

Webinar Presenters

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Dr. Rafael Tamargo is the Director of the Division of Cerebrovascular Neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins, and has been Vice-Chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery since 2009, and Co-Director of the Neurosciences Critical Care Unit since 2011. In 2004, he was awarded the Walter E. Dandy Endowed Chair. Dr. Tamargo's clinical work has focused on the microsurgical treatment of aneurysms, arteriovenous malformations, arteriovenous fistulas, and moyamoya disease, as well as the microsurgical and radiosurgical treatment of skull base lesions, particularly vestibular schwannomas. His basic science research has focused on endothelial cell-leukocyte interactions (inflammation) after subarachnoid hemorrhage and polymeric controlled drug delivery. His clinical research has focused on microsurgical techniques, epidemiological features, and outcomes of aneurysms, arteriovenous malformations, vestibular schwannomas, and skull base malignancies. He was one of the developers of the controlled-release polyanhydride polymers with nitrosoureas for the treatment of glioblastoma multiforme. He was one of the earliest proponents of the critical role of inflammation in vasospasm and of delayed ischemic injury after subarachnoid hemorrhage. Dr. Tamargo has published 300 peer-reviewed articles and 30 chapters, is co-editor of three books, and has reviewed for more than 15 major medical journals. He is the Cerebrovascular Section editor for Operative Neurosurgery and has served on the editorial board of Surgical Neurology. He serves pro bono on the Medical Advisory Board of the Brain Aneurysm Foundation.

Teresa Altimont Tamargo, MSN, RN is the Group Facilitator for the Johns Hopkins/ Baltimore Support Group of the Brain Aneurysm Foundation. She obtained her BSN from Georgetown University and her MSN at Columbia University, where she received her training as an Adult Nurse Practitioner. She began her 40-year career in nursing and health care as an inpatient staff nurse on a Burn and Medical Surgical unit of the Washington Hospital Center. She also worked clinically in pediatrics and in hospice care. Following graduate school, she worked as an Adult Nurse Practitioner at Gouverneur Healthcare Services in New York City during the AIDS epidemic. During her varied career, she has worked as a health care editor, and a nurse consultant in quality assurance and auditing. With infectious disease specialist, Dr. Jack Dehovitz, she co-edited The AIDS Manual: A Guide for Health Care Administrators. Since September of 2011, she has enjoyed leading a patient support group for the Brain Aneurysm Foundation and has joined the organization on Capitol Hill to advocate for increased research funding.



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