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CVI JOURNAL CLUB

Sept 30.....Dr. Patel

For further information, contact Dr. Ken Byron at x72819.

AHA HEART WALK

On Sunday, September 12, we will be helping the American Heart Association fight heart disease and stroke by participating in the West Suburban American Heart Walk at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn. Funds raised will support research, community service, and public and professional education programs.

The opening ceremony starts at 9:00 a.m., and the walk begins at 9:30. Walkers have a choice of a one-mile or three-mile route. It should prove to be a fun day that will include heart-healthy exercise, healthy refreshments, and a health fair with free screenings and important information. It's also a great opportunity to network and socialize with friends.

Step out against heart disease and stroke by supporting our efforts by either making a donation to the AHA or by joining our team of walkers. For more information on how

you can donate and/or participate, please contact Sue Meyer at (708) 327-2482.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM THE CVI

Laredo, J., Xue, L., Husak, V.A., Ellinger, J., Singh, G., Zamora, P.O., Greisler, H.P. Silyl-heparin bonding improves the patency and in vivo thromboresistance of carbon-coated polytetrafluoroethylene vascular grafts. *Journal of Vascular Surgery* 39(5):1059-1065, 2004.

Nerheim, P., Birger-Botkin, S., Piracha, L., Olshansky, B. Heart failure and sudden death in patients with tachycardia-induced cardiomyopathy and recurrent tachycardia. *Circulation* 110:247-252, 2004.

NEW CVI FACULTY

Please welcome **Maria C. Heidkamp, Ph.D.**, who joins the CVI Research Division faculty and the Department of Medicine as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Heidkamp received the Ph.D. in Physiology from the University of Illinois – Chicago under the direction of Dr. Brenda Russell. She then joined Dr. Samarel's lab in the CVI as a Research Associate in the Department of Medicine. Dr. Heidkamp was a recipient of a Falk Cardiovascular Research Fellowship and a National Research Service Award from the NIH/NHLBI. Her research interest is in the cell biology of cardiac hypertrophy and heart failure. Her lab (5238) and office (5227) are located in the CVI Research Division laboratories in Building 110.



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