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## Winners of the PICS Achievement Award and the New Pioneer Award

By Ziyad M. Hijazi, MD, MPH

This year, we gave two different types of awards. The first award, "The Pioneer Award," was given to a pioneer who paved the way to what we do today in the cath lab. The award was given to Terry D. King, MD who was the first person to implant and close an ASD in a human being. Let me give an overview of Terry's history to you. Dr. Terry Dean King of Monroe, LA was born in Baytown, Texas. He was raised on a farm. He attended Lee High school, and was voted most outstanding boy by the teachers. Terry was active on the baseball and track teams. Terry graduated from the University of Texas with a BA degree in entomology in 1961. While pursuing his masters in entomology, he was introduced to medicine when a professor shared some information on the heart-lung machine being developed at the time. Thus, he transferred to the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, and earned the MD in 1965 after only 2 years and 9 months.



Terry D. King being presented with the first Pioneer Award by Bill Hellenbrand and Ziyad M. Hijazi.

He did his pediatric internship at the University of Texas Branch in Galveston from 6/65—6/66. Then he moved to Duke University for his residency from 7/66-7/67. He was chosen to be a Wyeth fellow during his residency. This was followed by his Pediatric Cardiology fellowship also at Duke from 7/67-7/70.

After that, he served two years in the US Air Force. He left the Air Force, and joined the staff at the Ochsner clinic, partly due to the support he was given by a surgeon there, Dr. Mills. Both were interested in "non-invasive closure of holes in the heart," so a long friendship developed between the two. He met a machin-

ist in Baton Rouge that helped him design the umbrella. Every Friday he drove to Baton Rouge to meet. Drs. King and Mills patented the umbrella for ASDs on April 1, 1975. They also worked on a similar umbrella for PDAs.

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His breakthrough came in 1975 when he performed the first closure of an ASD in a young female patient by the name of Suzette Creppel. This was so big that even NBC nightly news covered the story. Terry traveled everywhere in the US and the globe to give talks on his new technology; he would often meet his family in the airport to get another suitcase, to keep on going.

He decided to leave Ochsner and move to Monroe, LA, where he set up the NICU, PICU, cardiac cath lab, started the congenital heart disease program, and founded the Ronald McDonald house.

His pioneering spirit has not been limited to medicine. They say, "you can take the boy out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the boy" Having been raised on a farm, he came to Monroe and started buying land, and now has a ranch (Kingsland) with over 500 acres of rolling hills....that is why he always says "I'm just a country pediatrician." He raised Mustangs and Burrows, as well as Buffalo and red Brangus cattle. Later, he ventured into raising blueberries and muscadine grapes. At one point, he produced over 60 tons of grapes in one year. Now, the ranch is raising "natural beef" to be sold commercially. He owns two restaurants, one of them has his name on it "King's Chop House."

During the years in Monroe, he had many visitors, the rich, the famous and the regular.

On a personal level, he has five children (3 boys: Brady, David and Jay, and 2 girls, twins: Allison, and Kimberly. He has 11 grand children, including triplet and twin grandsons.

His interest in the interventional field is obvious; he has regularly attended many of the PICS meetings. It gave me great pleasure and honor to recognize Dr. King as a pioneer in our field, and the first person to implant an ASD device.

### The PICS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

This year PICS Achievement Award was given to a distinguished individual, Dr. John Patrick Cheatham. I would like to give an overview of his background and the achievements that led the committee to choose John for this year.

John P. Cheatham was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. As a child, John liked to dress up as Superman; he believed he had super powers. His brothers convinced him that as superman, he could fly. Of course he believed them, and when they convinced him to jump out of a tree to fly, he did it, hitting the ground. Of course you can imagine what the parents did to punish the brothers

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He grew up in Oklahoma, and spent many weekends on his grand-parents farm. He was always the one to volunteer to cut the chicken's head off, so that he could see it running around. He grew up hunting, and loved the hobby so much that he had a dog, Durk, that helped him in hunting. When Durk got sick, John air-lifted the dog to the vet school to save his life.



John P. Cheatham holding the PICS Achievement Award standing next to Ziyad M. Hijazi and Bill Hellenbrand.

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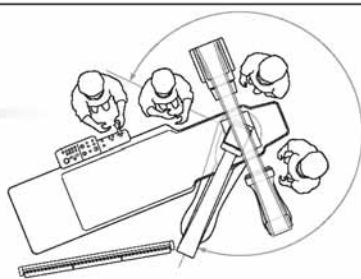
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John loves sports, it is one of the passions in his life. He played basketball, and baseball (pitcher). He was a superstitious athlete; he would never wash his uniform if he was on a winning streak.

Let me now go over his education and academic career. He earned a BS from Kansas State University in 1972, and received his MD degree from Oklahoma College of Medicine in 1976. He went to Boston Children's Hospital for his internship and residency in Pediatrics, and then went to Texas Children's Hospital where he completed his fellowship in Pediatric Cardiology in 1981. After that, he moved to the University of Nebraska College of Medicine and Omaha Children's Hospital, where he worked there for nearly 19 years.

In 2000, he moved to Orlando, and joined the Nemours Cardiac Center and Arnold Palmer Children's Hospital for 2 years.

After that, he moved to Columbus, OH where he is now the co-director of the Heart Center at Columbus Children's Hospital. He holds the title of professor of pediatrics and internal medicine at the Ohio State University, School of Medicine.

Having trained with Chuck Mullins, his passion is of course interventional Cardiology for CHD. He and Larry Latson worked very closely together during their stay in Omaha. When Larry left Omaha, John became the medical director of the cath lab. And when he went to Orlando, he was in charge of the cath lab there.

John became very interested in developing a stent that could work for CHD. He worked very closely with Allen Tower of NuMED in developing what we now call the CP stent. He also helped co-develop the BiB balloon that we all use.

John's contributions to medicine are numerous and important. We mentioned the CP stent. His work on hybrid intervention is very important. Along with Mark Galantowicz, and the group in Giesen and our group in Chicago, John and Mark truly pioneered this work, and they improved the outcome for neonates with HLHS. Their results are very impressive.

John's efforts in teaching are endless. He has been a faculty member, and of course co-director of PICS since its inception. He has performed numerous challenging live cases almost every year, and of course delivered many important talks.

John also travels around the world sharing his knowledge and teaching others on different techniques. His busy schedule is difficult to keep up with.

Perhaps, one of the most important contribution to teaching is the creation of the ISHAC meeting (International Symposium on the Hybrid Approach to CHD with live case presentations). He started this two years ago in Columbus. What differentiates that meeting is

the animal workshop that was held twice now where attendees work along side the faculty in performing the hybrid intervention. John is on the editorial board of many journals, including CCI, Eurointervention, CHD: clinical studies from fetus to adulthood, and Congenital Cardiology Today. He has published over 100 manuscripts, 15 chapter books, 110 abstracts. He has presented in many national and international meetings.

On the personal level, John is one of four children. He has two children, one of them, Seth, is a physician, and the other one, Hunter, is in business and lives in China.

His partner, Ms. Sharon Hill, scrubs with him on all cases in the cath lab. I want to thank her for providing me with John's history, and some of the photos I used.

It was our pleasure, and honor to present the PICS Achievement Award to my very good friend John Patrick Cheatham.

**Faces from PICS 2007**



**Live Cases Overview**

**Pediatric Sessions Tuesday**

**8:00-10:00 AM—Live Cases #1 Las Vegas, Phoenix and Omaha**  
*Panelists: Miguel Granja, Frank Ing, Phillip Moore and Bharat Dalvi*

**11:30 AM-12:30 PM—Live Cases #2 Phoenix and Omaha**  
*Panelists: Luigi Ballerini, Kevin Walsh, Geoffrey Lane and Carlos Zabal*

**2:00-3:30 PM—Live Cases #3 Las Vegas and Phoenix**  
*Panelists: Jozef Masura, Joaquim Miro, Krishna Kumar and Robert Vincent*

**Adult Sessions Tuesday**

**10:00-10:20 AM—Taped Case: Transcatheter AVR**  
**Montreal Heart Institute**  
*Raoul Bonan*

**10:20-11:30 AM—Live Cases Vancouver and Las Vegas**  
*Panelists: Eulogio Garcia, Paul Kramer, Michael Mack, Mathew Williams Howard Herrmann, Allan Stewart and David Holmes*

**2:45-3:30 PM—Live Case Las Vegas**  
*Panelists: Cliff Kavinsky, Allan Schwartz, Eustaquio Onorato and Michael Mack*

**4:00-4:45 PM—Live Case Vancouver**  
*Panelists: Jan Kovac, Allan Schwartz, Eustaquio Onorato and Michael Mack*

**Combined Adult and Pediatric Sessions Wednesday**

**8:00-10:00 AM—Live Cases St. Louis, Miami and Toronto**  
*Panelists: Jonathan Tobis, Cliff Kavinsky, Kevin Walsh & Robert Vincent*

**10:30-11:30 AM—Live Cases St. Louis and Miami**  
*Panelists: Hideshi Tomita, Jou-Kou Wang, John Moore and Chen Chan*

**2:00-3:30 PM—Live Cases Miami and Toronto**  
*Panelists: Jonathan Rome, Eustaquio Onorato, Jose Suarez de Lezo and Alpay Celiker*

**DON'T FORGET THE GALA DINNER**

**Wednesday Night**  
8:30 – 11:30 PM  
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