Association of VA Surgeons
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May 7-9, 2017
Royal Sonesta Hotel

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Department of Surgery, Michael DeBakey VA Medical Center

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Association of VA Surgeons
American College of Surgeons
Edith Tzeng, MD
Program Chair

Samir Awad, MD
Local Arrangements Chair

Venue:
Royal Sonesta Houston
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Houston, TX 77027
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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this program is to improve knowledge of recent advances in basic and clinical research in surgery and to disseminate recent information of advances in the practice of surgery and related disciplines.

STATEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES:

At the completion of this program, the participants should be able to:

- Institute effective systems for evaluation of patients for surgery
- Apply updated treatment strategies for different types of malignancies
- Import mechanisms for implementation of multidisciplinary team approach in their practices
- Learn new paradigms for surgical and anesthesia training
CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION CREDIT INFORMATION

Accreditation
This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of the American College of Surgeons and the Association of VA Surgeons. The American College of Surgeons is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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The American College of Surgeons designates this live activity for a maximum of 17 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Of the AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ listed above, a maximum of 15 credits meet the requirements for Self-Assessment.

Disclosure Information
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Please see the insert to this program for the complete disclosure list.
We would like to thank the following companies for exhibiting at our annual meeting.

**PLATINUM**

Intuitive Surgical  
Johnson & Johnson  
DSS/LiveData  
Karl Storz

**BRONZE**

ACell, Inc.  
Applied Medical  
Bard Davol  
BG Medical  
Bio-Optronics  
ConMed  
Cook Medical  
Integra LifeSciences  
JAMA Surgery  
KCI, an Acelity company  
Lexion Medical  
MiMedx Group  
Miromatrix Medical  
MMIC  
Osiris Therapeutics, Inc.  
Pfizer  
Regenesis Biomedical, Inc.  
Surgimark  
Wound Management Technologies
## PROGRAM AGENDA

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| 3:45 – 4:15 pm | MAXIMIZING PATIENT SAFETY DURING ROBOTIC SURGERY - LESSONS LEARNED FROM NASA | Abhilash Pandya, PhD, MS  
Associate Professor and Undergraduate Program  
Director, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Wayne State University |
| 4:15 – 4:45 pm | FUTURE OF ROBOTIC SURGERY                               | Gary Guthart  
President & CEO of Intuitive Surgical                                             |
| 4:45 - 5:00 pm | Adjourn                                                  |                                                                                 |
| 5:00 – 6:30 pm | TOUR OF NASA/JSC                                        |                                                                                 |
| 6:30 pm     | Bus transportation to Royal Sonesta Hotel               |                                                                                 |
SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017

7:30 am  WELCOME & GREETINGS
President, Association of VA Surgeons – Seth Spector, MD
Local Arrangements—Samir Awad, MD
Program Chair – Edith Tzeng, MD

SCIENTIFIC SESSION I
(8:00 AM – 10:00 AM)

Moderators: Edith Tzeng, MD and Samir Awad, MD

* denotes resident/medical student/student presenter

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#1 IMPLEMENTING BILATERAL INTERNAL MAMMARY ARTERIAL GRAFTING IN A VA POPULATION: IMPACT ON STERNAL WOUND INFECTIONS
*Wang S, Ponna V, Ge L, Wozniak CJ, Tseng EE
San Francisco VA Medical Center, San Francisco, CA

#2 PREOPERATIVE FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH WORSENING IN QUALITY OF LIFE FOLLOWING CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS GRAFTING (CABG)
*Bishawi M1,2, Hattler B3,4, Almassi H5,6, Quin JA7, Collins JF8, Grover FL3,4, Shroyer AL1,3
1Northport VA Medical Center, Northport, NY; 2Duke University Medical Center, Durham NC; 3Eastern Colorado Health Care System, Denver VA Medical Center, Denver, CO; 4University of Colorado School of Medicine, Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora, CO; 5Clement J. Zablocki Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center, Milwaukee, WI; 6Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI; 7Saint Luke’s Mid America Heart Institute and University of Missouri, Kansas City, MO; 8VA Boston Healthcare System, West Roxbury, MA and Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA; 9Cooperative Studies Program Coordinating Center, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Perry Point, MD

#3 ENOS REGULATES EPH-B4-MEDIATED AVF MATURATION
*Santana JM, Hashimoto T, Isaji T, Bai H, Hu H, Kudze T, Yatsula B, Guo J, Dardik D
Yale University, New Haven, CT
#4 PATIENT-CENTERED PREFERENCES AMONG OPERATIVE AND NONOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT OF ACUTE APPENDICITIS
*Hanson A, Crosby RD, Basson MD
University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Neuropsychiatric Research Institute, Fargo VA Medical Center, Fargo, ND

#5 CRITICAL LIMB ISCHEMIC RESPONSE VARIABILITY IS ASSOCIATED WITH DIFFERENTIAL CYTOKINE EXPRESSION
*Kusumanchi P, Green LA, Evans T, Tholpady SS, Babbe C, Murphy MP
R.L. Roudebush VA Medical Center, Indianapolis, IN

#6 EVEN A NEGATIVE FDG-PET IS NOT HELPFUL IN THE EVALUATION OF HIGH-RISK LUNG NODULES
Tennessee Valley Healthcare System, Nashville, TN; Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN; Mayo Clinic, Phoenix, AZ; Lahey Hospital and Medical Center, Burlington, MA; Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY

#7 EVOLUTION OF A VETERANS AFFAIRS TRANSCATHETER AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM: RESULTS FROM THE FIRST 100 PATIENTS
*Yang J, Zimmet JM, Ponna VM, Ma F, Molera R, Ge L, Shunk KA, Tseng EE
San Francisco VA Medical Center; University of California, San Francisco, CA

#8 PHARMACOLOGIC ASCORBATE (P-ASCH-) DEMONSTRATES RADIO-PROTECTIVE EFFECTS IN VITRO AND IN VIVO
*Wilkes JG, Alexander MS, O'Leary BR, Du J, Cullen JJ
Iowa City VAMC, University of Iowa Departments of Surgery, Radiation Oncology and Free Radical and Radiation Biology Program, Iowa City, IA

#9 A COMPARISON OF INTERNAL MEDICINE AND SURGERY RESIDENTS' ABILITIES TO PREDICT SURGICAL RISK
*Healy JM, Pei KY, Davis KA
Yale School of Medicine, Department of Surgery, New Haven, CT

#10 DETECTION OF PANCREATIC ADENOCARCINOMA (PDAC) CIRCULATING TUMOR CELLS (CTCS)
*Alexander MS, O'Leary BR, Wilkes JG, Cullen JJ
University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and The Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Iowa City, IA

10:00-10:30 am BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS
| QUICKSHOT SESSION A  
| (10:30 AM – 11:30 AM)  
| Moderators: Alexandra Webb, MD and Marc Basson, MD |

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| A RETROSPECTIVE REVIEW OF HARTMANN PROCEDURE REVERSAL IN VETERANS: IS THIS A HIGH-RISK OPERATION FOR HIGH-RISK PATIENTS? A |
| *Knight AM, Culver AM, Mostafa G |
| John D. Dingell VAMC, Detroit, MI; Wayne State University Department of Surgery, Detroit, MI |

| QS02 |
| THE IMPACT OF SUTURE CALIBER AND LOOPED CONFIGURATIONS ON THE SUTURE-TENDON INTERFACE IN ZONE II FLEXOR TENDON REPAIR |
| *Bernstein DT, Alexander JJ, Petersen NJ, Alexander JW, Noble PC, Netscher DT |
| Houston Methodist Hospital, Institute for Orthopedic Research & Education, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX |

| QS03 |
| OUTCOMES OF SURGICAL EXCISION OF FACIAL NON-MELANOMA SKIN CANCERS IN MEDIUM AND HIGH RISK FACIAL ZONES |
| *Chauhan R, Munger BE, Duquette S, Evans T, Chu MW, Munshi I, Cohen AC, Wooden WA, Tholpady SS |
| R.L. Roudebush VAMC, Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN |

| QS04 |
| EMERGING TRENDS IN MEDIASTINITIS: NATIONAL VA EXPERIENCE 2006-2015 |
| *Wojnarski CM, Elgudin Y, Rubelowsky JJ, Whittlesey D, Wilson BM, Donskey CJ, Cmolik BL |
| Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center, University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center, Cleveland, OH |

| QS05 |
| EFFECTIVENESS OF CONTINUOUS INFUSION OF LOCAL ANESTHETIC FOR PAIN CONTROL AFTER MEDIAN STERNOTOMY |
| *Sassin A, Gryzmala-Bird S, Omer S, Bakaeen F, Preventza O, Jimenez E, Cornwell L |
| Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX, Pittsburgh VAMC, Pittsburgh, PA |
BRAIN INJURY AND HELMET USE IN FLORIDA MOTORCYCLE CRASH PATIENTS AT AN URBAN LEVEL 1 TRAUMA CENTER
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL

DO DRIVERS OR PASSENGERS GET HIT HARDER: A COMPARISON OF NEUROLOGIC TRAUMA AND MOTORCYCLE HELMET USE
*Evans TA, Sasor SE, Duquette S, Cohen AC, Munshi IA, Chu MW, Tholpady SS
R.L. Roudebush VAMC, Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN

TO STENT OR NOT TO STENT? REVISITING THE NEED FOR PROPHYLACTIC URETERAL STENT PLACEMENT DURING OPEN COLECTOMY
*Merola J, Ibarra C, Arnold B, Resio B, Luks V, Davis KA, Pei K
Department of Surgery, Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, CT

LAPAROSCOPIC SLEEVE GASTRECTOMY FOR OBESITY AT A SINGLE VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER
Division of Bariatric Surgery at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, The George Washington University Medical Center; Washington DC

OUTCOMES OF LAPAROSCOPIC INGUINAL HERNIORRHAPHY IN A SINGLE-INSTITUTION, HIGH-VOLUME VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER
*Bauman MD, Eppstein AC, Bell TM, Munshi IA
Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center, Indianapolis, IN

CASE VIDEO PRESENTATION OF A ROBOTIC RETRORECTUS VENTRAL HERNIA REPAIR
*Vo E, Bakshi A, Chai CY, Lee DS, Makris K, Chiu LW, Gillory L, Becker NS, Nguyen D, Awad SS
Baylor College of Medicine, Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX

11:30 am
KARL STORZ RESEARCH AWARD WINNER PRESENTATION
“UTILITY OF CELL FREE DNA AS A THERAPEUTIC BIOMARKER IN PANCREATIC CANCER”
Susan Tsai, MD, MHS
Department of Surgery, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI
2015 Award Winner
LUNCH SPEAKER
(12:00 PM – 1:30 PM)
“MEDICAL AND SURGICAL FIRSTS AT THE VA”
Walter Longo, MD, AVAS Historian

SCIENTIFIC SESSION II
(1:30 PM – 3:30 PM)
Moderators: Alan Dardik, MD, PhD and Peter Wu, MD

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#11 POST-DISCHARGE HEALTHCARE UTILIZATION IN HOMELESS-EXPERIENCED SURGICAL PATIENTS
Stanford University, Birmingham VA Medical Center, Baylor Scott & White Health, Boston University School of Medicine and Boston Medical Center, Medical College of Wisconsin, Veterans Affairs Pittsburgh Healthcare System, Pittsburgh, PA

#12 DOES ANTI-FACTOR-XA GUIDED DOSING OF ENOXAPARIN DECREASE THE VENOUS THROMBOEMBOLISM RATE IN TRAUMA PATIENTS?
Ryder Trauma Center, DeWitt Daughtry Family Department of Surgery, University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL

#13 COMING FULL CIRCLE: ADDITION OF ORAL ANTIBIOTICS TO MECHANICAL BOWEL PREPARATION FOR LEFT-SIDED COLON AND RECTAL RESECTIONS DECREASES SURGICAL SITE INFECTIONS
*Vo E, Chai CY, Massarweh NN, Tran Cao HS, Abraham S, Adigun K, Awad SS
Baylor College of Medicine, Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX
#14  **POOR PREDICTIVE VALUE OF PULMONARY FUNCTION MEASURES FOR SHORT-TERM OUTCOMES FOLLOWING LUNG RESECTION: ANALYSIS OF A SINGLE HIGH-VOLUME INSTITUTION**  
*Taylor LJ, Julliard WA, Maloney JD  
Department of Surgery, Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI; Department of Surgery, William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital, Madison, WI

#15  **CHIMERIC ANTIGEN RECEPTOR (CAR)-MEDIATED THERAPY FOR PANCREATIC CANCER**  
Batchu RB, Gruzdyn OV, Mahmud EM, Chukr F, Dachepalli R, Devaki R, Mannari SK, Mostafa G, Pontes JE, Weaver DW, Gruber SA  
Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, MI; John D. Dingell VA Medical Center, Detroit, MI; Virocan Therapeutics, Guntur, India; Kamineni Life Sciences, Hyderabad, India

#16  **CAN THIAZOLIDINEDIONES LIMIT THE RATE OF REINTERVENTION AMONG VETERANS UNDERGOING PERIPHERAL ARTERIAL STENTING OR ATHERECTOMY?**  
VA Outcomes Group, White River Junction, VT; VA Quality Scholars Program, White River Junction, VT; Section of Vascular Surgery, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH

#17  **PREOPERATIVE MOBILITY AS A SURROGATE OF FRAILTY IN PATIENTS WITH PERIPHERAL ARTERIAL DISEASE**  
Gonzalez L, Richards CY, Marc T Seligson, Gruessner AC, Brangman SA, Gahtan V  
SUNY Upstate Medical University; Veterans Affairs Healthcare Network Upstate New York at Syracuse, NY

#18  **IS IT NECESSARY TO STOP ANTICOAGULATION BEFORE WIDE-AWAKE HAND SURGERY?**  
*Sasor SE, Evans TA, Cook JA, Lucich EA, Wooden WA, Cohen AC, Munshi IA, Tholpady SS, Chu MW  
R.L. Roudebush VA Medical Center, Indianapolis, IN

#19  **LVAD PATIENT SURVIVAL OUTCOMES**  
Katlaps G, Dharmaraj B, Quader M, Martin L  
Hunter Holmes McGuire VAMC, Richmond, VA

3:30 – 4:00 pm  **BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS**
PANEL SESSION
(4:00 PM – 5:30 PM)
“NEVER EVENTS: HOW TO MAKE SURE THEY NEVER HAPPEN”

Moderators: Kenneth Lipshy, MD and Edith Tzeng, MD

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HISTORY AND DEFINITION, DEMOGRAPHICS, CURRENT PRACTICE OF PREVENTION
L.D. Britt, MD, MPH
Henry Ford Professor & Edward J. Brickhouse Chairman, Department of Surgery
Eastern Virginia Medical School
Norfolk, VA

LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR PATIENT SAFETY
Robin R. Hemphill, M.D., M.P.H.
Deputy Chief Patient Safety Officer
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Ann Arbor, MI

SURGEONS’ DISCLOSURES OF CLINICAL ADVERSE EVENTS
A. Rani Elwy, PhD
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NEVER SAY NEVER: THE MEDICAL LEGAL IMPACT OF NEVER EVENTS
Ruth L. Bush, MD, JD, MPH
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Houston, TX

5:30 pm AVAS BUSINESS MEETING (Members only)
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017

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SCIENTIFIC SESSION III
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Moderators: Jason Johanning, MD and Susan Tsai, MD
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#21 IMPORTANCE OF ADJUVANT THERAPY AFTER NEOADJUVANT THERAPY AMONG PATIENTS WITH STAGE I-II PANCREATIC CANCER: A NATIONAL CANCER DATA BASE ANALYSIS
*CA Barnes, Aldakkak M, Clarke C, Christians KK, George B, Ritch PS, Hall W, Erickson B, Evans DB, Tsai S
Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI

#22 UPPER EXTREMITY VERSUS LOWER EXTREMITY COMPRESSION FOR VTE PROPHYLAXIS: EQUAL EFFICACY AND BETTER COMPLIANCE?
*Apau OM, John PR, Lal BK
Baltimore VA Medical Center, Baltimore, MD
#23 HYPOXIC CULTURE CONDITIONS DO NOT PROMOTE ADIPOSE-DERIVED MESENCHYMAL STEM CELL (ASC) EXPANSION FROM PAD PATIENTS
Brewster L, Morris A, Li H, Lyle A
Emory University, Atlanta VA Medical Center, Decatur, GA

#24 DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION OF INTRAOPERATIVE CRISIS MANAGEMENT CHECKLISTS IN CARDIAC SURGERY
Tarola CL1, Hirji S2, Yule SJ3, Gabany JM1, Quin JA1, Leissner KB1, Haime M1, Zenati MA1
1Veterans Affairs Boston Healthcare System, Boston, MA; 2Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA; 3Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, MA

#25 MANAGEMENT OF EARLY STAGE ANAL CANCER - ARE WE OVERTREATING?
Chai CY1,2, Chang GJ3, Trancao HS1,2, Awad SS1,2, Kimbrough BA1, Artinyan A1, Krishnan B1,2, Massarweh NN1,2
1Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX  2Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX  3University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX

#26 CANCER PROBABILITY IN THE INDETERMINATE PULMONARY NODULE: ARE WE COMMUNICATING CLEARLY?
*Maiga AW, Deppen SA, Massion PP, Callaway-Lane C, Pinkerman R, Dittus RS, Grogan EL
Tennessee Valley Healthcare System, Nashville, TN; Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN

#27 ESTIMATING SURGERY-RELATED READMISSIONS WITH A CROSSOVER DESIGN
Graham LA, Wahl TS, Richman JS, Morris ME, Hawn MT
Birmingham VA Medical Center, Birmingham, AL; VA Palo Alto Healthcare System, Palo Alto, CA

#28 CAPTURING INTRAOPERATIVE ADVERSE EVENTS USING TWO PROVIDER VOLUNTARY REPORTING METHODS: SURGICAL DEBRIEFING AND INCIDENT REPORTING
Chen Q, Rochman A, Rosen A, Amirfarzan H, Itani K
Center for Healthcare Organization and Implementation Research (CHOIR), VA Boston Healthcare System, West Roxbury, MA

#29 MITRAL VALVE REPAIR AS A QUALITY INDICATOR FOR MITRAL VALVE SURGERY: 7 YEAR OUTCOMES AT A VETERANS HOSPITAL
*Chen P, Jimenez E, Shuab O, Cornwell LD, Coselli JS, Preventza Q, Lemaire SA, Rosengart TK
Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine, Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX; James A. Haley V.A. Hospital, Tampa, FL
IS PLEURAL MESOTHELIOMA IN OUR REAR-VIEW MIRROR? AN EXAMINATION OF CONTEMPORARY TRENDS IN DISEASE PRESENTATION AND MANAGEMENT
*Keshava HB, Sinopoli J, Raja S, Stevenson J, Tullio K, Murthy SC, Bakaeen F, Ahmad U
Cleveland Clinic, Department of General Surgery; Cleveland Clinic, Department of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery; Cleveland Clinic, Tausig Cancer Center, Pittsburgh VAMC, Pittsburgh, PA

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Q12 THE USE OF LIPOSOMAL BUPIVACAINE IN TOTAL JOINT SURGERY: EFFICACY IN ELDERLY (≥65 Y.O.) PATIENTS
Keiser S1; Sakamoto B1,2; Meldrum R1,3,4, Harker G1,2
1Richard L. Roudebush, VAMC, IN. 2Dept. of Anesthesia, Indiana University SOM, IN. 3Dept. of Orthopedic Surgery, Indiana University SOM, IN. 4The CORE Institute, AZ

Q13 ASSESSING THE VALIDITY OF THE VASQIP CALCULATOR FOR 30-DAY MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY IN PATIENTS UNDERGOING CHOLECYSTECTOMY
*Imran JB, Ruiz M, Renteria O, Mokdad AA, Pham T, Huerta S
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Department of Surgery, VA North Texas Health Care System, Dallas, TX

Q14 ETIOLOGY OF STROKE AFTER CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS GRAFTING
*Idrees JJ, Bakaeen FG, Sabik JF, Soltesz EG, Johnston DR, Tong MZ, Roselli EE, Blackstone EH, Svensson LG
Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH, Pittsburgh VAMC, Pittsburgh, PA

Q15 ABDOMINOPLASTY IN PATIENTS WITH AUTOIMMUNE CONNECTIVE TISSUE DISEASE: A NATIONWIDE ANALYSIS OF OUTCOMES
*Rubio GA, Mundra LS, Thaller SR
University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL
Q16  SURGICAL TREATMENT OF LIVER TUMORS: 15-YEAR EXPERIENCE AT THE JJP VA MEDICAL CENTER
*Swaminathan S, Le M, Tabori N, Heimann TM
James J. Peters VA Medical Center, Bronx, NY

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Stephens DJ, Keogh L, Lozada L, Perillo H, Myers N, Dellatto MC, Heimann TM
Department of Surgery, James J. Peters VA Medical Center, 130 West Kingsbridge Road, Bronx, NY; The Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY

Q18  DISPARITIES AMONGST VETERANS UNDERGOING CHOLECYSTECTOMY: THE IMPACT OF RACE ON CONVERSION RATES AND POSTOPERATIVE OUTCOMES
Pate A¹, Shraga S¹, Ballantyne GH², Martin TR ¹²
¹ Department of Surgery, SUNY Downstate Medical Center; ² Department of Surgery, Brooklyn VA Medical Center

Q19  PREDICTING OPERATIVE TIME FOR ELECTIVE OUTPATIENT SURGERY
*Maiga AW, Kummerow Broman K, Tiwari V, Solórzano CC, Roumie CL, Patel MB
Tennessee Valley Healthcare System, Nashville, TN; Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN

Q20  BENEFITS OF TELE-SURGERY CLINICS WITHIN THE VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
*Saylor RK, Apau OS, Punnoose V, John PR
Baltimore VA Medical Center, Baltimore, MD

LUNCH SPEAKER
(12:00 PM – 1:30 PM)
Miguel H. LaPuz, MD, MBA
Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health Veterans Health Administration
QUICKSHOT SESSION C
(1:30 – 2:30 PM)

Moderators: Gale Tang, MD and George Sarosi, MD

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QS21 THE NATURE AND SEVERITY OF ADVERSE EVENTS IN OUTPATIENT SURGERY
Mull HJ, Rosen AK, MacDonald S, Charns MP, Pizer SD, Hawn MT, Itani KMF
VA Boston Healthcare System, Boston University, Northeastern University, Stanford University, Palo Alto VAMC

QS22 NOCTURIA TREATMENT OUTCOMES: ANALYSIS OF CONTRIBUTORY FREQUENCY VOLUME CHART PARAMETERS
Department of Urology at SUNY Downstate College of Medicine, Department of Urology at Weill Cornell Medical College, Department of Urology at Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania

QS23 OUTCOMES OF CORONARY REVASCULARIZATION BASED ON RACE AT A VETERAN’S AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER.
Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery and Cardiothoracic Surgery Research Lab, and Heart Center at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, The George Washington University Medical Center; Washington DC, USA

QS24 LACK OF INFERIORITY OF ROBOTIC VERSUS LAPAROSCOPIC COLORECTAL RESECTION
*Swaminathan S, Chao L, Stephens D, Kurtz R, Heimann TM
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*Steffen RJ, Bakaeeen FG, Vargo PR, Kindzelski BA, Johnston DR, Roselli EE, Gillinov AM, Svensson LG, Soltesz EG
Division of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH, Pittsburgh VAMC, Pittsburgh, PA
EVALUATING OUTCOMES OF CARDIAC VALVE RECONSTRUCTION BASED ON RACE AT A VETERAN’S AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER.
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LUNG CANCER SURVEILLANCE IN VETERANS AFTER SURGICAL RESECTION
*Lou F, Pinkerman R, Maiga A, Deppen S, Grogan E
Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN

NODAL SIZE REDUCTION PREDICTS PERSISTENT DISEASE IN HEAD AND NECK SQUAMOUS CELL CARCINOMA
Washington DC Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Washington, DC

SCLEROSTIN DOWNREGULATION ACCELERATES BONE REGENERATION IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY OTHER TREATMENT
R.L. Roudebush VAMC, Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN

CLINICAL PREDICTORS OF ACUTE GANGRENOUS CHOLECYSTITIS IN VETERAN PATIENTS UNDERGOING CHOLECYSTECTOMY
Ruiz M, Imran JB, Renteria O, Mokdad AA, Pham T, Huerta S
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Department of Surgery, VA North Texas Health Care System, Dallas, TX

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PANEL SESSION
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“MODIFIABLE PATIENT FACTORS – SHOULD WE PLAY GOD?”
Moderators: Danny Chu, MD and Melina Kibbe, MD

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THE FACTS: HOW SMOKING, POOR GLYCEMIC CONTROL, ETOH ABUSE, DRUGS IMPACT PERIOPERATIVE RISKS
Christina M. Matadial, MD
Chief, Anesthesiology, Associate Director, Operative Care Line, Bruce W. Carter VAMC
Associate Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL

PRO – RIGHT TO REFUSE SURGERY ON PATIENTS WHO DO NOT MODIFY BEHAVIOR FOR HIGH RISK SURGERY
Peter Wu, MD
Department of Surgery, VA Puget Sound Healthcare System and University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, WA

CON – IT IS NOT OUR PLACE TO JUDGE/PLAY GOD
Jason Johanning, MD
VISN 23 Chief Surgical Consultant, VISN 23 Acting Chief Medical Officer
Professor of Vascular Surgery-University of Nebraska Medical Center
University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE

GOOD PATIENT CARE DRIVES MEDICAL ETHICS-DETANGLING ETHICAL QUESTIONS FROM COMMUNICATION ISSUES
Luke Brewster, MD, PhD, MA
Department of Surgery, Altanta VA Medical Center and Emory University School of Medicine, Decatur, GA

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Moderators: Faisal Bakaeen, MD and Melissa Perkal, MD

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#31 USING SURGICAL TRIGGERS TO DEVELOP AN ADVERSE EVENT SURVEILLANCE MODEL FOR OUTPATIENT SURGERY IN THE VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
Mull HJ, Itani KMF, Pizer S, Charns MP, Rivard PE, MacDonald S, Legler A, McIntosh N, Hawn MT, Rosen AK
VA Boston Healthcare System, Boston University, Suffolk University, Stanford University, Palo Alto, VAMC

#32 VETERANS’ AFFAIRS HOSPITAL: WHAT IS THE PUBLIC SEEING ON YOUTUBE?
Johnsen P2, Amendola MF1.2
1 McGuire Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Richmond, VA; 2 Virginia Commonwealth University Health System, Richmond, VA

#33 INCEPTION AND DESIGN OF THE TOP TRIAL; TRANSFUSION TRIGGERS AFTER OPERATIVE INTERVENTIONS IN HIGH CARDIAC RISK PATIENTS.
Kougias P, Sharath S, Biswas K, Mi Z
Baylor College of Medicine, Perry Point CSPCC

#34 ON-LINE MAPPING TOOL FOR TRACKING RESIDENT SURGICAL PROCEDURES.
Thliveris AT, Sauer SK, Knoch DW
W.S. Middleton VAMC, Madison, WI. University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison WI
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Kurapati S, Awad S
Michael E DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX

AGE AT DIAGNOSIS FOR NON-MELANOMA SKIN CANCER SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A RELATIVE CONTRAINDICATION FOR INTERVENTION
R.L. Roudebush VAMC, Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN

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Kurapati S, Awad S, Arabindi V
Michael E DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX

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Marderstein EL, Wong RK, Kelly K, Abbas M
Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center, Cleveland, OH

MORTALITY IN PATIENTS WITH ISOLATED RIB FRACTURES AT TRAUMA VERSUS NON-TRAUMA CENTERS
Anstadt MJ, *Saclarides C, Kothari AN, Gonzalez RP, Luchette FL
Loyola University Medical Center, Hines, IL

PLANNING POST-DISCHARGE DESTINATION FOR GASTROINTESTINAL SURGERY PATIENTS: ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT?
Balentine C, Chu D, Morris M, Chen H, Bhatia S
University of Alabama at Birmingham, AL

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Moderators: Nader Massarweh, MD and Kathleen Raman, MD

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Stewart L
San Francisco VAMC, University of California, San Francisco, CA

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1 VA Boston Healthcare System, 2 Harvard Catalyst, 3 Boston University School of Medicine, 4 Harvard Medical School

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Pounds LL, Laux AT, Williams T, Killewich LA
Audie L. Murphy VA Medical Center, San Antonio, TX

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Wrightson WR, Gauhar U, Joiner T, Pendleton J, Gaar E
Robley Rex VA Medical Center, Louisville, KY

THE VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER CONTRIBUTION TO PLASTIC SURGERY EDUCATION

Sasor SE, Chu MW, Evans TA, Cook JA, Wooden WA, Cohen AC, Munshi IA, Tholpady SS
R.L. Roudebush VAMC, Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN

ELECTIVE CHOLECYSTECTOMY IN THE VETERAN POPULATION: A 14-YEAR EVALUATION OF TRENDS AND OUTCOMES

Shraga S, Pate AJ, Ballantyne GH, Martin TR
SUNY Downstate Medical Center, NYHHS-Brooklyn Campus, Brooklyn, NY

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Quin J1,2, Nangia A3, Tarola C4, Serrano M5, Gabany J3, Sapirstein J1, O’Donnell CJ1,2, Haime M1,2, Zenati M1,2
1 VA Boston Healthcare System; 2 Harvard Medical School; 3 Boston University School of Medicine; 4 Western University Ontario; 5 Harvard Catalyst
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Nathan CO, Asarkar A, Ma X, Moore-Medlin T, Moore M, Milligan E
Department of Otolaryngology, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Shreveport, LA, Department of Surgery, Overton-Brooks VA Medical Center, Shreveport, LA

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Persinger D, Newman WP, Basson MD
Departments of Surgery and Internal Medicine, Fargo VA Medical Center and University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Fargo, ND

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1VA New York Harbor Health Care System Brooklyn Campus; 2SUNY Downstate College of Medicine; 3Surgical Health Outcomes & Research Enterprise, Department of Surgery, University of Rochester Medical Center

VENUS VERSUS MARS - CLINICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF MORBIDLY OBESE SURGICAL PATIENTS VARY SIGNIFICANTLY BETWEEN WOMEN AND MEN
Lyon M, Slotman GJ
Department of Surgery, Inspira Health Network, Vineland, NJ

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Sasor SE, Cook JA, Duquette SP, Wooden WA, Cohen AC, Munshi IA, Tholpady SS, Chu MW
R.L. Roudebush VAMC, Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN

MODEL FOR NOTIFICATION AND EDUCATION OF NEWLY DIAGNOSED PROSTATE CANCERS PATIENTS
Crotty K, Perri A, Nomamiukor D
Dallas VA Medical Center, Dallas, TX

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- Describe the science of cryopreserved placental membranes and their relevance in chronic and complex wounds
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