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This is the 9th Cardiovascular Conference to be held at Snowmass, the purpose of which was, as in previous conferences, to evaluate the results of new methodology in Cardiology, both diagnostic and therapeutic, with emphasis on non-invasive techniques. The necessity of continual review and updating of our medical and surgical treatment, as well as diagnostic evaluation is apparent in our rapidly changing field of Cardiology.

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