

**Thermal Ablation in the Clinic - Where are we and where are we headed?**  
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Minimally invasive thermal ablation technology, techniques and indications have evolved at an astounding pace. This talk will provide an overview of the current role and rationale of thermal therapy in the clinical setting as well as discuss several of the opportunities and challenges that lay ahead in this highly multidisciplinary field. The primary educational goals are to:

- Provide a brief introduction and review of thermal therapy procedures.
- Outline the current status of minimally invasive ablation in the clinic.
- Discuss several of the challenges and opportunities for thermal ablation.