	Q and A	

Session 5: Dialysis access interventions



Moderators:

Mohammad Badran (Jordan), Badr Eddine Alami (Morocco),
Eva Nabawanuka (Uganda)

17:30-17:40	Dialysis access catheters: Toolbox	Soufiane Belabbes (Morocco)
17:40-17:50	Pre-creation mapping and imaging: How I do it	Omar Kacimi (Morocco)
17:50-18:00	Endo AVF: From creation to cannulation	Ahmed Kamel (USA)
18:00-18:20	Dysfunctional venous access: Diagnosis and treatment of stenotic lesions	Panos Kitrou (Greece)
18:20-18:30	Q and A	

Time	Workshops Room A	Lead faculty
8:45-10:00	Breast Interventions : Vaccum assisted Biopsy, macrobiopsy and clip placement	Siham Alaoui Rachidi (Morocco)
	Faculty : Nadia Sqalli (Morocco), Siham Alaoui Rachidi (Morocco), Imane Skiker (Morocco), Abdelaziz Zouaoui (Morocco), Norran Hussein (Egypt), Maita Mvere Chatora (Zimbabwe)	

10:00-10:30 COFFEE BREAK AND EXHIBITS

Keynote presentation

10:45-11:30	Embolic materials toolbox (Coils and plugs) Hands-on and simulation	Jafar Golzarian (USA)
	Faculty : Jafar Golzarian (USA), Hammed Ninalowo (Nigeria), Vincent Vidal (France)	
11:30-13:00	Transarterial Chemoembolization Best practices, Hands-on and simulation	Gareth Bydawell (South Africa)
	Faculty : M. Youssef Lamrani (Morocco), Philippe Pereira (Germany), Habib Bellamlih (Morocco), Gareth Bydawell (South Africa), Hicham Kobeiter (France)	

13:00-14:00 Lunch and Exhibits

14:00-16:00	Prostate artery embolization	Sandeep bagla (USA)
	Faculty : Fabian Laage Gaupp (USA), Hamid Ziani (Morocco), Sandeep bagla (USA), Karim Abd El Tawab (Egypt), Mohamed Shaker (Egypt), Gareth Bydawell (South Africa), Vijay Ramalingam (USA)	
16:30-18:30	Treatment of varicose veins	Mohamad Al Twalah (KSA)
	Faculty : Mohamad Altawalrah (KSA), Kari Nelson (USA)	

Time	Workshops Room B	Lead faculty
8:45-10:00	TIPS creation	Wael Saad (USA)
	Faculty : Sanjeeva Kalva (USA), Wael Saad (USA), Mohamed Shaker (Egypt), Vijay Ramalingam (USA), Abdulrahman Alvi (KSA)	

10:00-10:30 BRUNCH AND EXHIBITS

Keynote presentation

10:45-11:30	Portal vein embolization	Wael Saad (USA)
	Faculty : Wael Saad (USA), Osman Ahmed (USA), Bulent Arslan (USA), Abdulrahman Alvi (KSA)	

11:30-12:00	Siemens Symposium : Advanced Image Guidance in IR procedures	Ashraf Abouelleil
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12:00-12:30	ALN symposium: ALN filters: From indications to retrieval	Hicham Kobeiter (France)
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13:00-14:00 LUNCH AND EXHIBITS

14:00-16:00	My biggest wins and losses	Nadia Hammami (Tunisia)
	Faculty : Bulent Arslan (USA), Mostafa El Hajjam (France), Nadia Hammami (Tunisia), Hammed Ninalowo (Nigeria), Mustapha Maaroufi (Morocco)	

16:00-16:30 TEA, COFFEE AND EXHIBITS

16:30-18:30	Live streaming from IR centers of America	Sandeep Bagla (USA)
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In vivo simulation workshop (Porcine organs)
(Angio suite Mohammed VI University Hospital Bouskoura)

12:00-13:00 LUNCH

13:00-15:00	Kidney embolization	Jorge Lopera (USA)
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15:00-15:30 COFFEE AND TEA BREAK

15:30- 17:00	Percutaneous nephrostomy and double J stents	Jorge Lopera (USA)
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Session 6: Breast Interventions



Moderators:

Nazik Allali (Morocco), Norran Hussein (Egypt),
Abdelaziz Zouaoui (Morocco)

8:30-8:45	Breast Microbiopsy: when and how	Imane Skiker (Morocco)
8:45-9:00	US guided and stereotactic core biopsy	Siham Alaoui Rachidi (Morocco)
9:00-9:15	MRI-guided breast biopsy	Nazik Allali (Morocco)
9:15-9:30	Breast and lymph node clip placement: Techniques, tips and tricks	Norran Hussein (Egypt)
9:30-10:00	Multidisciplinary case discussion	Abdelaziz Zouaoui (Morocco), Nazik Allali (Morocco)

10:00-10:30 COFFEE BREAK AND EXHIBITS

Session 7: Prostate Artery Embolization



Moderators:

Jafar Golzarian (USA), Daniel Chepsiror (Kenya),
Mustapha Maaroufi (Morocco)

10:30-10:40	Prostate artery Embolization: A urologist perspective	Rachid Aboutaib (Morocco)
10:40-10:50	Prostate vascular anatomy catalogue	Karim Abd El Tawab (Egypt)
10:50-11:00	Technique: Machine optimization for best results	Jafar Golzarian (USA)
11:00-11:10	Embolics: What you need to know	Karim Abd El Tawab (Egypt)
11:10-11:20	How to deal with difficult arteries: Tips and Tricks	Hicham Kobeiter (France)
11:20-11:30	How to avoid and how to manage complications	Mohamed Shaker (Egypt)

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11:30-11:40	Follow up and outcomes: Expected timeline for improvement	Hicham Kobeiter (France)
11:40-12:00	Q and A	

Session 8: Emergency Interventions

Moderators:
Vincent Vidal (France), Bulent Arslan (USA), Jasper Muruka (Kenya)

12:00-12:10	Endovascular management of hemoptysis	Mostafa El Hajjam (France)
12:10-12:20	GI bleeding: Diagnosis and management	Najwa Touil (Morocco)
12:20-12:30	Pelvic trauma: Classification, technique and embolic material	Mustapha Maaroufi (Morocco)
12:30-12:40	Splenic embolization for trauma patients: Proximal versus distal techniques	Daren Klass (Canada)
12:40-12:50	Hemorrhoid embolization: A practical approach	Vincent Vidal (France)
12:50-13:00	Q and A	

13:00-14:00 LUNCH AND EXHIBITS (LUNCH SYMPOSIUM BY ALN)

Session 9: What's happening in Africa

Moderators:
Wael Saad (USA), Ahmed Kamel (USA), Najwa Touil (Morocco)

14:00-14:10	Efforts to develop a fellowship program in South Africa	Charles Sanyika (South Africa)
14:10-14:20	Status of IR in Uganda	Eva Nabawanuka (Uganda)

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14:20-14:30	Scope of IR practice in Kenya	Wangari Maina (Kenya)
14:30-14:40	IR Initiatives in Mozambique	Catia Domingos (Mozambique)
14:40-14:50	Progress of IR in Tanzania	Azza Naif (Tanzania)
14:50-15:00	The Role of the Diaspora in IR Training: The Ghana experience.	Nii Koney (Ghana/USA)
15:10-15:20	Recent developments of IR in Zimbabwe	Godfrey Chatora (Zimbabwe)
15:20-15:30	Birds eye view of IR in Zambia: Challenges & successes	Mutinta Nteeni (Zambia)
15:30-15:40	Update on IR in Tunisia	Nadia Hammami (Tunisia)
15:40-15:50	Evolution of Neuro-vascular care in Nigeria	Hammed Ninalowo (Nigeria)
15:50-16:00	Training of IRs in underserved areas in Egypt	Mohamed Fawzi (Egypt)

16:00-16:30 COFFEE BREAK AND EXHIBITS

Session 10: MSK interventions and pain management



Moderators:

Mostafa El Hajjam (France), Godfrey Chatora (Zimbabwe), Salwa Bouklata (Morocco)

16:30-16:45	Spine Augmentation	Charles Ray (USA)
16:45-17:00	Ablation technique in musculoskeletal oncology	Danoob Dalili (UK)
17:00-17:15	Genicular artery embolization for treatment of knee osteoarthritis: Technique, embolics and outcomes	Jafar Golzarian (USA)
17:15-17:30	CT guided nerve blocks for pain management	Amanda Isaac (UK)
17:30-17:45	Q and A	

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Closing Session

17:45-17:47	SMRI	Fattah Belhoucine (Morocco)
17:47-17:49	SAFIRE	Wael Saad (USA)
17:49-17:51	CIRSE	Phillipe Pereira (Germany)
17:51-17:53	SIR	Saher Sabri (USA)
17:53-17:55	TIRA	Nadia Hammami (Tunisia)
17:55-17:57	NiSIR	Hammed Ninalowo (Nigeria)
17:57-18-00	SAINTS	Charles Sanyika (South Africa)



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8:45-10:00	Lower extremity DVT management: What you need to know	Osman Ahmed (USA)
	Faculty : Latifa Sanhaji (USA), Osman Ahmed (USA), Bulent Arslan (USA), Refaat Salman (KSA)	

10:00-10:30 COFFEE BREAK AND EXHIBITS

10:45-11:30	Dialysis Interventions (In collaboration with Eva)	Panos Kitrou (Greece)
	Faculty : Ahmed Kamel (USA), Panos Kitrou (Greece)	

11:30-13:00	Ablation Hub	Mostafa El Hajjam (France)
	Faculty : Vijay Ramalingam (USA), Mohamed Fawzi (Egypt), Badr Boutakioute (Morocco), Gareth Bydawell (South Africa), Mohamed Abdelsalam (USA), Mostafa El Hajjam (France)	

13:00-14:00 LUNCH AND EXHIBITS

14:00-16:00	Uterine artery embolization	Daren Klass (Canada)
	Faculty : Bouktib Youssef (Morocco), Daren Klass (Canada), Habib Bellamlih (Morocco), Abed Abdallahi (Mauritania)	

16:00-16:30 TEA, COFFEE AND EXHIBITS

16:30-17:45	Embolic materials toolbox (Liquids and particles)	Charles Sanyika (South Africa)
	Faculty : Daren Klass (Canada), Charles Sanyika (South Africa), Abed Abdallahi (Mauritania), Eric Mbuguje (Tanzania), Jalil Quessar (Morocco)	

Time	Workshops Room B	Lead faculty
8:30-10:00	Global IR Summit	Ahmed Kamel (USA)
	Faculty : Ahmed Kamel (USA), Wael Saad (USA), Najwa Touil (Morocco), Sanjeeva Kalva (USA), Philippe Pereira (Germany), Fabian Laage-Gaupp (USA), Charles Ray (USA), Miriam Mikhail (Austria)	

10:00-10:30 BRUNCH AND EXHIBITS

10:30-11:30	Pelvic Venous Disorders	Khalil Hamza (Tunisia)
	Faculty : Nawal Bouknani (Morocco), Kari Nelson (USA), Khalil Hamza (Tunisia), Eva Nabawanuka (Uganda), Abed Abdollahi (Mauritania)	

11:30-13:00	Biopsy and Drainage Hub	Ahmed Adam (Somalia) Jonathan Vaccaro (USA)
	Faculty : Youssef Sakhy (Morocco), Najwa Benslima (Morocco), Abdellatif Siwane (Morocco), Taoufik Africha (Morocco), Ahmed Adam (Somalia), Jonathan Vaccaro (USA), Eric Mbuguje (Tanzania)	

13:00-14:00 LUNCH AND EXHIBITS

14:00-16:00	Pain Management (Joint Injections)	Danoob Dalili (UK)
	Faculty : Danoob Dalili (UK), Amanda Isaac (UK), Brahim Bahayou (Switzerland)	

16:00-16:30 TEA, COFFEE AND EXHIBITS

16:30-17:45	Varicocele embolization made easy	Khalil Hamza (Tunisia)
	Faculty : Jonathan Vaccaro (USA), Mohamad Altawalah (KSA), Khalil Hamza (Tunisia)	

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12:00-13:00 LUNCH

13:00-15:00	TIPS creation	Jorge Lopera (USA)
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15:00-15:30 COFFEE AND TEA BREAK

15:30- 17:00	Portal vein embolization	Jorge Lopera (USA)
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