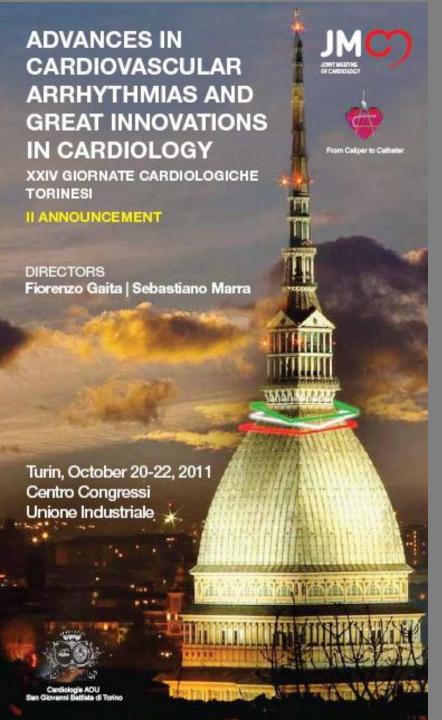


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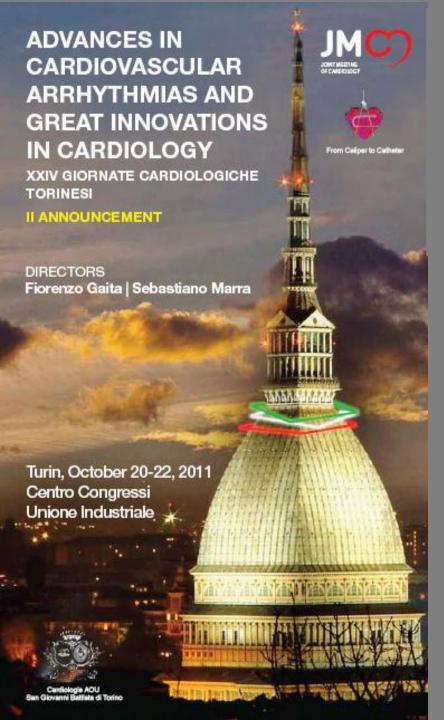


Why against ablation?

- □ What is the mechanism(s) underlying atrial fibrillation (atrial fibrillations!)?
- ☐ The substrate(s) of A.F. is (are) variable, and change over time.
- ☐ Which technique should be used?
- ☐ End-procedure evaluation of ablation efficacy is impossible.
- ☐ The outcome of procedure is unpredictable
- No long-term data on post-ablation AF recurrence are available.

Why against ablation?

- ☐ Studies on AF ablation are not comparable with each other.
- ☐ If all AF pts were treated with ablation, the economic burden would be unacceptable.
- AF ablation results are better in subjects free from overt heart disease than in patients with a compromised heart. Sinus rhythm restoration, however, would be far more important in the latter ones.
- ☐ From "learning while burning" to "burning after learning".



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