Cerebral Aneurysms and Aspirin: Panacea or Illusion?

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NEEDS ASSESSMENT
Unruptured intracranial aneurysms (UIAs) are estimated to be present in 3% of the western population. These subjects are at risk of subarachnoid hemorrhage (SAH), especially if the UIAs enlarge. Approximately 30,000 SAHs occur in the United States (US) every year. Approximately 12% of patients with SAH die before receiving medical attention, and 30% of those hospitalized die within one month after the event. Many survivors suffer from persistent cognitive deficits, with more than one-third harboring major neurologic disabilities. Recently human and animal studies suggest that inflammation play a critical role in aneurysm formation, progression to rupture-prone and ultimately rupture. The ability to modulate inflammation within the aneurysm wall could be a new innovative frontier in the management of unruptured intracranial aneurysms.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
At the conclusion of this activity, participants will learn:
1. Inflammation plays critical role in cerebral aneurysm.
2. Aspirin modulate inflammation in wall of cerebral aneurysm.
3. Molecular imaging of inflammation in aneurysm is feasible.

DESIGNATION STATEMENT
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