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ABMC Performs Nation's First Double Implant of New Biocor® Tissue Heart Valve

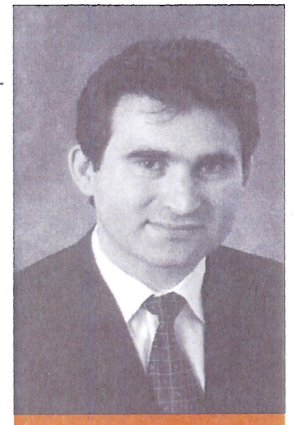
The first double implant in the United States of the new Biocor® stented tissue valve was done at Alexian Brothers Medical Center in August. **Yan Katsnelson, M.D.**, performed this milestone surgery, assisted by **Aladin Mariano, M.D.** The devices were implanted in an 85-year-old man to replace the aortic and mitral valves.

Tissue valves are taken from pigs or cows and prepared for human use. The valves have some artificial parts to provide additional support and allow them to be sewn in place. In comparison to mechanical valves, tissue valves do not require patients to take blood thinners, unless necessitated by other conditions.

"I was very pleased with the ease of implantability," Dr. Katsnelson said. "The device's track record in other countries gives me confidence that the

valves will continue to deliver excellent performance for the patient for years to come."

St. Jude Medical, Inc., the Minnesota-based company that manufactures the device, just received FDA approval for use of



Dr. Yan Katsnelson

the new valve in the United States in August. "We couldn't be more pleased to be working with Alexian Brothers Medical Center on this significant first," said George Fazio, president of St. Jude Medical's Cardiac Surgery Division.

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Cornell Researcher Endorses Lung Scan for Smokers

At a special CME program in September, Claudia Henschke, M.D., Ph.D., a renowned cancer researcher and director of the Lung Cancer Screening Program at Weill-Cornell Medical Center in New York, encouraged the use of CT lung scans for early detection of lung cancer in high-risk patients. She noted that this screening is especially important for both current and former smokers age 50 or older and those over age 40 who have been exposed to secondhand smoke.

"Even if you have stopped smoking in the last 20 years, you're not home free," Dr. Henschke told the Chicago area oncologists, radiologists and pathologists attending the Screening for

Lung Cancer CME program sponsored by Alexian Brothers Hospital Network. Dr. Henschke presented research results from a new international study showing that early detection of the disease for the highest-risk patients could very well mean the difference between life and death. The study was done in conjunction with the International Early Lung Cancer Action Project (I-ELCAP), an international collaborative group created through the union of experts on lung cancer and related issues from leading researchers around the world.

The study's findings in-

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