

What is the RETAC Group?

The concept of RETAC Group (European network for the Treatment of Arrhythmias in Cardiology) was born in the early 1990s, in order to improve the management of cardiac arrhythmias, particularly in the field of radiofrequency catheter ablation. The main objective was to share mutual experience and to debate about complex or original cases in the field of arrhythmology.

The first meeting took place in Limoges (France) in 1995. This unusual meeting with live cases and discussions on original case reports convinced their members to continue the experience : the RETAC Group was born. In 1997, the RETAC was granted for Continuing Medical Education (CME) from the "Leonardo da Vinci Program" of the European Community. With a concern of sharing education and therapeutic improvement, the RETAC Group has regularly organized meetings throughout its network. It immediately became a reputable tool to constantly improve knowledge in a such rapidly evolving field as arrhythmology. The strength of these meetings lies on exchanging different ways of working and different ways of solving problems in our daily practice.

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Thursday 20

8:45am - Noon. “Persistent AFib ablation: New techniques and challenges”

Chairs: Dr. Marc Zimmermann – Dr. Stephane Combes

- 8:45am. Live case presentation
- 9:00am - 12:00pm. Live case: Persistent AFib radiofrequency ablation using CARTO's new version 3.0 VISITAG. Performed by Sant Pau's staff.
- 10:00am – 10:30am. What is the best approach for Persistent AFib ablation? Should we take care of CFAEs, rotors, gangliae and/or additional ablation lines in a first ablation procedure? (Dr. Amir Jadidi)
- 10:30am – 11:00am. Is cryo-balloon ablation an appropriate alternative to Radiofrequency ablation for Persistent AFib? (Dr Julio Marti).
- 11:00am – 11:30am. New diagnostic maneuvers to ensure Pulmonary Vein Isolation during AFib ablation (Dra Concepcion Alonso).
- 11:30am – Noon. New predictors of Persistent AFib ablation success: Should we modify patient's screening? (Dr Victor Bazan)

Noon – 12:30pm. Coffee break

12:30pm-1:30 pm. Special session: “Lead extraction, a rising problem”

Chairs: Dr. Serge Boveda and Dr. Jose Maria Guerra-Ramos

Recorded cases presentation and discussion by **Dr. Pascal Defaye**

1:30pm – 2pm. Special session: “Paroxysmal AV Block: classification and unusual etiologies”

Presented by **Dr Luc de Roy**

15:00pm – 17:00pm. Administrative RETAC session: update and proposal of multicenter RETAC studies chair: Dr. Boveda

Dr. Amir Jadidi will be invited to discuss about the possibility of proposing a RETAC's multicenter Persistent AFib Ablation study protocol.

Friday 21

Recorded case: Nanostim pacemaker implantation. Update of leadless PM implantation Friday 21. Dr Defaye

8:45am - Noon. “VT Ablation: Anatomical challenges and usefulness of imagine techniques”

Chairs: Dr. Enrique Rodriguez – Dr. Thomas Arentz

- 8:45am. Live case presentation (presented by Sant Pau's fellows)
- 9:00am – Noon. Live Outflow Tract VT ablation using ICE (Dr. Fermin C Garcia, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA, US).

Noon - 1:30pm. What's next in EP? The near future of AFib ablation, VT ablation and device implantation.

Chair: Dr. Xavier Viñolas

Panel: Dr Jose Maria Guerra-Ramos (AFib ablation), Dr Fermin Garcia (VT ablation), Dr Manuel Cerini (Devices).

1:30pm-2:00pm. Conclusion remarks

Dr. Serge Boveda and Dr. Xavier Viñolas