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The ICE2020 organizing committee is very sorry to announce that ICE2020 will be canceled due to concerns related to the COVID-19 outbreak. This difficult decision has the support of both the Executive Committee of the International Society of Electrocardiology (ISE) and the Board of the International Society for Holter and Noninvasive Electrocardiology (ISHNE). The conference would be a joint meeting of the two societies and was scheduled to take place between June 25 and 27, 2020 in Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

We came to this decision based on recent reports from the World Health Organization (WHO), the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Brazilian Ministry of Health, showing that the potential reach of the virus has changed significantly in the last weeks. The current uncertainties make it impossible to accurately assess risks of traveling and attending international conferences in the coming months. Additionally, there are concerns about our adding risks to healthcare systems throughout the world, given the medical profiles of many conference attendees, as well as to the safety of our community, employees, and local residents.

We recognize and thank all the hard work that so many have put into preparing their abstracts, sending resumes for our awards, and planning to travel to Brazil. Attendees will be contacted with further information regarding their registration. Please contact [ice2020brasil@gmail.com](mailto:ice2020brasil@gmail.com) for immediate concerns. Any further updates regarding ICE2020 will be published on [ice2020brasil.com](http://ice2020brasil.com) and the society web pages.

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