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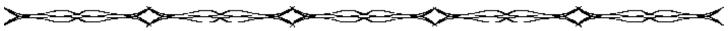
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Pragmatist or Ideologist?

Recently I read an article in the *Wall Street Journal* that claimed that our new President-Elect was too much of a pragmatist to assemble a cabinet that could move the country forward in an effective way. The article stated that he lacked the ideology to be visionary. History will be the judge of that. But, this distinction between pragmatism and ideology gave me pause and made me think about my own approach to our upcoming meeting and my upcoming Wharton Memorial Lecture. I think that perfusionists' by nature, me included, are pragmatic. We have to be, we are all about getting the job done, every day. But I hope on the continuum of pragmatism to ideologue that I am at least one standard deviation to the right. I believe that any perfusion meeting, whether it is a local or a national meeting, should include the following elements: It should be fun, it should be informative and the participants should leave with both a vision of the future and a renewed sense of enthusiasm or commitment to their patients and to their profession. Very soon you will get to be the judge of whether or not this year's meeting has met those goals for you.

But my sense is that our upcoming meeting in January will meet or exceed those expectations. Our Pediatric Shakespearean Debate should be both entertaining and informative. The Academy is truly blessed to have so many renowned pediatric perfusionists and we have tapped six of the AACP's best to debate the issues. Issues that, I believe we can all learn from. Our panel on case reports may not be as entertaining, but I know that we will all learn some valuable lessons. And finally our panel on the Future Trends in Cardiac Surgery, I believe is excellent. Dr Tsuyoshi Kaneko performs both catheter based procedures as well as open procedures. He and Dr. Nelson Thaemert have been performing catheter based procedures since the very beginning and in fact were part of the early TAVR trials. I feel that we are privileged to have them come to our meeting and share their perspective and experience. Finally, just as we were going to print with this newsletter Denise Steinbring (Senior Director of Marketing for Medtronic) has agreed to join us on this panel. Denise as part of her role with Medtronic has a clear vision of where we will be in five years and I think her insight will be invaluable. Thank you Denise!

In the last newsletter David choose to reprint Past President Jim Mac Donald's 1993 Wharton Lecture. In that lecture Jim talks about the Academy members' commitment and responsibility both to our patients and to each other. He speaks to the characteristics that determine a true perfusion professional. Fast forward to 2017, this Academy is blessed with an outsized number of committed perfusion



2017 Annual Academy Meeting

San Diego, California January 19-22, 2017

Thursday, January 19, 2017

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Special Breakout Sessions

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Council Meeting 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM REGISTRATION

2:30 PM – 4:30 PM Fireside Chats (Session #1)

ECMO

Heater-Coolers: How Do I Get Rid Of The Sea Monkeys

Hero To Hazard, Closing The Gap

Perfusion Accidents Students Only Forum

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM REGISTRATION

5:00 PM Opening Business Meeting

Fellow, Member, Senior and Honorary Members

5:30 PM – 8:00 PM Sponsor's Hands-On Workshop & Reception

All Attendees and Guests

Friday, January 20, 2017

7:00 AM REGISTRATION

7:00 AM - 7:45 AM Historical Presentations: Session #1

7:45 AM – 9:30 AM Scientific Paper Session

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM Break

10:00 AM – 11:30 PM Special Scientific Session (Panel)

Perfusion Near Misses and Misadventures
Pediatric Misadventure; James Beavers, CCP
Cannulation Misadventure; Kevin Lilly, CCP
Adult Congenital Case; Daniel FitzGerald, CCP

Case Report; James Beck, CCP

11:30 PM - 1:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM – 3:30 PM Special Scientific Session (Panel)

Shakespearean Debate of Pediatric Perfusion

1) "To MUF or Not To MUF, That is the Question" (Pro: Tami Rosenthal, Con: Kevin Charette)

2) "Beware, The Ides of Bloodless Neonatal CPB, Should It Be Done?" (Pro: Ashley Hodge, Con: Carmen Giacomuzzi)

3) "NIRS, NIRS! Wherefore Art Thou NIRS?"

(Pro: Joseph Deptula, Con: Richard Melchior)

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM Fireside Chats (Session #2)

Best Practices / Evidence-Based Perfusion / Goal-Directed Perfusion

Chief Perfusionist Forum EMRs / Databases / Registries

Pediatrics

Transporting VADs and ECMOs



6:30 PM Induction Dinner

All Attendees and Guests

(Dark Suit and Tie Required, Black Tie Optional)

Saturday, January 21, 2017

7:00 AM REGISTRATION

7:00 AM - 7:45 AM Historical Presentations: Session #2

7:45 AM – 9:30 AM Scientific Paper Session

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM Break

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Memorial Session

Charles C. Reed Memorial Lecture

Kevin Grace, CCP

Thomas G. Wharton Memorial Lecture Kevin Lilly, CCP, President, AACP

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM – 3:30 PM Special Scientific Session (Panel)

Future Trends in Cardiac Surgery

Tsuyoshi Kaneko MD

Assistant Professor of Surgery, Harvard Medical School

Department of Adult Cardiac Surgery Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston, MA

Nelson Thaemert MD

Instructor of Anesthesia, Harvard Medical School

Department of Adult Cardiac Surgery Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston, MA

Denise Steinbring

Senior Director of Marketing

Medtronic

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM Fireside Chats (Session #3)

ECMO

Emergencies and Accidents

HIPEC, HILP, ILI, the Chemoperfusion Alphabet

Transplants, Harvests, ExVIVO Ventricular Assist Devices

5:30PM Closing Business Meeting

Fellow, Senior and Honorary Members Only

Sunday, January 22, 2017

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Historical Presentations: Session #3

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM Scientific Paper Session 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM Fireside Chats (Session #4)

Mission Trips, Duct Tape And Cipro

Potpourri For \$1000 Alex



Papers To Be Presented At The 2017 Conference

Friday, January 20, 2017 07:45 – 09:30 AM

CLINICAL EFFECTS OF ULTRAFILTRATION ON CIRCULATING HEPARIN DURING CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS Shannon Quinn.

THE EFFECT OF ULTRAFILTRATION ON END-CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS HEMATOCRIT DURING CARDIAC SURGERY Linda B. Mongero

HEMOLYSIS GENERATION FROM A NOVEL, LINEAR POSITIVE DISPLACEMENT BLOOD PUMP FOR CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS ON A SIX KILOGRAM PIGLET: A PRELIMINARY REPORT D. Scott Lawson

TRANSCATHETER AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT PREPAREDNESS: A CASE STUDY David Moore

HIGH FIDELITY SIMULATION CROSS TEAM TRAINING FOR THE PERFUSION STUDENT AND THE CARDIAC RESIDENT USING CADAVERS AND A PIG HEART HD SIMULATOR Richard Chan

TECHNIQUE FOR AIR EMBOLISM SIMULATION WITH RETROGRADE CEREBRAL PERFUSION Joseph J. Sistino

Saturday, January 21, 2017 07:45 – 09:30 AM

RESULTS OF A MODIFIED DEL NIDO TECHNIQUE USING MORE BLOOD Sophat Del

EFFECTS OF TEMPERATURE LEVELS FOR CARDIOPLEGIA ON OUTCOMES OF CARDIAC PATIENTS Rizelle Ng

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ACUTE NORMOLVOLEMIC HEMODILUTION AND AUTOLOGOUS PRIME ON INTRAOPERTIVE BLOOD MANAGEMENT DURING CARDIAC SURGERY Alfred Stammers

USING NEAR-INFRARED REFLECTANCE SPECTROSCOPY (NIRS) TO ASSESS DISTAL LIMB PERFUSION ON VENOARTERIAL EXTRACORPOREAL MEMBRANE OXYGENATION (ECMO) PATIENTS James Beck

CONVERSION FROM VENO-ARTERIAL TO VENO-ARTERIALVENOUS EXTRACORPOREAL MEMBRANE OXYGENATION IN A CARDIOGENIC SHOCK PATIENT WITH NEAR-INFRARED REFLECTANCE SPECTROSCOPY MONITORING, A CASE REPORT Christine Chan



COMPREHENSIVE BLOOD CONSERVATION PROGRAM IN A NEW CONGENITAL CARDIAC SURGICAL PROGRAM ALLOWS BLOODLESS SURGERY FOR JEHOVAH WITNESS AND REDUCTION FOR ALL PATIENTS

Vincent Olshove

Sunday, January 22, 2017 08:00 – 10:00 AM

A REVIEW OF EXTRACORPOREAL MEMBRANE OXYGENATION CANNULATION STRATEGIES: THE COLUMBIA EXPERIENCE

Christine Chan

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LOW CARDIAC FLOWS ON CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS AND ACUTE KIDNEY INJURY IN MITRAL VALVE REPAIR CASES
Rebecca Ko

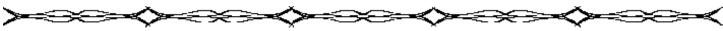
DORV, PA, RAA, SINGLE RCA, ECMO HEART TRANSPLANT Chris Meador

AN UNUSUAL EVENT WITH VACUUM ASSIST VENOUS DRAINAGE Ryan Kar

REVIEW OF LACTATE PHYSIOLOGY: THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS FOR HEART SURGERY Clifton Marschel

LEFT VENTRICULAR ASSIST DEVICE PUMP THROMBOSIS: A VICIOUS CYCLE OF CASCADING RISK FACTORS
Kali J. Towner





The Student



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AWARENESS OF SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH IN YOUTH ATHLETES

In the fall of 1961, minutes after competing in a two-mile cross country race, a 14-year-old student was found dead. The student was in great health and ran up to five miles each day. An autopsy revealed that the young athlete had hypertrophy of the left ventricle due to the left coronary artery being encased between the aorta and the pulmonary artery. This anomaly, the number one cause of sudden cardiac death in young athletes, had reduced the blood flow to the left ventricle and caused the student to go into sudden cardiac arrest.

Sudden cardiac death is defined as a natural death resulting from sudden cardiac arrest occurring unexpectedly within six hours of a previously witnessed normal state of health. Most sudden cardiac deaths occur because of the following cardiovascular abnormalities:

Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy is a disease of the cardiac muscle characterized by a hypertrophied, nondilated left ventricle in the absence of another cardiac or systemic disease that may produce left ventricular hypertrophy. The condition is usually genetic. The heart's weight with hypertrophy is between 420 g and 530 g, and wall thickness is 16-23 mm. Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy accounts for 35-50% of all sudden cardiac deaths in youth athletes.

congenital Coronary Artery Anomaly is an anomalous origin of the left main coronary artery from the anterior sinus of Valsalva. The artery bends at an acute angle between the pulmonary trunk and the anterior aspect of the aorta or the right coro-

nary artery arising from the left si-

nus of Valsalva, and it courses between the aorta and the pulmonary trunk. This anomaly accounts for 12-20% of all sudden cardiac deaths in youth athletes.

Arrhythmogenic Ventricular Cardiomyopathy is an inherited myocardial disease that mostly affects the right ventricle. The condition is characterized by the death of myocardial cells with subsequent fibrofatty replacement.

Marfan Syndrome is an autosomal dominate genetic disease characterized by the progressive dilation of the aortic root or descending aorta, which can cause dissection and rupture of the aorta. Patients with Marfan syndrome present with skeletal abnormalities such as an arm span-height ratio >1.05, hyperextensibility and ligamentous laxity, scoliosis, and chest wall deformities. The prevalence of Marfan syndrome is about 1 in 5000-7000 people.

Myocarditis is an inflammatory disease associated with myocyte degeneration and necrosis of nonischemic origin. The most common cause of myocarditis is a viral infection (e.g., Coxsackie B virus infection). Symptoms may include dyspnea, fatigue, exercise intolerance, palpitations, and syncope. Myocarditis accounts for 3-7% of sudden cardiac death in youth athletes.

Wolff-Parkinson-White (WPW) Syndrome is a disorder characterized by an accessory pathway that can cause a sudden attack of ar-



rhythmia in patients with ventricular preexcitation. Patients with multiple pathways may have ventricular rates of ≥240 beats per minute, and can experience palpitations or syncope. WPW accounts for 1% of sudden cardiac deaths in youth athletes.

Congenital Long QT Syndrome (LQTS) includes several inherited disorders caused by cardiac ion channel mutations, which produce prolonged ventricular repolarization and ultimately cause ventricular tachycardia. Patients may present with symptoms such as palpitations, syncope, seizure, cardiac arrest, or sudden cardiac death. This group of disorders accounts for 0.5-8% of sudden cardiac deaths in young athletes.

Commotio Cordis is a primary arrhythmic event that occurs when energy generated by a blow to the chest is confined to a small area at or near the center of the cardiac silhouette. The blow profoundly alters the electrical stability of the myocardium, resulting in ventricular fibrillation. The timing of this blow must occur within a narrow window of 10-20 ms on the upstroke of the T wave just before it peaks.

There are two different sets of testing recommendations for student athletes. The American Heart Association (AHA) recommendations include a 12element complete history and a physical examination (with blood pressure measurement) every two years. Because of the cost. AHA recommends a 12-lead electrocardiogram (ECG) only if abnormalities are detected in the prescreening. The European Society of Cardiology (ESC) recommends a 12-element, complete history questionnaire similar to the AHA history, but the ESC questionnaire includes more detailed questions. In addition, the ESC recommendations include a physical examination that requires an annual 12-lead ECG. After the addition of a 12lead ECG to student athletes' prescreening in Europe, the incidence of sudden cardiac death in young athletes (12-35 years old) decreased from 3.6 deaths per 100 000 persons per year in 1979-1981 to 0.4 deaths per 100 000 persons per year in 2003-2004, an 89% drop in deaths per year due to sudden cardiac death. When a football coach was asked how he would feel if the AHA added a 12-lead ECG to the students' physical exam, he replied, "I think anything that increases the chance of catching athletes who are prone to having sudden cardiac arrest before it's too late is something that needs to happen ASAP."

Prescreening is our best way to prevent sudden cardiac death. Cardiovascular diseases such as hvpertrophic cardiomyopathy, arrhythmogenic ventricular cardiomyopathy, myocarditis, WPW syndrome, and congenital LQTS can all be detected with a 12lead ECG. In the United States, there are approximately 10 million high school and middle school athletes. Out of these 10 million athletes, about 9000 students would be expected to have an abnormal ECG representing a cardiovascular disease, and 900 of those students would probably have an increased risk for sudden cardiac death. For \$50, a student can undergo seven different cardiovascular screenings: peripheral artery disease screening, ultrasonography for abdominal aortic aneurysm, stroke screening, carotid artery ultrasound, 12-lead ECG, body mass index measurement, and blood pressure measurement. These tests play a crucial role in preventing sudden cardiac death in youth athletes. Even if testing is not required, raising awareness about these anomalies in the community gives parents the opportunity to pursue an ECG test along with the students' physical exam. Although most sudden cardiac deaths are not preceded by signs or symptoms, some victims of sudden cardiac death have shortness of breath, seizures, syncope, dyspnea, fatigue, exercise intolerance, and palpitations before the onset of cardiac arrest. If students are aware of the warning signs, they are more likely to recognize the signs in themselves or their classmates.

In the United States, approximately 40 000 children are born each year with a type of congenital heart disease. Once a student athlete is in cardiac arrest, he or she has only an 8% chance of being resuscitated. Spreading awareness among students and in the community can help encourage parents to seek further testing for their children. After the sudden death of Camron Matthews, a young athlete from my hometown, I can personally say that the death of a youth athlete can be devastating to not only the family, but to the community as well. To prevent the death of young athletes, sudden cardiac death prevention and screening are imperative.

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Medtronic's Commitment to Patient Safety

A financial grant from Medtronic is marking the company's commitment to patient and caregiver safety.

The NPSF Lucian Leape Institute – the National Patient Safety Foundation's think tank recently announced a \$1 million grant from Medtronic. Leaders within NPSF believe the grant will help the Institute play a pivotal role within healthcare as they develop strategies to bring lasting improvements to patient and caregiver safety.

"We are extremely pleased that Medtronic has chosen to so generously support the Institute's work," said Tejal K. Gandhi, MD, MPH, CPPS, president and chief executive officer of NPSF and of the Institute. "This grant will be enormously helpful in ensuring that the Institute can continue its mission of providing the strategic vision for improving patient safety."

Medtronic is the inaugural funder of the National Patient Safety Foundation's Lucien Leape Institute. Read more here: http://www.medtronic.com/us-en/about/news/patient-safety-grant.html

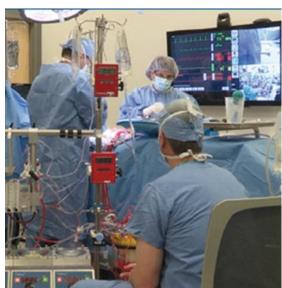
Immersive Patient Safety Team Training

In addition to the grant, Medtronic is launching a *Immersive Patient Safety Team Training* course. In this customized, multidisciplinary approach to patient safety, an OR team will work together in a classroom, discussion circle, and high-fidelity simulated OR environment. Skilled faculty tailors content to individual teams' needs so time is spent efficiently. Together, teams explore the factors surrounding a crisis event, uncover communication and behavior patterns within the team, and learn new approaches to mitigate risk while strengthening team focus, cohesion and job satisfaction. For information on attending this class, contact annalisa.wirth@medtronic.com

Participates should include the:

Cardiac Surgeon Anesthesiologist Perfusionist

And ideally the: Resident Physician Assistant Nurses





The comprehensive course includes the following areas of focus:

Learning through simulation – practice how to handle a variety of adverse events in a realistic virtual cardiac operating room, and learn how to problem solve together while building your own "body memory" to inform your crisis response when you return to your OR setting

Human factors and team building – because communication failures are the most common root cause of errors and adverse outcomes1, learn how to effectively communicate, problem solve, promote teamwork, and harness the skills of your entire team

Patient safety and team safety skill building – ensure members are practicing according to society guidelines and correctly following OR safety procedures

Process improvement – discover a proven method for problem solving, as well as tools for tackling process challenges within your own OR

Medical malpractice considerations – learn how patient safety training can reduce the likelihood of litigation, and the how you can show empathy and transparency without subjecting teams or the hospital to risk

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THE ACADEMY TO OFFER LIVE WEBCAST

The American Academy of Cardiovascular Perfusion will again be offering a live webcast of our 2017 Annual Meeting in San Diego.

The General Sessions of the meeting will be broadcast in high quality streaming video. There will also be an opportunity for attendees to ask questions, thus qualifying for Category I CEUs from the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion.



The ACADEMY ANNUAL MEETING DEADLINES

ABSTRACT DEADLINE October 15, 2016

MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE November 19, 2016

PRE-REGISTRATION December 21, 2016

HOTEL REGISTRATION December 26, 2016

2017 ANNUAL MEETING January 19-22, 2017

Others Meetings

17th European Congress on Extracorporeal Circulation Technology

Marseille, France June 14-17, 2017

Website: www.fecect.org/invitation

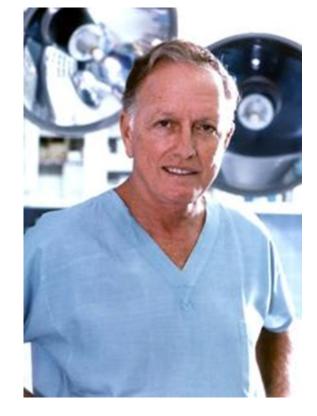


In Memorium Denton A. Cooley, M.D.

Denton A. Cooley, M.D. passed away on Friday, November 18, 2016, at the age of 96. Dr. Cooley was a legend as a cardiac surgeon, and a very dear friend to the perfusion community. Early on he recognized the need for trained perfusionists to operate the heart-lung machine, and in December 1971 formed the Texas Heart Institute School of Perfusion. Since that time he and his staff performed over 120,000 open-heart procedures, and provided the perfusion community with approximately 900 THI Perfusion Graduates.

He once told me that the level of achievement by the students at the Texas Heart Institute School of Perfusion reflects not only the number and diversity of cases, but also to the excellence in education, research, and patient care. He will be missed by his family, friends, patients, and Perfusionists around the world.

Terry Crane, Director THI School of Perfusion



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2017 Annual Academy Meeting Host Hotel



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PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

The 2017 Annual Meeting of The American Academy of Cardiovascular Perfusion



MEMBER Registration Fee 2017 Annual Dues Guest to Induction Dinner Adult Guest to Workshop	FEE \$445.00 \$155.00 \$100.00 \$25.00	Amount	FIRESIDE CHAT REGISTRATION (make your first three choices each day) Thursday Sessions 1)	
NON-MEMBER Registration Fee Guest to Induction Dinner Adult Guest to Workshop	FEE \$495.00 \$100.00 \$25.00	Amount	Friday Sessions	
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INSTRUCTIONS and INFORMATION

- o Complete each appropriate section of this form by printing or typing.
- o All attendees are invited to the Induction Dinner on Friday evening. Attire is dark suit and tie required.
- o Members must pay their 2017 Annual Dues along with their registration fees by completing that portion of the form.
- o You will receive acknowledgment of your pre-registration by January 5, 2017--bring it with you to the meeting.
- o No pre-registration will be processed after December 19, 2016.
 - -- After this date you must register at the meeting.
- o Your receipt and meeting credentials will be available for you at the Pre-Registration desk at the meeting.
- o There will be NO ADMISSION to any Fireside Chat without proper admission credentials.
- o If you are joining The Academy with your registration you must:
 - 1) complete appropriate areas of the form;
 - 2) you MUST INCLUDE the membership application form;
 - 3) include the \$25 filing fee;
 - 4) include \$155 for the 2017 Annual Dues;

(Your membership begins with the closing business meeting)

- ONLY VISA/MasterCard credit cards are accepted with VISA/MasterCard you may FAX your registration to (717) 867-1485
- o The AACP Federal Tax ID Number: 63-0776991 (for hospital use only)
- o Refund policy: Anyone that is pre-registered for this meeting and is unable to attend will receive a full refund minus \$50.00 for handling, mailing, and processing upon written request before January 5, 2017.
- Make checks payable to AACP (US dollars). Mail completed pre-registration form and check to:
 AACP
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professionals like the clinicians that Jim described. Your dedication and commitment to our profession is breath taking. Perfusion as a career with the requisite long hours and the significant amounts of "on call" can be a hardship in itself. But our Academy colleagues who choose to go the extra mile to do research and support the AACP are extraordinary professionals. As we go to print with this December newsletter registrations for the meeting in San Diego are rolling in. I have to admit that I was surprised by how quickly the abstracts section of the meeting filled up. We only had room for about 16 abstracts and we met that number very quickly. My apologies to any of our colleagues, who like me, waited too long and did not get their paper accepted. The quality of the submitted papers is exceptional and I am looking forward to the presentation of these timely topics.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the meeting committee for all their hard work as well as to our Academy members (enclosed list) who once again volunteered to moderate a fireside chat. The Firesides are a signature part of our program. The success of the firesides is a simple function of the talented people who moderate them. There is a fair amount of work that goes into preparing for a two hour workshop. Thank you to all for your hard work on behalf of AACP.

Happy Holidays!

Kevin Lilly, CCP President, AACP

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