

FRIENDS Live 2025 NEWS Issue 4

We are pleased to announce that FRIENDS Live 2025 will be held in conjunction with the 35th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Cardiovascular Imaging and Dynamics.

Next Chapter: A New World Created by Imaging × Physiology

Through numerous challenges, we aim to spark new chemical reactions and imagine and create a world yet unseen. This spirit will be carried on to the next generation at the new FRIENDS Live. Your support is greatly appreciated!



Special Guests Announced!

- Dr. Rasha Al-Lamee, from the ORBITA trial (Lancet 2018) and ORBITA II trial (NEJM 2023)
- Dr. Jung-Min Ahn, from the PREVENT study (Lancet 2024)
- Dr. Joo Myung Lee, from the RENOVATE-COMPLEX-PCI study (NEJM 2023)

Renovate-Complex-PCI Study (NEJM 2023; 388: 1668-1679)

Dr. JM Lee has been involved in many coronary physiology studies and papers under Dr. BK Koo and has participated in FRIENDS Live every year. In this prospective, multicenter study, he reported on the clinical benefit of IVUS/OCT-guided PCI over Angio-guided PCI. 1639 patients were randomized 2:1 to IVUS/OCT-guided or Angio-guided PCI. The primary endpoint was a composite of cardiac death, target vessel MI, and TVR. 7.7% vs. 12.3% (HR 0.64, p = 0.008) were significantly lower for IVUS/OCT-guided PCI at 2.1 years of observation. Although many Japanese doctors may consider these results as a matter of course, it is also true that such a randomized trial was not available in Japan. In response to these results, the ESC guidelines recommend the use of intravascular imaging as a class I procedure, and its use in clinical practice is rapidly expanding overseas. Incidentally, Dr. JM Lee has also reported on numerous studies related to CMD, and I am sure we will hear a lot about them at next year's FRIENDS Live. Stay tuned for his presentation!

◆ Call for General Abstracts and YIAs is now open with the final deadline.

Final deadline: Friday, November 15 YIA and Best Imaging awards have been established. We are looking forward to seeing young doctors taking up the challenge!