ASSOCIATION OF VA SURGEONS  
39th Annual Meeting  
May 2-5, 2015

PROGRAM SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

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# FULL PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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<td><strong>Pre-Meeting Critical Care Ultrasound Course: A Primer</strong>&lt;br&gt;Course Director: Ricardo Martinez-Ruiz, MD&lt;br&gt;  - All you need to know to handle your unstable OR or ICU patient!!&lt;br&gt;  - Simulation Mannequin and Live models available to practice!&lt;br&gt;  - Available for surgical/anesthesia attendings, fellows and senior residents!</td>
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<td><strong>WELCOME</strong>&lt;br&gt;Local Arrangements—Dr. Seth Spector&lt;br&gt;Program Chairman—Dr. Jason Gold&lt;br&gt;<strong>GREETINGS</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>WELCOME NEW MEMBERS</strong></td>
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### SCIENTIFIC SESSION I

**8:00 AM – 10:05 AM**

**Moderators: Alan Dardik and Alexandra Webb**

| #1 | POSTOPERATIVE CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE INFECTION: MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY OUTCOMES IN THE VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (VHA)<br>**Li X,** Wilson M, Nylander W, Smith T, Lynn M, Gunnar W<br>VA National Surgery Office, Washington, DC |
| #2 | THE IMPACT OF PREOPERATIVE CACHEXIA ON POSTOPERATIVE COMPLICATIONS FOLLOWING CANCER SURGERY<br>**Mason MC,** Garcia JM, Sansgiry S, Walder A, Berger DH, Anaya DA<br>Baylor College of Medicine, Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX |
| #3 | MC-2 PEPTIDE IMPROVES HEPATIC PERFUSION AND REDUCES LIVER INJURY FOLLOWING RESUSCITATED HEMORRHAGIC SHOCK<br>**Matheson PJ,** Fernandez-Botran GR, Smith JW, Matheson SA, Downard CD, McClain CJ, Garrison RN<br>Robley Rex VA Medical Center, Departments of Surgery, Medicine, and Physiology & Biophysics, University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky |
#4  CHANGES IN MOHS SURGERY PRACTICE PATTERNS AFTER INSTITUTION OF A SURGICAL ONCOLOGY PASS THROUGH
Han J, Do T, Nosrati N Coleman J, Munshi I, Cohen A, Tholpady S
Indianapolis VAMC, Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN

#5  TRENDS IN TRANSITIONAL CARE UTILIZATION FOLLOWING MAJOR ABDOMINAL AND CARDIOVASCULAR SURGERY IN THE PRIVATE AND VA SYSTEMS
Mason MC, Balentine CJ, Richardson PR, Bakaeen FG, Kougiias P, Naik AD, Berger DH, Anaya DA
Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

#6  EMBEDDING A COMPREHENSIVE PERIOPERATIVE MEDICINE CLINIC IN THE SURGICAL SERVICE LINE AT AN ACADEMICALLY AFFILIATED VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER
Garfinkle SJ, Paulson EC, Datner E, Gilbert L, Kaplan LJ
Philadelphia VAMC and The Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

#7  THE AKT1 CATALYTIC DOMAIN MEDIATES THE AKT-FAK INTERACTION THAT PROMOTES METASTATIC ADHESION
Bixi Zeng, Shouye Wang, Marc D. Basson
Department of Surgery, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, Lansing, MI

#8  30 DAY MORTALITY RISK PREDICTIONS AND ONE YEAR SURVIVAL IN VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (VHA) SURGERY PATIENTS
Smith TS, Li X, Nylander W, Gunnar W
VA National Surgery Office (10NC2), Washington, DC

#9  MIDTERM OUTCOMES OF ASCENDING AND ARCH ANEURYSMS IN THE VETERANS POPULATION
James Haley VA Medical Center, Tampa, FL

#10 VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA) FRAILTY SCORES PREDICT POSTOPERATIVE MORTALITY AND PROLONGED HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME STAY
Nylander W, Li X, Lynn M, Wilson M, Smith T, Gunnar W
VA National Surgery Office, Washington, DC

#11 LAPAROSCOPIC TRANSGASTRIC REMOVAL OF AN ERODED ADJUSTABLE GASTRIC BAND
Urbandt JE, Dovec E
Miami VAMC, Greater Baltimore Medical Center

10:05-10:35 am  BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS
# QUICKSHOT SESSION A

*10:35 AM – 11:50 AM*

Moderators: Danny Chu and Ronnie Rosenthal

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VARIABILITY IN SURGICAL MORTALITY PREDICTION CALCULATORS MAY IMPACT EFFORTS TO REPORT SURGICAL QUALITY
Lockett MA
Ralph H Johnson VAMC and Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

PROLONGED LAPAROSCOPIC ISCHEMIC PRECONDITIONING OF THE STOMACH INCREASES NEOVASCULARIZATION IN PATIENTS UNDERGOING ESOPHAGECTOMY FOR CANCER
1Pham TH, 2Melton S, 3Huerta S, 3Wang D, 4Perry KA, 5Hardaker H, 5Dolan J
1 Surgical Services, VAMC, Dallas, TX; 2 Pathology Services, VAMC, Dallas, TX;
3 Hematology Oncology, VAMC, Dallas, TX; 4 Department of Surgery, Ohio State University,
Columbus, OH; 5 Department of Surgery, Oregon Health and Science, Portland, OR

TELE-SURGICAL CONSULTATION: THE EXPERT GOES TO THE PATIENT
Spector SA, Spector SA
Miami VA Healthcare System and the University of Miami, Miami, FL

PRIORITIZING INITIATIVES FOR INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (IRB) QUALITY IMPROVEMENT
Arnold R, Hall DE
VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System, University of Pittsburgh, University of Massachusetts, VA
Greater LA Healthcare System

COMPARISON OF THREE PRE-OPERATIVE RISK ASSESSMENT TOOLS
Robinson CN, Yarmush L, Bebko SP, Green DM, Braxton CC, Awad SS
Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX

11:50 -12:00 pm  BREAKVISIT EXHIBITS

LUNCH/SPECIAL SESSION
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
THE PREOPERATIVE ASSESSMENT AND PREPARATION OF THE SURGICAL PATIENT
Moderators: Jason Gold and Seth Spector

RATIONALE: DECISION TO OPERATE, “CLEARANCE,” PREOPERATIVE OPTIMIZATION, OR CHANGES IN
PERIOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT
Seth Spector, MD
PREOPERATIVE ASSESSMENT – SURGICAL PERSPECTIVE
Mary Hawn, MD
PREOPERATIVE ASSESSMENT – ANESTHESIA PERSPECTIVE
Tom Fuhrman, MD
THE FRAILTY ASSESSMENT: WHAT TOOL(S) TO USE
Daniel Hall, MD
NON-FACE TO FACE EVALUATIONS FOR SURGERY
Peter Wu, MD
PERIOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT OF ANTIPLATELET AGENTS AND ANTICOAGULANTS
Naren Gupta, MD
PANEL DISCUSSION

1:30 pm  BREAKVISIT EXHIBITS
#12 IL-10 AND TGF-B BLOCKADE REVERSES THE INHIBITORY EFFECTS OF PANCREATIC CARCINOMA ON DENDRITIC CELL ACTIVATION AND MIGRATION
Batchu RB, Qazi AM, Gruzdyn O, Kaur J, Mahmud EM, Weaver DW, Gruber SA
Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, MI 48201; John D. Dingell VA Medical Center, Detroit, MI

#13 IS IT TIME FOR A STANDARDIZED EVALUATION OF RESIDENT PERFORMANCE?
Ray JJ¹, Sznol JA², Teisch LF¹, Meizoso JP¹, Allen CJ¹, Pizano LR², Namias N¹, Sleator D¹,
Proctor KG¹, Schulman CI¹, Spector SA¹,³
¹ DeWitt Daughtry Family Department of Surgery. ² The Department of Public Health Sciences, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. ³ Department of Surgery, Bruce W. Carter Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Miami, FL

#14 CARBON MONOXIDE EFFECTS ON ENDOTHELIAL CELL FUNCTION ARE MEDIATED THROUGH MACROPHAGE-RELEASED FACTORS
Leake A, Hong G, Lee G, Aggarwal A, Tzeng E
VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System, Vascular Surgery and University of Pittsburgh, Department of Surgery, Pittsburgh, PA

#15 REVISITING EPIDURAL ANALGESIA FOR AORTIC SURGERY: IS IT WORTHWHILE?
Ohlsson A, Wallace G, Ben-Ari A Tang G
VA Puget Sound Health Care System/University of Washington

#16 RELATIONSHIP OF BLOOD TRANSFUSION AND 30-DAY MORTALITY IN PATIENTS WITH CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE AND POSTOPERATIVE ANEMIA
Hollis RH, Singletery BA, McMurtrie JT, Graham LA, Richman JS, Holcomb CN, Itani KM,
Maddox TM, Hawn MT
Center for Surgical, Medical Acute Care Research, and Transitions, Birmingham VA Medical Center, Birmingham, Alabama; VA Boston Healthcare System, Boston, Massachusetts; VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System, Denver, Colorado

#17 SOCIOECONOMIC DISPARITIES EXIST FOR APPLICATION OF RESECTION FOR PANCREAS CANCER, BUT NOT FOR SURVIVAL OF RESECTED PATIENTS
Shapiro M, Chen Q, Huang Q, Boosalis VA, Yoon CH, Saund MS, Whang EE, Gold JS
VA Boston Healthcare System Departments of Surgery, Medicine and Pathology, Harvard Medical School, Boston University School of Medicine, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

#18 INCIDENCE, PREDICTORS, AND IMPACT OF POSTOPERATIVE ATRIAL FIBRILLATION AFTER SURGICAL CORONARY REVASCULARIZATION IN A VETERAN POPULATION
Bakshi A¹, Rachlin E¹, Bakaeen FG¹,³, Cornwell LD¹,², Preventza O¹,³, Rosengart TK¹,³, Coselli JS¹,³,
LeMaire SA¹,³, Petersen NJ¹, Omer S¹
Baylor College of Medicine¹, Michael E DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center², Texas Heart Institute³, Houston, TX
#19 POST-OPERATIVE DISRUPTION OF OUTPATIENT BETA BLOCKERS OR STATINS INCREASES 30-DAY MORTALITY
deRussy A, Holcomb C, Richman J, Hawn M
Birmingham VA Medical Center, Birmingham, AL

#20 THE RISING INCIDENCE AND MORTALITY OF CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE ASSOCIATED MEGACOLON
Kuy S1,2, Samra N2, Jenkins P3, Romero RAL1,2
1Surgical Service, The Center for Innovations in Quality, Outcomes and Patient Safety, Overton Brooks Veterans Affairs Medical Center; 2Department of Surgery, Louisiana State University School of Medicine—Shreveport; 3Surgery, University of Indiana

#21 COLORECTAL CANCER SURGERY AND CORONARY REVASCULARIZATION
Killian JT, Graham LA, Holcomb CN, Richman JS, Hawn MT
UAB School of Medicine, Birmingham VA, Birmingham, AL

#22 ALVEOLAR OVERDISTENSION DOES NOT OCCUR AT HIGH AIRWAY PRESSURES IN NORMAL OR SURFACTANT DEFICIENT LUNGS
Jain SV1, Kollisch-Singule M1, Salamino A1, Satalin J1, Snyder K1, Andrews P2, Marx W1,3, Gatto LA1,4, Nieman G1, Habashi N2
1SUNY Upstate Medical University, 2R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, 3Syracuse VA Medical Center, 4SUNY Cortland

#23 INTRAOPERATIVE ULTRASOUND-GUIDED ROBOTIC LIVER RESECTION OF A SMALL HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA IN A CIRRHOTIC PATIENT
Polanco PM, El Ahmadieh TY, Mokdad AA, Derrick D, Pham T, Webb AL, Choti MA
VA North Texas Health Care System / University of Texas Southwestern, Dallas, TX

3:45-4:15 pm BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS

QUICKSHOT SESSION B
4:15 PM – 5:30 PM

Moderators: Antonio Robles and George Sarosi

QS15 PTSD RISK FACTORS AMONG VETERAN AND NON-VETERAN SURVIVORS OF CRITICAL ILLNESS
Nashville VA Medical Center (MBP, JCl, CGH, EWE, PPP), Vanderbilt University (MBP, JCJ, TDG, CGH, JLT, ALK, RC, EWE, PPP), Ancelle Hospital (AM)

QS16 EARLY SURGICAL CONSULTATION AND INTERVENTION WITH LOOP ILEOSTOMY AND COLONIC LAVAGE DECREASES MORTALITY FROM CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE INFECTION
Luciano JA, Waltz P, Simmons R, Zuckerbraun BS
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA

QS17 RISK FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF POST TRAUMATIC ANKLE JOINT CHARCOT NEUROARTHROPATHY
Cohen M, Schottenstein J, Levine J
Miami Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Miami, FL
Q518  DOES OBESITY IMPACT THE SAFETY AND SHORT TERM OUTCOMES OF SINGLE PORT LAPAROSCOPIC APPROACH TO COLORECTAL SURGERY?
Danforth R, Monn MF, Fajardo A, George V
Indiana University School of Medicine, Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center

Q519  SERVICE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA DOES NOT APPEAR TO ADVERSELY AFFECT PROSTATE CANCER OUTCOMES UNDERGOING RADICAL PROSTATECTOMY
Gahan J, Crotty D, Crotty K
North Texas VA Medical Center, Dallas, TX

Q520  ANALYSIS OF SPONTANEOUS CLEARANCE OF RESIDUAL CARCINOMA BY HISTOLOGY (SCORCH) IN NON-MELANOMA SKIN CANCERS: INCIDENCE, PREDICTORS, AND IMPLICATIONS FOR TREATMENT
Han J, Nosrati NN, Soleimani T, Munshi I, Flores RL, Tholpady SS
R.L. Roudebush VA Medical Center, Indianapolis, IN

Q521  FROM TOO MUCH TO JUST RIGHT – OBESITY, ARTERIOVENOUS FISTULA SALVAGE, AND LIPOSUCTION
Lastfogel J, Lester M, Cohen A, Wooden W, Munshi I, Tholpady S
Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN

Q522  DEFINING OUTPATIENT SURGERY USING A CONSENSUS APPROACH IN THE VETERAN’S HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (VA)
Mull HJ, Rosen AK, Rivard PE, Itani KMF
VA Boston Healthcare System, Boston University School of Medicine, Suffolk University

Q523  TRENDS IN ELECTIVE HAND SURGERY ACROSS THE UNITED STATES: CARPAL TUNNEL RELEASE IN THE VA SYSTEM
Indiana University Department of Surgery, Division of Plastic Surgery. R.L. Roudebush Indianapolis VA Medical Center

Q524  TREATING DUPUYTREN’S DISEASE IN THE VETERAN POPULATION: A COMPARISON OF INJECTABLE COLLAGENASE CLOSTRIDIUM HISTOLYTICUM AND PALMAR FASCIECTOMY
Evans TA, Duquette S, Nosrati N, Sasor S, Soleimani T, Munshi I, Tholpady SS, Cohen A
Indiana University School of Medicine, Richard A. Roudebush VA Medical Center

Q525  CONTEMPORARY RESULTS OF REDO STERNOTOMY FOR AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT
Guido JM1, Pancholy B2, Sastry N2, Jimenez E1,2
1Department of Surgery, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL 2Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, James A Haley VA Hospital, Tampa, FL

Q526  THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE DISCHARGE PATHWAY FOR COLORECTAL SURGERY PATIENTS (PROJECT RED-SURGERY)
Robinson CN1, Naik AD2, Trautner B2, 3, Berger DH3, Anaya D1, 3, Braxton C1,3, Awad S1, 3
(1) Michael E DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center (2) Department of Medicine, Section of Health Services Research, Baylor College of Medicine (3) Michael E DeBakey Department of Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine

Q527  BRIDGING THE VASQIP DATA GAP USING A LOCAL MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY (M&M) DATABASE TO DRIVE PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT (PI)
Paulson EC, Bove M, Garfinkle SJ, Datner E, Kaplan LJ
Philadelphia VAMC and The Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015

BREAKFAST SESSION
7:00 – 8:00 AM

GUEST SPEAKER
Dr. Thomas Lynch
Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Operations and Management

SCIENTIFIC SESSION III
8:00 AM – 10:05 AM

Moderators: Jason Johanning and Daniel Anaya

#24 CORONARY STENT INDICATION INFLUENCES POSTOPERATIVE ADVERSE CARDIAC EVENTS
Holcomb CN, Graham LA, Hawn MT
1. Section of Gastrointestinal Surgery, Department of Surgery, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL 2. The Center for Surgical, Medical Acute Care Research and Transitions (C-SMART), Birmingham Veterans Administration Hospital, Birmingham

#25 ANATOMICAL CHANGES PARAMETERS TO PREDICT BRANCH GRAFT FAILURE FOLLOWING CHIMNEY ENDOVASCULAR AORTIC ANEURYSM REPAIR
Tricarico R, Yong H, Beck A, Scali S, Berceli S
North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health Sevice and the University of Florida

#26 EFFECT OF AIRWAY PRESSURE RELEASE VENTILATION ON DYNAMIC ALVEOLAR HETEROGENEITY
Kollisch-Singule M1, Jain S1, Andrews P2, Smith B3, Smith K3, Roy S1, DiStefano D1, Nuss E1, Satalin J1, Snyder K1, Meng Q1, Marx W1, Bates J3, Gatto LA1, Nieman GF1, Habashi N2
1. SUNY Upstate Medical University; 2. R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center; 3. University of Vermont

#27 MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING OF AORTIC VALVE ANNULUS IN A VETERAN POPULATION
Hynes CF, Emerson DA, Greenberg MD, Mordini FE, Trachiotis GD
1. Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Washington, DC [Hynes, Emerson, Greenberg, Mordini, Trachiotis]; 2. The George Washington University, Washington, DC [Trachiotis]

#28 STATIN INHIBITION OF INTIMAL HYPERPLASIA IS IN PART THROMBOSPONDIN-1 DEPENDENT
Desai P1,2, Odugbesi A1, Bruch D1,2, Stein J1,2, Lawler J3, Maier KG1,2, Gahtan V1,2
1. Division of Vascular Surgery and Endovascular Services, Department of Surgery, SUNY Upstate Medical University and 2. Department of Veterans Affairs Healthcare Network at Syracuse, NY. 3. Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA

#29 COMPARISON OF GASTRIC BYPASS AND SLEEVE GASTRECTOMY AMONG OBESE VETERANS: A RETROSPECTIVE REVIEW OF COMPLICATIONS AND SHORT-TERM RESULTS FROM A SINGLE INSTITUTION
Vitello DJ, Vitello JM, Beach-Bachmann J
Jesse Brown VA Medical Center
THE IMPACT OF BLOOD PRODUCT TRANSFUSION ON BLUNT TRAUMA MORTALITY
Bolanos M, Ferraris VA, Martin J, Saha SP
Lexington VAMC & University of Kentucky

INDIVIDUALIZED DIFFERENCES IN MESENCHYMAL STEM CELLS INVASION DO NOT IMPACT IN VITRO ENDOTHELIAL CELL ANGIogenic ACTIVITY IN DIABETIC PATIENTS WITH CRITICAL LIMb ISCHEMIA
Chadid T, Kuo KM, Li H, Ghia MK, Harish A, Griffin M, Brewster LP
Emory University School of Medicine. Vascular Laboratory, Division of Vascular Surgery

COMP INDUCES MIGRATION AND ALTERS GENE EXPRESSION IN VASCULAR SMOOTH MUSCLE CELLS
Helkin A, Maier KG, Gahtan V
Department of Surgery, SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY; Department of Veterans Affairs Healthcare Network Upstate New York at Syracuse, Syracuse, NY

ACUTE AND CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE AND CARDIOVASCULAR MORTALITY AFTER VASCULAR SURGERY
Huber M1, Ozrazgat-Baslanti T1, Thottakkara P1, Scali S2,3, Bihorac A1, Hobson C3, 4
1Anesthesiology, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 2Surgery, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 3Surgery, Malcolm Randall VA Medical Center, Gainesville, FL 4Health Services Research, Management, and Policy, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

ENDOSCOPICALLY ASSISTED LAPAROSCOPIC COLONIC WEDGE RESECTION
Kumar A, Bowles RJ
Miami VA Healthcare System, Miami, FL

10:05 – 10:35 am BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITORS

QUICKSHOT SESSION C
10:35 – 11:50 AM

Moderators: Kathleen Raman and Samir Awad

QS28 PEDICLED FLAP RECONSTRUCTION OF PRESSURE ULCERS: COMPLICATIONS AND RESOURCE UTILIZATION BY ULCER SITE
Tashiro J, Gerth DJ, Thaller SR
Division of Plastic, Aesthetic, and Reconstructive Surgery, DeWitt-Daughtry Family Department of Surgery, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL

QS29 SURGICAL RESIDENT FREE RESPONSE - SIZE DOES MATTER
Amendola M, Kaplan B
VCU Medical Center

QS30 EFFECTIVENESS OF NEGATIVE PRESSURE WOUND VAC THERAPY IN DECREASING POSTOPERATIVE SURGICAL SITE INFECTION AFTER OPEN VENTRAL HERNIA REPAIR
Bebko SP, Haywood-Watson RJL, Awad SS
Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
INCREASED RATES OF LOWER EXTREMITY REVASCULARIZATION MAY NOT LOWER AMPUTATION RATES
Harris SK, Mitchell EL, Liem TK, Landry GJ, Edwards JM, McLafferty RB, Moneta GL, Azarbal A
Portland VA Medical Center, Portland, OR

A PERCUTANEOUS LEAD EXTRACTION, RESULTS FROM A MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM APPROACH AT A VA HOSPITAL
Imielski B, Subramanian S, Singh D, Almassi H
Medical College of Wisconsin

OPERATING IN A TRAILER PARK - THE WAY TO RENOVATION
Ray J, Meizoso J, Delgado H, Campos V, Matadial C, Spector S
Miami VA medical Center, Miami, FL

FROM OUTLIER TO LEADER: DESIGNING A RISK STRATIFICATION INTERVENTION TO DECREASE 30 DAY SURGICAL MORTALITY IN A VETERANS AFFAIRS HOSPITAL
Kuy S1,2, Moffatt-Bruce S3, McGauly PL1, Morrison DD1, Romero RAL1,2
1.Surgical Service, The Center for Innovations in Quality, Outcomes and Patient Safety, Overton Brooks Veterans Affairs Medical Center; 2.Department of Surgery, Louisiana State University School of Medicine—Shreveport; 3.Department of Surgery, Ohio State

EARLY EXPERIENCE WITH LOWER ESOPHAGEAL SPHINCTER MAGNETIC AUGMENTATION IN THE VETERAN POPULATION
Maximus S, Michelotti M, Smith BR
VA Long Beach Healthcare System; VA Loma Linda Healthcare System

Post-Operative Telehealth Visits Are Safe, Feasible, and Preferred by Patients
Vella M, Kummerow K, Roumie C, Dittus R, Tarpley J
Tennessee Valley VA Healthcare System and Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, TN

Tumor Navigators To Reduce The Delays In Diagnosing And Treating Lung Cancer
Miami Veterans Affairs Health Care System, Miami, FL

MULTIPHASIC DYNAMIC CONTRAST-ENHANCED COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY IN PRIMARY HYPERPARATHYROIDISM AFTER EQUIVOCALE SESTAMIBI SCAN -- DOES IT INCREASE THE SUCCESS OF MINIMALLY INVASIVE PARATHYROIDECTOMY?
Patel CJ, Zarak A, Kozol RA
University of Miami Palm Beach Regional Campus, Miami, FL

MANAGEMENT AND OUTCOMES OF EARLY AND ADVANCED STAGE PANCREATIC ADENOCARCINOMA AT A VETERANS AFFAIR TERTIARY MEDICAL CENTER
VA North Texas Health Care System / University of Texas Southwestern, Dallas, TX

FINDING OF FEMORAL HERNIAS ON LAPAROSCOPIC TEP: SHOULD APPROACHES TO INGUINAL HERNIA REPAIR INCLUDE ROUTINE EVALUATION OF THE FEMORAL CANAL?
Waltz P, Luciano J, Peitzman A, Zuckerbraun B
University of Pittsburgh, VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System, Pittsburgh, PA

HELMET USE AND INJURY PATTERNS IN MOTORCYCLE-RELATED TRAUMA
Lastfogel J, Soleimani T, Munshi I, Flores R, Tholpady S
Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN

11:50 – 11:55 pm BREAK/ VISIT EXHIBITORS
**LUNCH SESSION**

**PRESENTATION OF PRESIDENT’S CITATION**

**PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

**GUEST SPEAKER**
Dr. Carolyn Clancy
VA Interim Under Secretary for Health

1:25 – 1:30 pm **BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITORS**

**QUICKSHOT SESSION D**

1:30 – 2:45 PM

Moderators: Melina Kibbe and James McPhee

**QS42**  LOWER RATES OF POSTOPERATIVE BLOOD TRANSFUSION IN CARDIAC SURGERY PATIENTS WITH INTRAOPERATIVE TISSUE OXYGENATION MONITORING  
Miami Veteran’s Affairs Medical Center, Miami, FL

**QS43**  PREDICTING THE PRESENCE OF NON-MELANOMA SKIN CANCERS AFTER BIOPSY – A METHOD TO REDUCE UNNECESSARY OPERATIVE PROCEDURES?  
Sasor SE, Nosrati NN, Duquette SP, Evans TA, Katona T, Wooden WA, Adam Cohen S, Munshi IA, Tholpady SS  
Indiana University School of Medicine, Richard A. Roudebush VA Medical Center

**QS44**  TOTAL HUMAN EYE ALLOTRANSPLANTATION (THEA): DEVELOPING SURGICAL PROTOCOLS FOR DONOR AND RECIPIENT PROCEDURES  
University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

**QS45**  DO THE BENEFITS OF ROBOTIC CHOLECYSTECTOMY OUTWEIGHT THE EXPENSE? A COMPARISON OF COST BETWEEN LAPAROSCOPIC AND ROBOTIC CHOLECYSTECTOMIES  
Spera L, Fajardo A, Munshi I, George V  
Richard L. Roudabush VA Medical Center, Indianapolis, IN

**QS46**  EVALUATION OF MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION ACCURACY AT THE MICHAEL E. DEBAKEY VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER  
Garcia A1,3, Sharath SE1, Salami A2, Kougias P1,2  
1. Vascular Surgery Service, Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Houston, TX; 2. Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX; 3. University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX

**QS47**  TELEHEALTH FOR SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP OF VETERANS: IDENTIFICATION OF POSTOPERATIVE VISIT TYPES AMENABLE TO REMOTE CARE  
Kummerow K, Michael Vella M, Tarpley J, Dittus R, Roumie C  
Tennessee Valley Healthcare System, Nashville VA; Vanderbilt University Medical Center
QS48 OPTIMAL NON MELANOMA SKIN CANCER EXCISION MARGIN PREDICTION USING MOHS SURGERY
Soleimani T, Do TH, Lastfogel JF, Han J, Evans TA, Cohen A, Munshi I, Coleman J, Tholpady SS
1-Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center, Indianapolis, Indiana. 2-Division of Plastic Surgery, Department of Surgery, Indiana University, Indianapolis

QS49 SURGICAL CANCELLATIONS DUE TO PREOPERATIVE MI OR DEATH ARE LESS FREQUENT AFTER 6 MONTHS FROM STENT PLACEMENT
Graham LA, Hollis RH, Richman JS, Maddox TM, Itani KM, Hawn MT
Birmingham VA Medical Center, University of Alabama at Birmingham, VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System, University of Colorado Denver, VA Boston Health Care System

QS50 OUTCOME ANALYSIS OF MITRAL REGURGITATION IN AN ESTABLISHED VALVE CLINIC FOR A VETERAN POPULATION
Hynes CF, Emerson DA, Greenberg MD, Mordini FE, Trachiotis GD
1. Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Washington, DC [Hynes, Emerson, Greenberg, Mordini, Trachiotis]; 2. The George Washington University, Washington, DC [Trachiotis].

QS51 TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE: CREATING A CULTURE OF SAFETY IN THE OPERATING ROOM
Kuy S1,2, Moffatt-Bruce S3, Romero RAL1,2
1. Surgical Service, The Center for Innovations in Quality, Outcomes and Patient Safety, Overton Brooks Veterans Affairs Medical Center; 2. Department of Surgery, Louisiana State University School of Medicine-Shreveport; 3. Department of Surgery, Ohio State

QS52 SUTURE FORCES FOR CLOSURE OF TRANSAPICAL TRANSCATHETER AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT: A MATHEMATICAL MODEL
Ge L, Haraldsson H, Hope MD, Guccione JM, Ratcliffe M, Saloner D, Tseng EE
San Francisco VA Medical Center and UCSF Medical Center

QS53 MANAGEMENT OF PATIENT IDLE TIME
ECHCS/Denver VA Medical Center

QS54 FENESTRATED ENDOVASCULAR GRAFT OUTCOMES FOR THE TREATMENT OF JUXTARENAL ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSMS
Kfoury E, Kougias P, Barshes N, Pismisis G
Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX

QS55 WiseOR – A SMARTER WAY TO OPERATE
Nosrati NN, Tholpady S, Payne D, Burgara SK, Sasor S, Kadry B, Munshi I
Indianapolis VAMC, Indiana University

2:45 – 3:15 pm  BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITORS

3:15 – 3:30 pm  PRESENTATION OF KARL STORZ RESEARCH GRANT
SPECIAL SESSION
3:30 – 5:00 PM
OPERATING ROOM EFFICIENCY AND SAFETY
Moderators: Panos Kougias and Mark Wilson

EFFICIENCY AND QUALITY METRICS: WHAT DATA TO COLLECT, DEFINITIONS
Douglas Bronson, PhD

SCHEDULING OPTIMIZATION: MODELING
Panos Kougias, MD

STANDARDIZATION OF IN HOUSE AND LOANER TRAYS
Hector Delgado, RN

USE OF BRIEFING, DEBRIEFING AND STANDARD CHECKLISTS
Kamal Itani, MD

PATIENT SAFETY IN AN EFFICIENT OR
David Berger, MD

PANEL DISCUSSION

5:00 pm AVAS COUNCIL OF CHIEFS MEETING
6:30 pm COCKTAIL RECEPTION
7:30 pm ANNUAL BANQUET
9:30 pm PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015
7:00 - 8:30 am BREAKFAST

SCIENTIFIC SESSION IV
8:00 AM – 10:05 AM

Moderators: Vivian Gahtan and Frank Padberg

#35 PARTIAL AORTIC CLAMPING TO PERFORM PROXIMAL CORONARY ANASTOMOSES IS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH AN INCREASED RISK OF STROKE
Chu D, Schaheen L, Wei LM, Cook CC, Bermudez C, Gleason TG, Badhwar V
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

#36 Long-Term Post-CABG Survival: Performance of Clinical Risk Models versus Actuarial Predictions
Carr BM1,2, Romeiser J1, Ruan J3, Gupta S1,2, Seifert FC1, Zhu W3, Shroyer AL3
1Department of Surgery, Stony Brook Medicine, Stony Brook, NY; 2Northport Veterans Affair Medical Center, Northport, NY; 3Department of Applied Mathematics and Statistics, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, N
INFLAMMATORY RESPONSES TO MAJOR VASCULAR SURGERY: EFFECTS OF SMOKING
Division of Vascular Surgery, VA Puget Sound Health Care System and University of Washington, Seattle, WA

CONTEMPORARY COMPARISON OF AORTAFEMORAL BYPASS TO ALTERNATIVE INFLOW PROCEDURES
McPhee JT1, Madenci A2, Raffetto JD1, Gupta N1
(1)VA Boston Healthcare; (2)Brigham and Women’s Hospital

SIMILAR LIMB SALVAGE POTENTIAL OF ENDOVASCULAR AND OPEN SURGICAL REVASCULARIZATIONS BETWEEN 1990 AND 2009: A POPULATION-BASED STUDY IN OLMSTED COUNTY, MN
Charles George VA Medical Center, Asheville, NC* and Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN**

VIABILITY, STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY AND OCULAR PHYSIOLOGY ARE ESTABLISHED IN AN ORTHOTOPIC WHOLE EYE TRANSPLANT MODEL
Wang H1,2, Li Y1,3, Komatsu C1, Wang B4,5, Miller MR1,4, van der Merwe Y4,5, Ho LC4,5, Kostereva N1, Zhang W1, Xiao B1,3, Manders E1, Solari MG1, Steketee MB4, Guo S3, Goldberg J6, Benowitz L7, Kagemann L4,5, Wollstein G4, Schuman JS4,5, Chan KC4,5, Gorantla VS1, Washington KM1, The Whole Eye Transplant Consortium
1VCA lab, Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, UPMC, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA
2Department of Plastic, Dongfang Hospital, Fuzhou, Fujian, China
3Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Xijing Hospital, Fourth Military Medical University, Xi’an, China
4UPMC Eye Center, Eye and Ear Institute, Ophthalmology and Visual Science Research Center, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA
5Department of Bioengineering, Swanson School of Engineering, University of Pittsburgh, PA, USA
6 Shiley Eye Center of the University of California San Diego, La Jolla, California, USA
7 Department of Neurosurgery, Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts, USA

IMPACT OF RADIOGRAPHIC TUMOR-VEIN CONTACT ON SURVIVAL IN PATIENTS WITH RESECTABLE PANCREATIC CANCER TREATED WITH NEOADJUVANT THERAPY
Aldakkak M, Tolat P, Johnston F, Christians KK, Evans DB, Tsai S
Pancreatic Cancer Program, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI

MIDLINE VENOUS CATHETERS: A BENEFICIAL ADDITION TO THE VASCULAR ACCESS TEAM TOOLBOX
Mabry V, Nunn J, Shields W, Mancino AT
Central Arkansas VA Healthcare System, Little Rock, AR

AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE INCREASES TYPE II ENDOLEAK AND LATE INTERVENTIONS AFTER ENDOVASCULAR ANEURYSM REPAIR
Shalaby SY, Foster TR, Brownson KE, Vasilas P, Hall MR, Dardik A
VA CT Healthcare System, West Haven, CT
**#44** IMPROVING ACCESS TO CARE FOR ORTHOPEDICS IN COMMUNITY BASED OUTPATIENT CLINICS  
Green DM, Awad SS  
Michael E DeBakey VAMC, Houston, TX

**#45** FLEXIBLE PERCUTANEOUS CHOLECYSTOSCOPY WITH LASER LITHOTRIPSY OF GALLSTONE  
Kumar A, Bhatia S, Kava B, Bowles RJ  
Miami VA Healthcare System, Miami, FL

10:05-10:35 am **BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITORS**

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**QUICKSHOT SESSION E**  
**10:35 AM – 12:00 PM**

Moderators: Doug Tyler and Melissa Perkal

**QS56** WORLD EXPERIENCE WITH THE NELLIX AAA SAC SEALING DEVICE FOR EVAR INCLUDING BAYLOR SCOTT AND WHITE RESULTS: IS THIS THE FUTURE FOR EVAR?  
Buckley C, Holden A, Donayre CE, Carpenter J  
Central Texas Veterans Health Care System; Auckland Hospital, Auckland, New Zealand; Harbor UCLA Medical Center, Torrance, CA; Cooper University Health Care, Camden, NJ

**QS57** SURGEON-LED MANAGEMENT OF MODIFIABLE MEDICAL RISK FACTORS IS ACHIEVABLE AND EFFECTIVE IN PATIENTS WITH ATHEROSCLEROTIC CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE (ASCVD)  
Gupta N, Garcon H, White SK, Mattera S, Kaul R, Raffetto JD, McPhee J  
VA Boston Health System, West Roxbury, MA

**QS58** AN INVESTIGATION OF PLASTIC SURGERY OPERATIVE CANCELLATIONS IN A VA POPULATION  
Coady-Fariborzian L, Anstead C, Lawler R, Pagan C  
Malcom Randall VA Medical Center

**QS59** LIVER RESECTION USING THE HABIB NEEDLE FOR HEMOSTASIS IN A VETERAN POPULATION  
Heimann TM, Chao L  
James J Peters VA Medical Center, Bronx, NY

**QS60** LEAFLET AND STENT STRESSES IN A 29MM EDWARDS SAPIEN XT TRANSCATHETER AORTIC VALVE  
Krishnan K, Ye J, Dvir D, Guccione J, Ge L, Tseng E  
San Francisco VA and UCSF Medical Center, San Francisco, CA; St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, British Columbia

**QS61** RESULTS OF STAPLE LINE REINFORCEMENT WITH ABSORBABLE POLYMER MEMBRANE IN 140 CONSECUTIVE LAPAROSCOPIC SLEEVE GASTRECTOMY PATIENTS  
Stephens D, Keogh L, Lozada L, Perillo H, Heimann T  
James J. Peters VA Medical Center, Bronx, NY

**QS62** USE OF ADMINISTRATIVE DATA IN THE DIAGNOSIS OF GALLSTONE PANCREATITIS  
Lee DS, Richardson PA, Awad SS, Anaya DA  
Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX
EVALUATION OF SIMULATION AS A TOOL FOR ASSESSMENT OF ANESTHESIOLOGY RESIDENTS’ SKILLS IN PERFORMING OUT-OF-OR AIRWAY MANAGEMENT IN AN UNSUPERVISED SETTING
Matadal CM, Ariza A, Martinez R, Giquel J, Nedeff N
Bruce W. Carter VA Medical Center, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Jackson Memorial Hospital

FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A MODIFIED PERIOPERATIVE SURGICAL HOME AT A VAMC
Watkins JP, Sellergren K, Pai A, Kelso C
McGuire VAMC, Richmond, VA

VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (VHA) NATIONAL SURGERY OFFICE (NSO) SITE VISITS
Lynn M, Wilson M, Nylander W, Fink N, Gunnar W
VA National Surgery Office

EXPERIENCE WITH XIAFLEX TREATMENT FOR DUPUYTREN’S DISEASE AT THE MALCOM RANDALL VA MEDICAL CENTER (DECEMBER 2010-JUNE 2014)
Coady-Fariborzian L, McGreane A, Jain S, Pagan C
Malcom Randall VA Medical Center

INTRAOPERATIVE STIMULATION OF THE SUPERIOR LARYNGEAL NERVE DURING THYROIDECTOMY: A PROSPECTIVE STUDY OF 51 PATIENTS
Schmitt NC, Hodnett BL, Quallich RG, Habeych M, Crammond D, Balzer J, Thirumala PD, Duvvuri U
University of Pittsburgh Departments of Otolaryngology, Neurology, Neuroscience, and Neurological Surgery

12:00 pm  ADJOURN

12:00 pm  EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POST MEETING/LUNCH