



Transcript of Dr. Naghavi moderating the discussion panel at the 2nd Vulnerable Patient Symposium held by AEHA on March 6th in conjunction with the Annual Conference of American College of Cardiology 2004 New Orleans, LA



We're going to have a few minutes of remark by Dr. Moreno, who has been a member of the first Vulnerable Patient Symposium and we had discussions on the concept of risk factors versus risk markers, if Pedro remembers. We were talking about what do we do for the detection of hypertension? We know how many risk factors contribute to hypertension. Are we measuring endothelin or are we measuring plasma renin activity? Are we measuring angiotensin in these patients? No, we're not. We're just measuring a simple cuff-based based marker of a systemic disease. Blood pressure is not a disease of the right arm.. We have found a bio marker, an easy and inexpensive one and I'm sure if you put that in the model, Dr. Taylor will tell you that model will be successfully cost effective. We are looking for something like that for the bottom of our pyramid in order to cost effectively start a screening. And that is the beginning. Pedro, I'd like for you to give us a few minutes of your comment. End