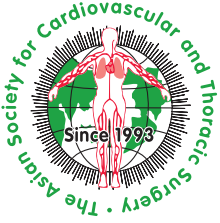


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13-16 March 2008

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WELCOME



Dear Colleagues,

I would like to personally invite you to attend the 16th Annual Congress of the Asian Society for Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery, held from 13 to 16 March 2008 in Singapore.

This has become the single most important cardiothoracic meeting in Asia over the past few years. It is an intimate meeting where participants develop long-lasting friendships.

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery will join the meeting this year to conduct a one-day postgraduate course. Instructors include Joseph Bavaria, Tirone David, Richard Jonas, Irving Kron, Hartzell Schaff and Craig Smith on topics such as congenital heart, aortic, valve and coronary surgery.

In addition to the main meeting which focuses on patient safety in an era of modern technology, we are organising a Hemodynamic Workshop, Endovascular Aortic Stenting Course, Minimally Invasive Thoracic Workshop and a Nursing Symposium. We welcome submission for presentation on topics which you and your colleagues are interested in.

Teaching faculties and participants come from all across Asia, Europe and America. It is an excellent opportunity to meet members of the Asian cardiothoracic fraternity.

I can assure you of our warm hospitality in beautiful Singapore.

Do come. Participate. Contribute. Update. Make friends.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Chuen-Neng LEE
Chairman
16th ASCVTS 2008

THE ASIAN SOCIETY FOR CARDIOVASCULAR AND THORACIC SURGERY is set up to promote the study of the art, science and practice of cardiovascular surgery. It facilitates the exchange of ideas in the field of cardiovascular surgery and provides a platform for personal contacts between cardiovascular specialists. Scientific meetings are organised annually to achieve this purpose. You may register as a member at www.ascvs.org.

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Submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee. Authors will receive a notification of acceptance from the Congress Secretariat by email.

Papers will be accepted with payment of registration fees for the main meeting.

CATEGORY OF ABSTRACTS MAIN MEETING

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| 1. Aorta | 7. Evolving Technology |
| 2. Arrhythmia Surgery | 8. Heart Failure |
| 3. Basic Sciences | 9. Minimally Invasive Cardiac |
| 4. Cardiac Imaging | 10. Myocardial Restoration |
| 5. Congenital | 11. Thoracic |
| 6. Coronary | 12. Valve |

CALL FOR POSTER NURSING SYMPOSIUM

1. Outcome of multidisciplinary activities or technological systems on patient care and safety
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3. Evidence-based nursing practices

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Applications are invited from young doctors for the Young Investigator's Award. The Award is in recognition of outstanding original work. The winner will receive an honorarium of S\$1,000.00.

The award is open to doctors below 35 years old and working in Asia. Only original work of related field carried out in the region and not previously published will be considered.

Finalists will present their papers at the Congress to the Panel of Judges appointed by the Organising Committee.

In the event that no entry of sufficient merit is received, the Panel of Judges may recommend to the Organising Committee that no award be made. The decision of the Judges shall be final.

Applicants must submit their abstracts (together with Call for Abstract Form) and payment before **31 October 2007**.

APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED
WITH PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES.

All abstracts must be submitted with payment by **31 OCTOBER 2007**.

P rogramme at a Glance

DAY 1 – Friday • 14 March 2008

0830-0900	Plenary Lecture I: Hartzell SCHAFF, Mayo Clinic, Rochester New Indications and New Methods for Surgical Management of Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy				
0900-0930	Plenary Lecture II: John WOLFE, St Mary's Hospital, London Changing Strategies in the Management of Thoraco-Abdominal Aneurysm Repair				
0930-1000	Opening Ceremony				
1000-1030	COFFEE BREAK (Visit exhibits/poster sessions)				
1030-1200	Coronary I	Congenital Heart	Thoracic Endografting for Cardiovascular Surgeons	Young Investigators Award	
1200-1300	LUNCH SYMPOSIUM				
1300-1430	Late-Breaking News and Novel Techniques	Minimal Invasive Cardiac Surgery	Critical Issues in TEVAR	Novel Techniques	Asia Congenital Heart Surgeon's Society Meeting
1430-1600	Ascending Aorta and Arch	Valve I (Mitral)	Hybrid Open/Endovascular Surgery for Complex Aortic Disease	Malignancies of the Lung Mediastinal Tumours	
1600-1630	ASCVTS GENERAL ASSEMBLY				
1630-1800	Basic Science I	Cardiac Imaging and Bioimaging	Fenestrated and Branched Endografts	Mesothelioma	Asia Congenital Heart Surgeon's Society Meeting

Invited Teaching Faculty

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DAY 2 – Saturday • 15 March 2008

0800-0830	Plenary Lecture III: Manny VILLAFANA, Minneapolis Entrepreneurship in Cardiac Surgery				
0830-0900	Plenary Lecture IV: Douglas WOOD, University of Seattle, Seattle Randomised Clinical Trials for New Technology: LVRS and the NETT				
0900-1030	Future of Cardiac Surgery	Transplantation and Heart Failure Therapies	Surgical Management of COPD	Progress of Cardiac Surgery in Asia	Pediatric Cardiac
1030-1100	COFFEE BREAK (Visit exhibits/poster sessions)				
1100-1230	Basic Science II	Arrhythmia Surgery	Surgery of the Airway	Free Paper Session I	Free Paper Session II
1230-1330	LUNCH SYMPOSIUM				
1330-1500	Coronary II	New Horizons, Stem Cells and Tissue Engineering	Diagnosis of Thoracic Malignancies	Free Paper Session III	Free Paper Session IV
1500-1530	COFFEE BREAK (Visit exhibits/poster sessions)				
1530-1700	Video Cardiac	Valve II (Aortic)	Thoracic Infections	Free Paper Session V	Free Paper Session VI
1800-2200	CONGRESS BANQUET				

Invited Teaching Faculty

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Noboru MOTOMURA
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DAY 3 – Sunday • 16 March 2008

0900-1000 Debate – Cardiac
Cardiac CT vs Coronary Angiography

1000-1100 Debate – Valve Implantations
Open vs percutaneous

1100-1130 COFFEE BREAK (Visit exhibits/poster sessions)

1130-1230 Debate – Vascular
Open Vascular vs Stenting

1230-1300 Closing Remarks

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P AATS/ASCVTS Postgraduate Course



Date: Thursday, 13 March 2008
 Time: 0800-1700
 Venue: Raffles City Convention Centre
 Registration Fee: SGD200

0800-1000

AORTIC SURGERY

0800-0825
 0825-0850
 0850-0915
 0915-0940
 0940-1000

Current status of valve sparing operations for annuloaortic ectasia
 Neuroprotection for aortic arch procedures
 Role of endovascular stent grafts for thoracic aortic disease
 Management of aortopathy in patients with bicuspid aortic valve disease
 Panel Discussion

Tirone DAVID
 Shinichi TAKAMOTO
 Joseph BAVARIA
 Irving KRON

1000-1200

VALVE SURGERY

1000-1025
 1025-1050
 1050-1115
 1115-1140
 1140-1200

Mitral valve repair – Current techniques and indications for operations
 Changing landscape of cardiac valve replacement – Percutaneous and transapical approaches
 Selection of valves in 2007 – Has the paradigm shifted?
 Surgical ablation for AF – When to proceed and how to do it
 Panel Discussion

Hartzell SCHAFF
 Craig SMITH
 Tirone DAVID
 Hartzell SCHAFF

1200-1300

Lunch

1300-1330

Panel Discussion: Controversies in Perioperative Management
 HIT
 Hemostatic agents
 Pulmonary hypertension
 Atrial fibrillation
 Anticoagulation
 Hyperglycemia

Joseph BAVARIA
 Tirone DAVID
 Richard JONAS
 Irving KRON
 Hartzell SCHAFF
 Craig SMITH

1330-1500

CONGENITAL

1330-1355
 1355-1420
 1420-1445
 1445-1500

Advances in cardiopulmonary bypass for neonates and infants
 A comparison of traditional and innovative techniques for repair of Ebstein's anomaly
 Update on techniques and results of surgery for TAPVC
 Panel Discussion

Richard JONAS
 Qing-Yu WU
 Irving KRON

1520-1700

CORONARY SURGERY

1520-1545
 1545-1610
 1610-1635
 1635-1650
 1650-1700

OPCAB techniques and outcomes – Comparison to revascularisation with CPB
 Surgical management of ischemic cardiomyopathy: Revascularisation, mitral valve repair and ventricular remodeling
 Neurocognitive deficits and coronary artery surgery – Fact or fiction?
 Revascularisation early after acute myocardial infarction
 Panel Discussion

Craig SMITH
 Irving KRON
 Hartzell SCHAFF
 Joseph BAVARIA



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emodynamic Workshop

INDICATIONS AND OUTCOME OF HEMODYNAMIC MONITORING: AN INTERACTIVE FORUM

Automated audience response system would be used during the forum to ensure interactive learning

Date: Friday, 14 March 2008
 Time: 1100-1500
 Venue: Advanced Surgery Training Centre, National University Hospital
 Registration Fee: SGD50

1100-1200

INTRODUCTION:

Physiological Basis for Hemodynamic Monitoring

- a. Why invasive monitoring? Continuous non-invasive metabolic
 - i. Cardiac OR: RV function and rapid dynamic changes
 - ii. OR/ICU: Optimisation therapy for high risk patients
- b. What to measure
 - i. Central venous, PA, arterial
 - ii. Technical aspects and physiologic relevance
- c. Why monitor anything?
 - i. Early identification of cardiovascular compromise, response to therapy
 - ii. Application of proven effective protocolized resuscitation algorithms

Dave KANG

1200-1300

WAVEFORM INTERPRETATION:

Problems, Pitfalls and Practical Applications

- a. Central venous pressure
- b. Ppao
- c. Cardiac output and stroke volume
- d. Arterial pressure: mean and pulse pressure
- e. Value of advanced versus basic monitoring (SvO₂, Rv_{ef}, CCO)

Patrick TAN

1300-1400

Lunch

1400-1500

HEMODYNAMIC MONITORING-DRIVEN TREATMENT PROTOCOLS:

Functional Hemodynamic Monitoring

- a. Pre-optimisation improves outcome from high risk surgery
- b. Post-optimisation reduces complications
- c. Preload-responsiveness
- d. PAC treatment algorithms

Michael PINSKY



Endovascular Aortic Stenting Course



Date: Saturday, 15 March 2008
 Time: 0800-1700
 Venue: Advanced Surgery Training Centre, National University Hospital
 Registration Fee: SGD500
 Teaching Faculty: Joseph BAVARIA, Stephen CHENG, Roy GREENBERG, Bart MUHS, Ian NIXON, Peter ROBLESS, Chun-Che SHIH, Lenny TAN, H THERANI, James WONG, Wei ZHOU

0800-1000

0800-0830 Welcome and registration
0830-0845 Catheters and guidewires
0845-0900 Spinal cord protection and anaesthetic concerns
0900-0915 Preoperative planning and imaging
0915-0930 How to manage endoleaks
0930-0945 What to do about the left subclavian artery
0945-1000 Surveillance issues

1000-1030

Tea Break

1030-1050 Clinical trial data: COOK Zenith
1050-1120 Clinical trial data: Medtronic Talent
1100-1130 Clinical trial data: Gore TAG
1130-1200 Discussion

1200-1300

Lunch

1300-1430

Breakout Sessions

Group 1:

Hands on:
 Gore TAG
 Medtronic Talent
 COOK Zenith

Group 2:

Case discussion:
 Catheters and guidewires
 Vascular access
 Tips and tricks

1430-1500

Tea Break

1500-1700

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Minimally Invasive Thoracic Course



**ONLY
50 SEATS
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Date: Sunday, 16 March 2008
Time: 0900-1600
Venue: Advanced Surgery Training Centre, National University Hospital
Registration Fee: SGD150

0830-0900	Welcome and registration	
0900-0920	Minimally invasive thoracic surgery	John TAM
0920-0940	Expert techniques in VATS lobectomy	Kwhanmien KIM
0940-1000	Single interspace VATS lobectomy	Craig JURISEVIC
1000-1020	Expert techniques in VATS lobectomy	Brian LOUIE
1020-1040	Tea Break	
1040-1200	Thoracic debate: VATS vs open lobectomy	Naveed ALAM (VATS) John YEE (OPEN)
1200-1300	Lunch	
1300-1320	VATS sympathectomy for hyperhidrosis	Chong-Hee LIM
1320-1340	VATS vs Robotic thymectomy	Agasthian s/o THIRUGNANAM
1340-1400	VATS mediastinal tumor resection	John TAM
1400-1420	Discussion	
1420-1440	Break	
1440-1600	Video clinic	

Nursing Symposium

Date: Sunday, 16 March 2008
 Time: 0800-1600
 Target Audience: Nurses, Paramedics, Perfusionists, Pharmacists, Physiotherapists and all Allied Health Workers interested in the topics of this symposium
 Venue: Raffles City Convention Centre
 Registration Fee: SGD50

0815-0845

Registration

0845-0900

Opening Address

Nellie TANG, Chairperson, Organising Committee
 CEO, Mount Elizabeth Hospital, Parkway Hospitals Singapore

0900-0945

The Use of Robotics in Cardiovascular Surgery: Nursing Perspective

V BANERJEE, Director, Trainer and President,
 Asian Association of Cardiac Nurses, India

0945-1010

The Advanced Nursing Practice in Critical Care: Part of Singapore's Push Towards Nursing Excellence

David ARTHUR, Professor and Head, Alice Lee Center for Nursing Studies
 Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore

1010-1030

Post Operative Care of Heart Transplant Patient, the IJN Experience

Vikinespari d/o R NADARAJAH, Nurse Mentor, Intensive Care Unit
 Institute Jantung Negara (National Heart Institute), Malaysia

1045-1115

Coffee Break

1115-1150

Tissue Engineering and Stem Cell Transplantation in Cardiac Surgery:
 The Implications on Patient Safety and Nursing Care

Theodoros KOFIDIS, Assistant Professor, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine,
 National University of Singapore, Department of Cardiac Vascular and Thoracic Surgery,
 National University Hospital, Singapore

1150-1210

Brushless System for Hand Scrubbing and Disinfection: Mt Elizabeth Hospital's Experience

Aik-Wah HENG, Senior Staff Nurse, Operating Room, Mount Elizabeth Hospital, Singapore

1210-1230

Nursing Management of ECMO Patients

Gillian WEE, Senior Staff Nurse, Cardiothoracic Intensive Care Unit,
 National Heart Centre, Singapore

1230-1400

Lunch

1400-1410

Proposed Formation of Asian Cardiac, Vascular & Thoracic Nursing Society

Pauline OH, Nurse Manager, Cardiothoracic Intensive Care Unit
 National University Hospital, Singapore

1410-1440

ICU Nurses' Role in Early Detection & Management of Cardiac Tamponade Post Cardiothoracic Surgery

Rafidah HM, Nursing Supervisor, Intensive Care Unit, Pantai Medical Center, Malaysia

1440-1500

Challenges faced in the Management of Children Undergoing Cardiac Surgery

Lee-Ngoh LIM, Nurse Manager, Children's Intensive Care Unit (CICU)
 KK Women's & Children's Intensive Care Unit, Kangland Kerbau Hospital, Singapore

1500-1530

Ventricular Volume and Shape Modification – The Advances and Its' Impact on Patient Safety and Nursing Management

Chuen-Neng LEE, Professor, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore; Chief, Department of Cardiac, Thoracic and Vascular Surgery and Department of Surgery, National University Hospital

1530-1545

Best Nursing Poster Prize Presentation

1545-1600

Closing Remarks

R egistration

Deadline for early registration: **31 December 2007**

MAIN MEETING (14 to 16 March 2008)	EARLY BIRD (before 31 Dec 2007)	FEE (from 1 Jan 2008)
• Delegate (non-ASCVTS member)	SGD650	SGD800
• Delegate (ASCVTS member)	SGD500	SGD650
• Residents	SGD400	SGD500
• Paramedics/Nurses	SGD250	SGD350
• Accompanying Person	SGD150	SGD150

WORKSHOPS

Delegates who wish to sign up for the workshop must register for the Main Meeting
 * *Workshops would be conducted in parallel session with the Main Meeting at an off-site venue.*

13 March 08 – AATS/ASCVTS Postgraduate Course	SGD200
* 14 March 08 – Hemodynamic Workshop	SGD 50
* 15 March 08 – Endovascular Aortic Stenting Course	SGD500
* 16 March 08 – Minimally Invasive Thoracic Workshop	SGD150
16 March 08 – Nursing Symposium	SGD 50

MAIN MEETING DELEGATES ARE ENTITLED TO:

- Admission to Main Meeting, Opening Ceremony, Exhibition, coffee breaks and lunch.
- Congress Materials and Certificate of attendance
- Residents and paramedical colleagues must produce proof of their status from respective institution.

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- Materials for workshop including Certificate of attendance, coffee breaks and lunch.

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS ARE ENTITLED TO:

- Admission to the Opening Ceremony, Exhibition, Heritage Tour (14 Mar) and Jurong Bird Park tour (15 Mar) and an Accompanying Person's Bag.

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Please make cheque, or bank draft drawn on a Singapore bank, payable to "The Singapore Cardiac

Society (16th ASCVTS)" and mail it to the Secretariat. Please indicate your name on the back of the cheque/ bank draft.

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(16th ASCVTS)

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If there is no replacement, a refund (the full conference fee less an administration charge of SGD200) will be made for notification received in writing before 1 January 2008. After this date, no refunds will be made.

Congress Information

Dress Code

Scientific Sessions and Workshops: Business Attire
Congress Banquet: Smart Casual

Meeting Language

The official language is English.

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Official letters of invitation for visa application will be sent to participants upon written request. The letter does not commit the Organising Committee to any financial obligations.

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Night Safari is a wild adventure not to be missed.

Social Programme

LOCAL SIGHTSEEING

SENTOSA ISLAND HALF DAY AFTERNOON TOUR @ SGD70 per adult 13 March 2008 • 1300-1800

A leisurely drive takes you to Mt Faber for a cable ride to Sentosa Island and a panoramic view of the world's busiest harbour.

We then proceed to the Underwater World, one of the largest oceanarium that has a 83m long acrylic tunnel for a spectacular view of marine life.

Head next for the Dolphin Lagoon where you get the opportunity to marvel at the performance of intelligent pink dolphins.

Hop onto the island's shuttle and head for the Merlion, standing on a 23m high hillock overlooking Sentosa. It offers a 360 degree view of Sentosa as well as a panoramic view of Singapore's southern shore.



HALF DAY HERITAGE TOUR @ SGD40 per adult 14 March 2008 • 0900-1230

Tour begins with a visit to one of the oldest Chinese Temples in Singapore; the Tien Hock Keng Temple which is more than 160 years old. The unique wooden structures and carvings were built and assembled without using any nails.

Next stop is the Chinatown Heritage Centre. Trace journeys, beliefs and myths of early Chinese migrants who made their way to Singapore. Gain insight into lives and hardship of living in the dark and cramped quarters that were built in Chinatown.

Last stop is Kampong Glam – old Arab Quarters. Learn about the practice of Islam in this part of the world at the Sultan Mosque. Along Arab Street, see the last remaining shops in Singapore still selling sarongs, rattan baskets, brass works and unique leather products used by the Muslim community.

JURONG BIRD PARK @ SGD50 per adult 15 March 2008 • 0900-1230

This tour is a must for bird enthusiasts and a pleasure for those who simply enjoy nature in all its beauty.

Our route takes us along Keppel Harbor, part of the world's busiest port and the Jurong industrial Estate, Singapore's economic showpiece.

At the Bird Park, you'll find hundreds of exotic birds flitting happily about their daily lives. In fact, there are over 7,000 birds of more than 600 species gathered in this beautiful 20- hectare sanctuary! Board the panorail to visit the world's largest walk-in aviary and view what is said to be the world's highest man made waterfall.



BEYOND SINGAPORE

Visit exciting locations just a hop away from Singapore. Choices include:

- Bintan, Indonesia
- Bali, Indonesia
- Langkawi, Malaysia
- Hua Hin, Thailand
- Koh Samui, Thailand

Visit our website at www.ascvs2008.com for more details.



Useful Information

TRAVEL

• **Departure Tax**

A passenger service tax of SGD21 is chargeable upon departure. It is likely that it has been included in your ticket charge. Please check with your ticketing agent.

• **Passports and Visas**

A current passport is required for entry into Singapore. Please check your visa requirements on the Singapore Immigration Service website: http://app.ica.gov.sg/travellers/entry/visa_requirements.asp

For information on duty free allowances, prohibited and restricted and controlled items, please visit <http://www.customs.gov.sg>.

• **Currency**

The Singapore Dollar (SGD). Notes: \$10,000, \$1,000, \$500, \$100, \$50, \$20, \$10, \$5, \$2.

Coins: \$1, 50cents, 20cents, 10cents, 5cents.

Exchange rate (as of 12 April 2007)
USD1 = SGD1.51

Other than the Singapore Dollar, the US and Australian Dollars, Yen and British Pound are also accepted in most major shopping centres.

• **Drinking Water**

Water is safe to drink straight from the tap throughout Singapore. However, for those who prefer bottled mineral water, local supermarkets and grocers usually carry a sizeable selection.

• **Electricity**

The standard voltage of power supply in Singapore is 220-240 volts AC, 50 cycles per second. On request, most hotels will provide transformers to visitors. When shopping for electrical appliances, do remember to check the voltage of the item against the acceptable voltage in your home country. The power plugs used in Singapore are of the three-pin, square-shaped type.

There will be wireless internet facility available at the Meeting Venue.

• **Smoking**

Smoking is not permitted in public service vehicles, museums, libraries, lifts, air-conditioned restaurants, theatres, cinemas, supermarkets, department stores and government offices. Smoking is also banned at bus-stops/interchange, open air stadiums, public toilets, swimming pools and community clubs.

Smoking is only allowed at designated seats in open air hawker centres and coffeeshops. Offenders can be fined up to SGD1,000.

• **Time**

Singapore is 8 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time all year round.

GENERAL INFORMATION

• **Banking**

Major cards are widely accepted by establishments in Singapore. Most banks handle travellers' cheques and change foreign currencies. Passports are required when cashing in travellers' cheques. A nominal commission may be charged. Do note that some banks do not have foreign exchange dealings on Saturdays.

Banking hours are from 0900-1500hours, Mondays to Fridays and 0900-1200 hours on Saturdays. Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) are located islandwide and are readily available 24 hours.

• **Climate**

Singapore has a warm and humid climate throughout the year with a daily average temperature range of 24 degrees Celsius to 31 degrees Celsius. Light and summer clothing made from natural fabrics like cotton is best for everyday wear.