



# Invitation

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Medical Education

## Symplicity® Center of Excellence:

Training to Enhance Patient Outcomes with Renal Denervation (RDN)

Live Cases

You are cordially invited to attend the *Symplicity Center of Excellence* training program.

### The training objectives are to:

- Learn the RDN procedure via live cases
- Understand the role and the importance of the sympathetic nervous system (SNS)
- Review the physiological rationale for RDN including the role of SNS hyperactivity as an established contributor to hypertension
- Evaluate various patient types to determine the best candidates for successful RDN treatment
- Develop practical strategies for implementing an integrated clinical team approach to treat uncontrolled hypertension patients
- Summarize key data from RDN clinical trials

### When

Welcome Dinner: 1 October 2012  
Course: 02 October 2012

### Where

University Hospital Heidelberg  
Department for Internal Medicine III

### Target Audience

Utilizing a team-based approach, interventionalists (interventional cardiologists, radiologists, angiologists) and referring physicians (hypertension specialists or referring cardiologists) are the main target audience for this training program.

### Program Director

Professor Erwin Blessing  
University Hospital Heidelberg,  
Heidelberg, Germany

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**Attendees of this important training initiative will receive a training certificate.**

Medtronic provides round-trip coach airfare from your home city, ground transportation at the program destination, hotel accommodations (room and tax for the program nights) and meals associated with the program for the education program attendee. Attendees may arrive on Monday, 1 October and depart on Tuesday, 2 October after 16:00.



## 02 October – Agenda

### Course Director

**PD Dr. Erwin Blessing**, Department of Internal Medicine III, University Hospital Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany

### Program Faculty

<b>Professor Dr. Martin Zeier</b> Nephrologist, University Hospital Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany	<b>Dr. Britta Vogel</b> Cardiologist, University Hospital Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany	<b>PD Dr. Derk Frank</b> University Hospital Kiel, Kiel, Germany
<b>Dr. Felix Mahfoud</b> University Hospital of Saarland Homburg/Saar, Germany		

Moderator: *Blessing*

08.30–09.00 Registration

### SESSION I: HYPERTENSION, SNS AND RDN

09.00–09.15 Welcome and Introduction,  
*Profess. Katus/Blessing*

13.00–13.45 Lunch

09.15–09.45 Update on Epidemiology of Hypertension and Evidenced-based Medical Therapy,  
*D Frank*

### SESSION II: PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

13:45–14:30 RDN Patient Selection and Management – A Multi-Disciplinary Approach,  
*F Mahfoud*

09.45–10.15 The Sympathetic Nervous System: Overview,  
*M Zeier*

10.15–10.45 RDN: From Clinical Trial to Implementation,  
*E Blessing*

14:30–15.45 Workshops:  
Difficult Cases Discussion  
Patient Selection  
Hands-on

10.45-11.00 *Coffee Break*

11.00–11.30 The Symlicity Procedure: Measurements, Tools, Tips and Tricks,  
*F Mahfoud*

15.45–16.00 RDN Global Registry/  
Closing Remarks, *E. Blessing*

11.30–13.00 Live Case Operators: *Blessing/Vogel*