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Wisconsin Medicine Livestream: The Future of Heart Care

MADISON, WI (May 13, 2021) — Heart disease, also known as cardiovascular disease, is the leading cause of death in the United States. Anyone, including children, can develop heart disease, and roughly 655,000 Americans die from it each year — that's one in every four deaths.

Cardiovascular diseases like heart attacks cause irreversible damage to the heart muscle's cells that can ultimately result in total heart failure. But what if there were a way to restore damaged muscle tissue. That's where the pioneering work in stem cell research and therapeutics comes in.

On the next Wisconsin Medicine Livestream, explore the exciting potential for stem cells to repair and even regenerate damaged heart tissue. Medical professionals from UW Health and the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health will discuss stem cell innovations and future treatments.

Featured guests:

Lee Eckhardt, MD, MS
Associate Professor, Department of Medicine
Cardiovascular Medicine Faculty
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

Dr. Eckhardt is the Gary and Marie Weiner Professor of Cardiovascular Research and a faculty member in the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine within the Department of Medicine. She serves as codirector of the Inherited Arrhythmia Clinic, and her lab is within the Cellular and Molecular Arrhythmia Research Program.

Timothy Kamp, MD, PHD, FACC, FAHA
Professor, Department of Medicine
Director, Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine Center
Cardiovascular Medicine Faculty
Wisconsin Institutes for Medical Research

Dr. Kamp holds the Herman and Aileen Tuchman Chair in Cardiology and is professor of medicine in the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine and professor of cell and regenerative biology. He serves as director of the Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine Center.

Amish N. Raval MD, FACC, FAHA
Associate Professor, Department of Medicine and Biomedical Engineering
Cardiovascular Medicine Faculty
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

Dr. Raval is director of clinical cardiovascular research and the UW OPTIONS Clinic.

When: Wednesday, May 19, at 7 p.m. CDT

Where: Wisconsin Medicine Livestream: wiscmedicine.org/programs/future-of-heart-health



ABOUT WISCONSIN MEDICINE

Wisconsin Medicine is a partnership between two of the world's leading medical institutions: UW Health and the UW School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH), who have long worked together on innovative treatments, trailblazing research, renowned education, and compassionate patient care.

UW Health (the state's number one hospital) and SMPH (a world-recognized research and education system) have always achieved excellence. Now, Wisconsin Medicine is preparing for the extraordinary. It's the Wisconsin Idea in action — making a difference in Wisconsin, throughout the nation, and around the world. For more information, visit wiscmedicine.org.
