

UCLA

UCLA Previously Published Works

Title

The Current State of Science Surrounding Patent Foramen Ovale

Permalink

<https://escholarship.org/uc/item/3wb6r9pr>

Journal

Cardiology Clinics, 42(4)

ISSN

0733-8651

Author

Tobis, Jonathan M

Publication Date

2024-11-01

DOI

10.1016/j.ccl.2024.01.002

Copyright Information

This work is made available under the terms of a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivatives License, available at

<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/4.0/>

Peer reviewed

Preface

The Current State of Science Surrounding Patent Foramen Ovale



Jonathan M. Tobis, MD
Editor

The exploration of patent foramen ovale (PFO) as a pathway for multiple disease states has been one of the more fascinating advances in cardiology over the last 25 years. This compendium of articles describe some of the major issues and clinical states surrounding the study of PFOs. The authors who wrote these articles are some of the leading people in this field. They deserve much credit for helping us understand the sometimes subtle mechanisms associated with PFO. It is our hope that this collection of articles will help educate neurologists and cardiologists who deal with PFO-associated clinical situations, such as stroke of unknown cause, migraine with aura, decompression illness, altitude sickness, and hypoxemia out of proportion to the degree of pulmonary disease. We hope these

articles provide practical information that will be useful to clinicians and help them understand some of the nuances of making the diagnosis and options for treatment of PFO-related problems.

DISCLOSURES

Dr J.M. Tobis is a consultant and proctor for WL Gore, Inc.

Jonathan M. Tobis, MD
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
Los Angeles, CA, USA

E-mail address:
jtobis@mednet.ucla.edu