Association of VA Surgeons

30th Annual Meeting
May 7 – 9, 2006
Cincinnati, Ohio

2006 Program

Sponsored by
Cincinnati VA Medical Center
and
Department of Surgery, University of Cincinnati

HILTON CINCINNATI NETHERLAND PLAZA HOTEL
35 West Fifth Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
Fellow Members and Guests:

May is typically a glorious month in Cincinnati. Hopefully, such past performance will continue as we convene our annual meeting. Dr. Kim and the program committee have put together one of the best collection of papers yet to be presented at the AVAS. Our hosts at the Cincinnati VA and the University of Cincinnati, guided by our local arrangements chair Dr. Merrill, have worked diligently to assure a glorious venue: Sunday evening’s reception will be held at the Cincinnati’s Taft Museum of Art. Monday evening’s banquet will feature a very special guest speaker, a performance by a renowned Cincinnati band (“The Modulators”), as well as a likely surprise or two.

During the last year our society lost a dear friend and valued supporter, Dr. Robert Bower. We will dedicate this year’s meeting to his memory and will take a few moments to acknowledge his contributions and extend our sentiments to his family. I know that Bob’s wife, Debbie, and his children will be appreciative of your kind words and support.

I will end my term as president at this meeting. I hope to be able to thank each of you personally for your confidence and trust. I have been truly honored to serve in this capacity and will always cherish the memories afforded by this privilege.

See you in Cincinnati.

Aaron S. Fink, M.D.
President, AVAS
REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Member $300.00
Non-Member $325.00
Resident $200.00
Spouse/Guest $100.00
Medical Student NO CHARGE

The registration fee includes breakfasts and lunch, Sunday Welcome Reception, and Monday Banquet.

There is no fee to attend the Pre-Meeting Symposium on Saturday, May 6th. Please let us know if you are interested in attending.

At this time, we can only accept payment by check.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza
35 West Fifth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202
Tel: 513-421-9100 / Fax: 513-421-4291

The 2006 meeting of the Association of VA Surgeons is being held at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Hotel. Room rates are $127.00 per night. We have a limited number of government rate rooms. If you feel you deserve to get this rate, please let us know for consideration of your request.

To reserve a room, please visit www.vasurgeons.org to access the online reservation link to the Hilton. You may also call 1-800-HILTONS and mention the Association of VA Surgeons meeting to receive the group rate.

Reservation deadline is April 14, 2006.
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<td>CAROTID ARTERY STENTING – OUTCOME OF CURRENT DEVICES</td>
<td>Joseph H. Rapp, MD</td>
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<td>ENDOLUMINAL MANAGEMENT OF THORACIC AORTIC DISEASE</td>
<td>Peter H. Lin, MD</td>
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<td>WHAT'S NEW IN ENDOVASCULAR AAA REPAIR?</td>
<td>Ruth L. Bush, MD</td>
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<td>ANEURYSM SAC PRESSURE MEASUREMENT WITH A PRESSURE SENSOR IN ENDOVASCULAR AORTIC ANEURYSM REPAIR</td>
<td>Ross Milner, MD</td>
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<td>W. Anthony Lee, MD</td>
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<td>ENDOLUMINAL INFRAINGUINAL INTERVENTIONS – IS THERE A ROLE FOR AN ATERECTOMY DEVICE?</td>
<td>Jessie M. Jean-Claude, MD</td>
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<td>CATHETER-BASED INTERVENTIONS IN VENOUS THROMBOSIS</td>
<td>Joseph S. Giglia, MD</td>
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<td>PERCUTANEOUS ENDOLUMINAL AAA REPAIR: HOW I DO IT</td>
<td>Melina R. Kibbe, MD</td>
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11:30 am  LUNCH (Rosewood)

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2006

SCIENTIFIC SESSION I
1:00—4:15 PM  
(Continental)

1:00 pm  OPENING REMARKS AND MODERATOR
Aaron S. Fink, MD
President, Association of VA Surgeons

GREETINGS
Creighton Wright, MD, Chief of Staff, Cincinnati VAMC
Jeffrey Matthews, MD, Chair, Department of Surgery, University of Cincinnati

1:15 pm  #1 DETERMINANTS OF QUALITY OF LIFE IN PATIENTS FOLLOWING PULMONARY RESECTION FOR LUNG CANCER
DE Paull, ML Thomas, GE Meade, HW Chin, SA Adebonojo, AG Little
VA Medical Center and Wright State Univ. School of Medicine, Dayton, OH

1:30 pm  #2 IMPACT OF AN ABSORBENT SILVER ELUTING DRESSING SYSTEM ON LOWER EXTREMITY REVASCULARIZATION WOUND COMPLICATIONS
BB Childress, SA Berceli, PR Nelson, WA Lee, CK Ozaki
University of Florida; Malcom Randall VA Medical Center, Gainesville, FL

1:45 pm  #3 DOES PREFERENTIAL USE OF ENDOVASCULAR INTERVENTIONS BY VASCULAR SURGEONS IMPROVE LIMB SALVAGE, CONTROL OF SYMPTOMS, AND SURVIVAL OF PATIENTS WITH CRITICAL LIMB ISCHEMIA?
HH Dosluoglu, MS O’Brien-Irr, GS Cherr
VA Western NY Healthcare System, Buffalo, NY

2:00 pm  #4 NATURAL HISTORY OF FIBRINOLYSIS IN PERIPHERAL ARTERIAL DISEASE
LA Killewich, PS Montgomery, LA Wiley, AW Gardner
The University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX

2:15 pm  #5 RENAL INTERVENTIONS AFTER AAA REPAIR USING AORTIC ENDOGRAFTS WITH SUPRARENAL FIXATION
S Lalka, J Namyslowski, M Johnson, M Dalsing, D Cikrit, A Sawchuk, S Shafique, R Nachreiner
Roudebush VAMC and Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis, IN
2:30 pm  BREAK / Visit Exhibits (Rookwood)

3:00 pm  #6  ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM IN AFRICAN AMERICANS: IS RACE A FACTOR
M Ranella, S O’Connor, M Basson, K Granke, K Lithwiczuk and A Vouyouka
John D. Dingell VAMC and Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

3:15 pm  #7  INTERMEDIATE DURABILITY OF CAROTID ANGIOPLASTY WITH STENTING AS ASSESSED BY DUPLEX ULTRASOUND SURVEILLANCE
B Park, M Dahn, J Menzoian, R Kozol, M Arici
The University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington, CT

3:30 pm  #8  IMPROVING ENDOTHELIAL HEALING WITH NOVEL CHIMERIC MITOGENS
LP Brewster, EM Brey, M Addis, L Xue, V Husak, J Ellinger, HP Greisler
Edward J. Hines, Jr. VA Hospital; Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, IL

3:45 pm  #9  CEREBRAL OXIMETRY CAN GUIDE SELECTIVE SHUNTING DURING CAROTID ENDARTERECTOMY
C Cagiannos, JK Thompson, AB Reed, M Ruf and JS Giglia
University of Cincinnati Medical Center, Division of Vascular Surgery, and VA Medical Center, Cincinnati, OH

Welcome Reception
TAFT MUSEUM OF ARTS
(316 Pike Street)
6:30—6:45 pm  Bus Pickup (Lobby)
7:00—9:00 pm  Reception
Sponsored by the Department of Surgery, University of Cincinnati

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2006

SCIENTIFIC SESSION II
8:00—11:30 AM
(Continental)

8:00 am  #10  UTILIZATION OF ACELLULAR DERMAL MATRIX ALLOGRAFT FOR COMPLEX ABDOMINAL WALL RECONSTRUCTION
CF Bellows, D Albo, DH Berger, S Awad
Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX
8:15 am  #11  THE USE OF ACELLULAR DERMAL MATRIX FOR CONTAMINATED ABDOMINAL WALL DEFECTS: WOUND STATUS PREDICTS SUCCESS
R Schuster, J Singh, BY Safadi, SM Wren
Palo Alto VA Health Care System Department of Surgery and Stanford University School of Medicine Department of Surgery, Palo Alto, CA

8:30 am  #12  BILIARY BACTERIAL FACTORS DETERMINE THE PATH OF GALLSTONE FORMATION
L Stewart, JM Griffiss, GA Jarvis, LW Way
San Francisco VAMC / University of California, San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

8:45 am  #13  SUSTAINED LOW LEVELS OF FGF-1 PROMOTE PERSISTENT MICROVASCULAR NETWORK FORMATION
S Uriel, EM Brey HP Greisler
Hines Veterans Hospital, Illinois Institute of Technology, Loyola University, Chicago, IL

9:00 am  #14  CLINICAL PERITONEAL DIALYSIS SOLUTIONS MODULATE WBC-INTESTINAL VASCULAR ENDOTHELIUM INTERACTION
JE Campbell, ER Zakaria, RN Garrison
Veterans Affairs Medical Center, University of Louisville, Louisville KY

9:15 am  #15  PERIOPERATIVE BETA BLOCKER THERAPY AND HEART RATE CONTROL DURING NON-CARDIAC SURGERY
C Berg, A Maki, DH Berger, D Albo, CF Bellows, SS Awad
Baylor College of Medicine, Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX

9:30 am  BREAK / Visit Exhibits (Rookwood)

10:00 am  #16  PRESHUNT LIVER FUNCTION REMAINS THE PROMINENT DETERMINANT OF SURVIVAL AFTER PORTASYSTEMIC SHUNTING
S Cowgill, E Carey, D Villadolid, S Al-Saadi, J Hedgecock, E Zervos, A Rosemurgy
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

10:15 am  #17  DOES BARRETT’S ESOPHAGUS IMPACT OUTCOME AFTER LAPAROSCOPIC NISSEN FUNDOPLICATION?
S Cowgill, S Al-Saadi, D Villadolid, E Zervos, A Rosemurgy
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

10:30 am  #18  CAN PRE-OPERATIVE ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY PREDICT POST-OPERATIVE ATRIAL ARRHYTHMIAS?
RC Connors, TK Sorensen, SJ Fenton, DP Vezina, LA Neumayer, DA Bull
University of Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City, UT

10:45 am  #19  MENIN INTRAMOLECULAR INTERACTION REGULATES TGF-β SIGNALING
S Farley, G Chen, M Wang, A JingBo, F Lee, F Lee, M Sawicki
University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
11:00 am #20 PREDICTORS OF RECURRANCE IN VETERAN PATIENTS WITH UMBILICAL HERNIA: SINGLE CENTER EXPERIENCE
M Asolati, S Huerta, C Bell, G Sarosi, R Harmon, A Thomas
North Texas VA Health Care System, Dallas, TX

11:15 am #21 IMPROVED OUTCOMES WITH THE PROLENE HERNIA SYSTEM MESH COMPARED TO THE TIME HONORED LICHTENSTEIN ON-LAY MESH FOR INGUINAL HERNIA REPAIR
SS Awad, S Yallampalli, AM Srour, CF Bellows, D Albo, DH Berger
Baylor College of Medicine, Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Houston, TX

11:30 am LUNCH (Rosewood)
Guest Speaker: Thomas R. Russell, MD, Executive Director, American College of Surgeons

SCIENTIFIC SESSION III
2:00—4:45 PM
(Continental)

2:00 pm #22 EXTRACELLULAR PRESSURE STIMULATES SW620 COLON CANCER CELL ADHESION IN VITRO BY PAXillin ACTIVATION
WC Conway, J van der Voort van Zyp, N van der Voort van Zyp, V Thamilselvan, MD Basson
John D Dingell VA Medical Center, Detroit, MI

2:15 pm #23 PRESSURE STIMULATES BREAST CANCER CELL ADHESION INDEPENDENTLY OF CELL CYCLE AND APOPTOSIS REGULATORY PROTEIN (CARP)-1 REGULATION OF FOCAL ADHESION KINASE (FAK)
K Alwan, C Downey, V Thamilselvan, AK Rishi, MD Basson
Surgical & Research Services John D. Dingell VAMC; Depts. of Surgery and Medicine, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
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<td>P Abghari, W Francis, W Du, M Kosir</td>
<td>Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, MI</td>
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<td>KEYHOLE LIMPET HEMOCYANIN (KLH) POTENTIATES STANDARD IMMUNOTHERAPY FOR MELANOMA</td>
<td>DW McFadden, DR Riggs, BJ Jackson, A Ng, C Cunningham</td>
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<td>PENTOSAN POLYSULFATE (ELMIRON): IN VITRO EFFECTS ON PROSTATE CANCER CELLS IN REGARDS TO CELL GROWTH AND VEGF PRODUCTION</td>
<td>S Zaslau, S Sparks, D Riggs, B Jackson, SJ Kandzari</td>
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<td>S Zaslau, A Perlmutter, D Riggs, B Jackson, WF Tarry, SJ Kandzari</td>
<td>Department of Surgery, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV</td>
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<td>HEALTH-RELATED QUALITY OF LIFE IN VETERANS WITH COLORECTAL CANCER</td>
<td>RS Krouse, C Wendel, MJ Mohler, S Rawl, M Grant, C Baldwin, SJ Coons, R McCorkle, C Ko, CM Schmidt</td>
<td>Southern Arizona VA Health Care System, Univ. of Arizona College of Medicine; University of Arizona Colleges of Pharmacy and Public Health; Indiana Univ. College of Nursing; City of Hope National Medical Center Dept of Nursing Research and Education; Arizona State Univ. College of Nursing; Univ. of Arizona College of Pharmacy; Yale Univ. School of Nursing; Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, UCLA College of Medicine; Indiana Univ. Dept. of Surgery</td>
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<td>THE CANCER RISK IN ENDOSCOPICALLY UNRESECTABLE COLON POLYPS</td>
<td>A Alder, E Hamilton, T Anthony, G Sarosi</td>
<td>UT Southwestern and VA Medical Center in Dallas, TX</td>
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<td>THE RELATIONSHIP OF LYMPH NODE DISSECTION AND COLON CANCER SURVIVAL IN THE VA CENTRAL CANCER REGISTRY</td>
<td>JMV Mammen, LE James, M Molloy, A Williams, CJ Wray, JJ Sussman</td>
<td>Department of Surgery, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH</td>
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MODERATED POSTER SESSION
8:00—9:00 AM
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POSTERS TO BE ANNOUNCED

SCIENTIFIC SESSION IV
9:00—10:30 AM
(Continental)

9:00 am  #31 EVALUATION OF OPERATING ROOM SUITE EFFICIENCY IN VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITALS USING DATA ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS
MD Basson, T Butler
Surgical Service, John D. Dingell VAMC, and
Depts. of Surgery and Anesthesiology and School
of Business Administration Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

9:15 am  #32 BARIATRIC SURGERY TRENDS: AN 18-YR REPORT INVOLVING 41,860 PATIENTS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL BARIATRIC SURGERY REGISTRY (IBSR).
I Samuel, EE Mason, KE Renquist, Y Huang, M Jamal
University of Iowa Department of Surgery & College of Public Health, Iowa City, IA

9:30 am  #33 REDUCING SURGICAL SITE INFECTIONS THROUGH A MULTIDISCIPLINARY COMPUTERIZED PROCESS FOR PREOPERATIVE PROPHYLACTIC ANTIBIOTIC ADMINISTRATION
ALB Webb, RL Flagg, R Gaynes, J Scharf, C Connell, C Frank, AS Fink
Department of Surgery, Atlanta VA Medical Center, Decatur, GA

9:45 am  #34 DEVELOPING AN IMAGE-GUIDED INTERVENTIONAL SURGICAL PROGRAM AT AN ACADEMIC INSTITUTION: A NEW INITIATIVE IN SURGICAL TRAINING PARADIGM
PH Lin, RL Bush, W Zhou, EK Peden, AB Lumsden, DH Berger
Department of Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
10:00 am  #35  PREDICTORS OF TIMELY ANTIBIOTIC ADMINISTRATION FOR SURGICAL SITE INFECTION PREVENTION
SH Gray1,2, TK Houston3,4, D Ordin5, K Itani6, M Bishop6, CC Vick1,4, MT Hawn1,4

10:15 am  #36  TRANSITION TO 12-HOUR TOURS IN THE SURGICAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT RESULTS IN DECREASED ABSENTEEISM AND OVERTIME USAGE WITH SIGNIFICANT COST SAVINGS
S Yallampalli, DH Berger, C Babinaux, C Bellows, D Albo, SS Awad
Baylor College of Medicine, Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Houston, TX

10:30 am  RESIDENT AWARDS PRESENTATION

10:45 am  BUSINESS MEETING

12:00 pm  ADJOURN

12:00 pm  EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LUNCH (JULEP)

CME CREDITS
The Louisville VA Medical Center has agreed to sponsor CME credits for the Pre-Meeting Vascular Symposium and this year’s AVAS annual meeting. The Louisville VA Medical Center is accredited by the Kentucky Medical Association to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians.

The Louisville VA Medical Center designates the Pre-Meeting educational activity for up to 3 hours of Category I towards the American Medical Association Physician’s Recognition Award.

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