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Category	Early Registration (before 4/30/10)	Late Registration (after 4/30/10)
Member	\$325.00	\$350.00
Non-Member	\$375.00	\$400.00
Resident	\$200.00	\$225.00
Spouse/Guest	\$100.00	\$125.00

The registration fee includes all breakfasts and breaks, Sunday Welcome Reception, Lunch and Banquet on Monday.

There is no fee to attend the Pre-Meeting Research Symposium on Sunday, May 9th. Please let us know if you are planning to attend by indicating on the registration form.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

UNIVERSITY PLACE CONFERENCE CENTER AND HOTEL

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Please make your hotel reservations by calling 1-800-627-2700 (select Option #1).

Please mention you are with the Association of VA Surgeons to ensure you receive the special group rates.

GROUP RATES: Single - \$94.00 | Double - \$114.00

HOTEL DEADLINE: APRIL 9, 2010

7:45 am	#28	A Retrospective Review Comparing Incidence Of Postoperative Ileus Before And After Implementation Of Alvimopan Therapy At A VA Hospital —White T (Indianapolis)
8:00 am	#29	Model Of Efficiency For Inguinal Herniorrhaphy At A Veterans Administration Hospital —Murray BW (Dallas)
8:15 am	#30	Process Improvements To Reduce Operating Room Cancellations —Kokoska MS (Indianapolis)
8:30 am	#31	Urinary Tract Infections In Surgical Patients: What Are We Measuring? —Lerner LB (West Roxbury)
8:45 am	#32	Change Is Hard, Potential Rewards Are Great: Assessment Of Patient Safety Culture 2005–2009 —Atkins BC (Durham)
9:00 am	#33	Investing In Medical Students: Which Ones Are Worth A Surgeon's Time? —McLean TR (Leavenworth)
9:15 am	BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS	

SCIENTIFIC SESSION VII (9:45 AM – 11:45 AM)

Moderators: Michael Crittenden, MD and Danny Chu, MD

9:45 am	#34	Is An Age Of ≥ 80 Years An Important Predictor Of Short-Term Outcomes Of Aortic Valve Replacement In Veterans? Bakaeen FG (Houston)
10:00 am	#35	Post Operative Glycemic Management —Vaught K (Indianapolis)
10:15 am	#36	Pre-Operative Smoking Cessation: Provider Attitudes On Delay Or Refusal Of Elective Surgery Based On Smoking Status —Vick CC (Birmingham)
10:30 am	#37	Predictors Of Postoperative Atrial Fibrillation After Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting In A Veteran Population —Choi JC (Houston)
10:45 am	#38	Modern Management Of Mediastinal Infection —Atkins BC (Durham)
11:00 am	#39	Long-Term Resolution Of Diabetes And Hypertension Following Gastric Bypass Surgery —Wegner R (Iowa City)
11:15 am	#40	Admission Serum Albumin Predicts Outcome In Patients Undergoing Emergent Laparotomy —Ilahi ON (Baltimore)
11:30 am	#41	Surgeon-Modified Fenestrated And Branched Endografts For High Risk Patients With Juxtarenal, Paravisceral, And Thoracoabdominal Aortic Aneurysms: Early Experience And Outcomes —Timaran CH (Dallas)
11:45 am	ADJOURN	
12:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting/Lunch	

- 1:45 pm #20 **Analysis Of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms Following Endovascular Repair: Does Choice Of Device Influence Outcome?** Kwitkin B (Miami)
- 2:00 pm #21 **Low Medical Risk Predicts Excellent Outcome After Carotid Angioplasty And Stenting**—Tiwari A (New Haven)
- 2:15 pm #22 **Differential Effect Of The Nitric Oxide Donor, DETA-NONOate, On Thrombospondin-1 And PDGF-Induced Migration**—Seymour K (Syracuse)
- 2:30 pm **BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS**

**SCIENTIFIC SESSION V
(3:00 – 4:15 PM)**

Moderators: Samir Awad, MD and Mark Wilson, MD

- 3:00 pm #23 **One Year Follow-Up Of Minimally Invasive Mitral Valve Surgery Without Aortic Cross Clamp: The Nashville Veterans Affairs Hospital Experience**—Shukrallah B (Nashville)
- 3:15 pm #24 **Overcoming Challenges In Implementing A Minimally Invasive Esophagectomy Program At The Malcolm Randall Veterans Administration Medical Center In Gainesville, Florida**—Rossidis G (Gainesville)
- 3:30 pm #25 **Effectiveness Of Teaching Ethics To Surgical Residents: Implementation Of The ACS Ethics Curriculum**—Thirunuvakarasu P (Pittsburgh)
- 3:45 pm #26 **Outcomes Of The Prolene Hernia System Mesh (PHS) For The Repair Of Recurrent Inguinal Hernias Using The Open Anterior Approach**—Palacio CH (Houston)
- 4:00 pm #27 **Experience With Permacol Mesh In Complex Abdominal Wall Defects Reconstruction**—Malireddy K (San Antonio)
- 4:15 pm **BUSINESS MEETING (MEMBERS ONLY)**

PRESIDENTIAL BANQUET

6:30 pm—Reception | 7:30 pm—Banquet

Presidential Citations | Best Paper Awards | Presidential Address

TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2010

**SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS VI
(7:45 AM – 9:15 AM)**

Moderators: Alexandra Webb, MD and John Tarpley, MD

PROGRAM AGENDA

(subject to change)

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2011

PRE-MEETING RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

8:00—9:00 am	Continental Breakfast
8:00—12:00 PM	Scientific Session
9:55—10:05 AM	Coffee Break
AVAS 34th ANNUAL MEETING	
7:00—5:00 PM	Registration
7:30—9:30 AM	Executive Committee Meeting/Breakfast
8:00—12:00 PM	Exhibit Set-up
9:30—11:30 AM	AVAS Council of Chiefs Meeting
12:00—5:00 PM	Exhibit Displays
12:45—1:00 PM	Opening Remarks & Welcome New Members
1:00—2:30 PM	Scientific Session I (#1-6)
2:30—3:00 PM	Break/Visit Exhibits
3:00—4:00 PM	Scientific Session II (#7-10)
4:00—5:45 PM	Quickshot Session A (#Q1-16)
6:30—9:30 PM	Welcome Reception

MONDAY, MAY 10, 2010

7:00—5:00 PM	Registration
7:00—5:00 PM	Exhibit Displays
7:00—8:00 AM	New Members/Executive Committee Breakfast
7:00—8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast
8:00—10:00 PM	Scientific Session III (#11-19)
10:00—10:30 AM	Break/Visit Exhibits
10:30—12:00 PM	Quickshot Session B (#Q17-30)

PROGRAM AGENDA

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12:00—1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30—2:30 PM	Scientific Session IV (#19-22)
2:30—3:00 PM	Break/Visit Exhibits
3:00—4:15 PM	Scientific Session V (#23-27)
4:15—5:45 PM	Business Meeting (Members Only)
6:30—7:30 PM	Cocktail Reception
7:30—9:30 PM	Presidential Banquet
9:30—11:00 PM	Presidential Reception
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2010	
7:00—12:00 PM	Registration
7:00—12:00 PM	Exhibit Displays
7:00—8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast
7:45—9:15 AM	Scientific Session VI (#28-33)
9:15—9:45 AM	Break/Visit Exhibits
9:45—11:45 PM	Scientific Session VII (#34-41)
11:45 AM	Adjourn
12:00—1:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting/Lunch

- Q18 **Pancreatic Mucormycosis: A Case Study With A Management Protocol**—Makipour J (Oklahoma City)
- Q19 **Investigation Of Appropriate Use Of Parenteral Nutrition In Surgery Patients At The Indianapolis VA Hospital: A Pilot Study**—Wilson J (Indianapolis)
- Q20 **Early Post-Operative Outcomes After Liver Resection For Metastatic Liver Disease In The Elderly**—Artinyan A (Houston)
- Q21 **A Retrospective Study Of The Complication Associated With Transcatheter Arterial Embolization In Child-Pugh A vs. Child-Pugh B Liver Patients With Hepatocellular Carcinoma At The San Francisco VA Medical Center**—Russell JS (San Francisco)
- Q22 **Epidemiology Of Colorectal Liver Metastasis: A Nationwide VA Cohort Study**—Anaya DA (Houston)
- Q23 **Predicting Recovery Versus Need For Additional Therapy In Colorectal Surgery Patients**—Balentine C (Houston)
- Q24 **Antibiotic Irrigation Does Not Reduce Wound Infection Rate In Major Clean-Contaminated Colorectal Surgery. Results From A Prospective, Randomized, Double Blind, Placebo-Controlled Trial**—Aragon RJ (Loma Linda)
- Q25 **Concomitant General Surgical Procedures With Incisional Hernia Repair: High Complications With Mesh Use**—Gray SH (Birmingham)
- Q26 **Acute Groin Hernia: Lessons Learnt**—Abi-Haidar Y (West Roxbury)
- Q27 **Patient-Reported Outcomes Following Mastectomy With Or Without Reconstruction: A Preliminary Report**—Leong M (Houston)
- Q28 **Tumor Size And Depth Predict Rate Of Lymph Node Metastasis In Colon Carcinoids And Can Be Used To Select Patients For Endoscopic Resection**—Al Natour RH (Boston)
- Q29 **The Treatment And Revised Classification Of Gallbladder Perforation In Acute Cholecystitis: The Importance Of Intrahepatic Abscess Formation**—Wall JK (San Francisco)
- Q30 **Glycemic Control And Infections In Patients With Diabetes Undergoing Non-Cardiac Surgery**—Perkal MF (New Haven, CT)

12:00 pm **LUNCH**

SCIENTIFIC SESSION IV (1:30 – 2:30 PM)

Moderators: Seth Spector, MD and Panagiotis Kougas, MD

- 1:30 pm #19 **A Novel Therapy: Atraumatic Atherosclerotic Plaque Debulking**—Emond ZM (Chicago)

- Q14 **NoThing Left Behind®: Zooming In On Zero Retained Surgical Sponges At The SF VAMC**—Gibbs VC (San Francisco)
- Q15 **The Patient-Physician Relationship In Surgical Students**—Balentine CJ (Houston)
- Q16 **The VA Is Critical To Academic Program Development**—Robinson C (Houston)

6:30 pm **WELCOME RECEPTION (COURTYARD)**

MONDAY, MAY 10, 2010

SCIENTIFIC SESSION III 8:00—10:00 AM

Moderator: Edward Livingston, MD

- 8:00 am #11 **Laparoscopic Surgery Decreases The Cost Of Care In Veterans With Colon Cancer**—Marshall CL (Houston)
- 8:15 am #12 **Ethnic Disparities Are Reduced In VA Colon Cancer Patients**—Robinson C (Houston)
- 8:30 am #13 **From Worst To First: Improving Colorectal Cancer Care At The VA**—Hayman AV (Chicago)
- 8:45 am #14 **Quality Of Life With Colostomy: Predictors Of Outcomes**—Popek S (Tucson)
- 9:00 am #15 **Ischemic Colitis: Risk Factors For Eventual Surgery**—Paterno F (New Haven)
- 9:15 am #16 **Obesity And Pancreatic Cancer: Can Adiponectin Help?**—White P (Indianapolis)
- 9:30 am #17 **A Single Institution's Experience With Revisional Bariatric Surgery**—Fronza JS (Chicago)
- 9:45 am #18 **PTSD As A Risk Factor For Increased Postoperative Mortality In VHA**—Gunnar W (Washington)
- 10:00 am **BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS**

QUICKSHOT SESSION B (10:30 AM – 12:00 PM)

Moderators: George Sarosi, MD and Mary Hawn, MD

- Q17 **Multilayered Microcapsules For The Sustained-Release Of Angiogenic Proteins From Encapsulated Cells**—Khanna O (Chicago)

PRE-MEETING SYMPOSIUM SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2010

“RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM”

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- 8:00 am Continental Breakfast
- 8:15 am **INTRODUCTION: Why Should Trainees Do Research At All?**
Marc Basson, MD, PhD
- 8:30 am **Choosing and Dealing with Mentors.** *Aaron Fink, MD*
- 8:45 am **Why Do Basic Science?** *George A. Sarosi, Jr., MD*
- 9:00 am **Why Do Clinical/Translational Science?** *Samir Awad, MD*
- 9:15 am **Why Do Health Services Research?** *Justin B. Dimick, MD, MPH*
- 9:30 am **Choosing a Question and Designing a Research Plan: Focus and Feasibility.** *Richard Pierson, MD*
- 9:45 am PANEL DISCUSSION
- 9:55 am BREAK
- 10:05 am **Tips for Paper Writing (including Data Analysis and Presentation, Literature Review, Bibliographic Software, Organizing your Writing)** *David W. McFadden, MD, MBA*
- 10:20 am **Selecting and Dealing with Journals (including Impact Factors, Poor Review Process, Revisions and Rejections)** *Kamal Itani, MD*
- 10:35 am **Surgical Societies: Why Participate? How to Do the 10 Minute Talk**
Robert Rege, MD
- 10:50 am **Writing Abstracts for Meetings** *Alan Dardik, MD, PhD*
- 11:05 am **Financing Your Research: Pilot Grants, Foundations, Career Development Awards, Etc.** *Melina Kibbe, MD*
- 11:20 am **Choosing and Negotiating a Research-Based Academic Surgical Position** *Marc Basson, MD, PhD*
- 11:35 am **VA Opportunities for the Young Academic Surgeon**
William Cheadle, MD
- 11:50 am PANEL DISCUSSION
- Noon Adjourn

AVAS 34TH ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2010

12:45 pm **OPENING REMARKS**
Lillian Dawes, MD
President, Association of VA Surgeons

GREETINGS AND WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

SCIENTIFIC SESSION I (1:00—2:30 PM)

Moderator: Alan Dardik, MD, PhD and Daniel Albo, MD

- 1:00 pm #1 **Mechanism Underlying The Differential Efficacy Of Nitric Oxide Based On Sex And Hormone Status**—Havelka G (Chicago)
- 1:15 pm #2 **Evaluation Of Hyperspectral Technology For Assessing The Presence And Severity Of PAD**—Chin J (Chicago)
- 1:30 pm #3 **Angiogenesis And Apoptotic Signals Are Upregulated In Carotid Plaque: Implications For Plaque Instability**—Thai J (Tucson)
- 1:45 pm #4 **Pterostilbene And Tamoxifen Show An Additive Effect Against Breast Cancer In Vitro**—Mannal P (Burlington)
- 2:00 pm #5 **Triangulation: Applied Math For Localization Of The Recurrent Laryngeal Nerve During Thyroidectomy**—Royer M (Indianapolis)
- 2:15 pm #6 **Outcomes Of Circulatory Arrest Procedures For The Treatment Of Thoracic Aortic Disease At A Veterans Facility**—Bakaeen FG (Houston)
- 2:30 pm **BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS**

SCIENTIFIC SESSION II (3:00—4:00 PM)

Moderators: Lillian Dawes, MD and Charles Cha, MD

- 3:00 pm #7 **Positive Correlation Of Employment And Psychological Quality Of Life For Veterans With Major Abdominal Surgery**—Horner DJ (Tucson)
- 3:15 pm #8 **Hepatic Surgery At A VA Tertiary Medical Center: Lessons Learned**—Aleml F (San Francisco)

- 3:30 pm #9 **Laparoscopic Radiofrequency Ablation For Liver Tumors Results In Improved Short-Term Outcomes**—Marshall CL (Houston)
- 3:45 pm #10 **General Surgery Resident Attitudes Toward The VA: Reaching Out To The Next Generation**—Eppstein AC (Indianapolis)

QUICKSHOT SESSIONS A (4:00 PM – 5:45 PM)

Moderators: Faisal Bakaeen, MD and Melina Kibbe, MD

- Q1 **Surgical Intervention For Infective Endocarditis In A Veteran Population**—Cornwell L (Houston)
- Q2 **Are Outcomes Of Concomitant Aortic Valve Replacement And Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting Better At Academic Teaching Institutions?**—Gopaldas RR (Houston)
- Q3 **The Effect Of Cilostazol On Intermittent Claudication In A "Real Life" VA Practice**—Lee CW (Gainesville)
- Q4 **Management Of Common Carotid Artery Occlusion After Stent Placement. Case Report**—Nurko J (Houston)
- Q5 **Risk Factors And Management Of New Onset Postoperative Atrial Fibrillation In Non-Cardiac, Non-Thoracic Surgical Patients**—Burriss J (Houston)
- Q6 **Impact Of Transfusion Policy On Acute Coronary Syndrome After Major Vascular Reconstruction**—Kougias P (Houston)
- Q7 **Extracellular Pressure Stimulates Adhesion Of Non-Epithelial Cancers Via Activation Of FAK And Akt**—Perry BC (Lansing)
- Q8 **Thrombospondin-1-Induced Ras Activation Is Dependent On PI3 Kinase And c-Src**—Sadowitz B (Syracuse)
- Q9 **Pancreatic Duct Ligation-Induced Acute Pancreatitis In Rats Is Associated With Acute Lung Injury**—Yuan Z (Iowa City)
- Q10 **Early Graft Failure Of GTKO Pig Organs In Baboons Is Reduced By hCPRP Expression**—Pierson RN (Baltimore)
- Q11 **Scheduling Surgeries Using Empirical Probability Distribution Of Surgical And Anesthesia Case Durations**—Tiwari V (Houston)
- Q12 **Rapid Investigation Of A Quality Issue; Response Of The VA Surgical Quality Improvement Program**—Gunnar W (Washington)
- Q13 **Briefing Guide (BiG) Study: Current State Of The Use Of Preoperative Briefing And Postoperative Debriefing Checklists In The VHA Medical Team Training (MTT) Program**—Theis MS (Ann Arbor)