

Into the Heart: Catheter and Wire Selection

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This session highlights coronary artery guide catheters and coronary artery guide wires, which are essential for all PCI procedures. It is important to make early decisions about the choice of guide catheter and guide wire and the need for other ancillary equipment. Obviously, the difference between uncomplicated coronary intervention and what appears to be difficult is focused on getting appropriate guide support and guide wire movement. Typically, the choice of equipment remains similar regardless of whether the procedure is performed with the femoral or radial approach, but adequate support may be more difficult to obtain in a radial approach. This session focuses on PCI in both the femoral and radial approaches.