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- Two New Interventional Cardiology Podcasts
- Study Recruiting Sites: TACT2
- Recent Research Conferences

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New Interventional Cardiology Podcasts

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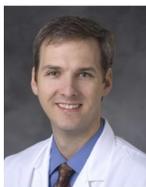
Ann Marie Navar, MD, PhD
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Treating Patients Who Are Statin Intolerant

Statins are among the most effective medications for heart disease and following myocardial infarction. Clinical studies have shown few severe side effects, yet the rate of patients complaining of muscle aches is quite high. Other patients have been reported to experience confusion or memory issues that they attribute to statin intake.

So how do clinicians manage these patients amid a lack of clinical studies? They generally rely on both observational studies and expert experience, according to [Ann Marie Navar, MD](#), and [Neha J. Pagidipati, MD](#). As part of this podcast, Drs Navar and Pagidipati explore different treatment approaches and guidelines, as well as published and upcoming clinical studies that could help pave the way for alternative regimens.



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Catheter-Directed Treatment for Submassive Pulmonary Embolism (PE)

[Schuyler Jones, MD](#) and [Amit Vora, MD](#) discuss the merits of catheter-directed thrombolysis to treat patients with submassive pulmonary embolism (PE). Referring to a 70-year-old patient who presented with symptoms bordering on submassive PE, they illustrate how Duke's PE team conducts catheter-directed procedures. They also outline post-procedure anticoagulant management, as well as the composition of Duke's PE response team.

Study Recruiting Sites

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TACT2: Trial to Assess Chelation Therapy (TACT) 2



TACT2 will build on the positive results of TACT1, an NIH-sponsored multicenter, double-blind efficacy and safety trial for edetate disodium(EDTA) chelation therapy in individuals with coronary artery disease. Plans for TACT2 include targeting the population of patients who received the greatest benefits from EDTA treatment (those with a prior heart attack and diabetes) and also to determine if the positive results from TACT1 can be replicated in diabetic patients who have experienced myocardial infarction, a particularly high-risk group of patients in need of effective therapy.

Visit the [TACT2 website](#) for more information.

ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT02733185

Sponsor: Mount Sinai Medical Center (Miami)

Recruiting: U.S. sites and patients

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Recent Research Conferences

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DCRI Research Conference is on hiatus until September.

June 13, 2017: [John Stanifer, MD – Investigating CKD Disparities in North Carolina: From Global Health to Local Health & Neha Pagidipati, MD – Cardiometabolic Disease Prevention at Duke and Beyond](#)

June 6, 2017: Mitchell W. Krucoff MD – [DCRI in the Changing Landscape of Regulatory Science for Medical Device Evaluation: From 30,000 Feet to First Patient Enrolled](#)

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