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**29th Annual Meeting
March 11-13, 2005
Salt Lake City, Utah**

2005 PROGRAM



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Salt Lake City, Utah 84101**

PROGRAM AGENDA

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2005		
12:00—5:00 PM	Registration	Wasatch Foyer 1
2:00—4:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting	Millcreek
4:00—6:00 PM	Council of Chiefs Meeting	Wasatch 2
6:00—8:00 PM	Welcome Reception	The 23rd Floor (Bank of America Building)
SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2005		
7:00—5:00 PM	Registration	Wasatch Foyer 1
7:00—5:00 PM	Speaker Ready Room	
7:00—8:00 AM	Executive Committee, New Members, and Residents Breakfast	Wasatch 1
8:00—5:00 PM	Poster Displays	Red Butte
8:00—10:00 AM	Scientific Session I	Wasatch 3&4
10:00—10:15 AM	Break	Wasatch Foyer 3&4
10:15—12:30 PM	Scientific Session II	Wasatch 3&4
12:30—2:30 PM	Luncheon/Business Meeting	Cottonwood
2:45—5:00 PM	Scientific Session III	Wasatch 3&4
6:00—7:00 PM	Cocktail Reception	Wasatch 1&2
7:00—11:00 PM	Annual Banquet	Wasatch 1&2
SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2005		
7:00—12:00 PM	Registration	Wasatch Foyer 1
7:00—12:00 PM	Speaker Ready Room	
7:00—8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast	Wasatch 1
7:00—12:00 PM	Poster Displays	Red Butte
7:00—8:15 AM	Moderated Poster Session	Wasatch 3&4
8:15—9:30 AM	Scientific Session IV	Wasatch 3&4
9:30—10:00 AM	Presidential Address	Wasatch 3&4
10:00—10:15 AM	Break	Wasatch Foyer 3&4
10:15—12:30 PM	Scientific Session V	Wasatch 3&4
12:00—12:30 PM	Resident Awards Presentation	Wasatch 3&4
12:30 PM	Adjournment	
12:30 PM	Executive Committee Lunch	

PRE-MEETING SYMPOSIUM

VENTRAL HERNIA REPAIR
Friday, March 11, 2005
The Prime Hotel

AGENDA		
Time	Event	Room Location
7:00—11:00 AM	Registration	Wasatch Foyer 1
7:00—8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast	Wasatch Foyer 1
8:00—11:15 AM	Pre-Meeting Symposium	Wasatch 1
11:30—1:30 PM	Wet Lab	Univ. of Utah Health Sciences Center
PROGRAM		
8:00—8:10 AM	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS Adrian Park, MD, Professor of Surgery, University of Maryland	
8:10—8:40 AM	UPDATE AND REVIEW OF BIOMATERIALS FOR HERNIA REPAIR Patricia Turner, MD, Assistant Professor of Surgery, University of Maryland	
8:40—9:10 AM	LAPAROSCOPIC VENTRAL HERNIA REPAIR: TECHNIQUES AND OUTCOMES Adrian Park, MD, Professor of Surgery, University of Maryland	
9:10—9:40 AM	OPEN VENTRAL HERNIA REPAIR: TECHNIQUES AND OUTCOMES Leigh Neumayer, MD, MS, Professor of Surgery, University of Utah	
9:40—10:00 AM	BREAK	
10:00—10:30 AM	DIFFICULT HERNIAS Mary Hawn, MD, Assistant Professor of Surgery, University of Alabama	
10:30—11:00 AM	UPDATE ON VA VENTRAL HERNIA TRIAL Kamal Itani, MD, Professor of Surgery, Boston University and Harvard Medical School	
11:00—11:15 AM	Q & A (Panel)	
11:15—11:30 AM	TRANSPORTATION TO UNIVERSITY OF UTAH (BOXED LUNCH)	
11:30—1:30 PM	WET LAB AT UNIVERSITY OF UTAH Robert Glasgow, MD, Assistant Professor of Surgery, University of Utah	

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2005

SCIENTIFIC SESSION I
8:00 am—10:00 am
(Wasatch 3 & 4)

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- 8:00 am **OPENING REMARKS AND MODERATOR**
William Cheadle, MD
AVAS President
- GREETINGS**
Ronald Gebhart, MD, Chief of Staff, Salt Lake City VAMC
- 8:15 am #1 **DISAPPOINTING RESULTS FOR TRANSURETHRAL ALPROSTADIL IN A VA IMPOTENCE CLINIC**
Zaslau, Galea, Vapnek
Section of Urology, West Virginia University School of Medicine, Morgantown, WV, The Mount Sinai School of Medicine, and Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Bronx, NY
- 8:30 am #2 **POORLY CONTROLLED HYPERTENSION AS A CO-MORBID CONDITION AFFECTING LYMPHEDEMA RISK IN BREAST CANCER SURGICAL PATIENTS**
O'Connor, Perczyk, Rymal, Kosir
Department of Surgery, John D. Dingell VA Medical Center and Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
- 8:45 am #3 **CAROTID ARTERY ANGIOPLASTY WITH STENTING**
Park*, Shapiro, Arici, Dahn
Departments of Surgery and Radiology, University of Connecticut, Farmington, CT
- 9:00 am #4 **A COMPARISON OF CAROTID ARTERY STENTING WITH NEUROPROTECTION VERSUS CAROTID ENDARTERECTOMY UNDER LOCAL ANESTHESIA**
Bush, Lin, Zhou, Lubbe, Lumsden
Department of Surgery, Houston VA Medical Center and Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- 9:15 am #5 **BILE SALT EXPOSURE HAS AN ANTI-APOPTOTIC EFFECT THROUGH MAPK ACTIVATION IN BARRETT'S ESOPHAGUS**
Jaiswal*, Lopez-Guzman, Nwariaku, Anthony, Sarosi
Department of Surgery, North Dallas VAMC and University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX
- 9:30 am #6 **A LOW DOSE ANTICOAGULATION PROTOCOL DOES NOT INCREASE THE INCIDENCE OF POSTOPERATIVE STROKE IN ON PUMP CORONARY BYPASS SURGERY**
Crittenden, Treanor, Kumbhani, Healey, Birjiniuk, Khuri
Department of Surgery, VA Boston Healthcare System, West Roxbury, MA

9:45 am #7 **DIVALENT CATIONS INFLUENCE COLON CANCER ADHESION**
van der Voort van Zyp*, Conway, Thamilselvan, Basson
Department of Surgery, John D. Dingell VA Medical Center, Detroit, MI

10:00 am #8 **HYPERPARATHYROIDISM BUT NEGATIVE SESTAMIBI SCAN: A CLINICAL DILEMMA**
Slitt, Lavery, Morgan, Bernstein, Slavin, Karimeddini, Kozol
Department of Surgery, UConn Health Center, Farmington, CT

10:15 am **BREAK (Wasatch Foyer 3 & 4)**

SCIENTIFIC SESSION II
10:30 am—12:30 pm
(Wasatch 3 & 4)

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Moderator: Aaron Fink, MD, Decatur, GA

10:30 am #9 **GINKGOLIDES ACTIVATE HUMAN CD14⁺ MONOCYTES-DERIVED DENDRITIC CELLS**
Doan, Lay, Zhang, Bharadwaj, Li, Chen, Yao
Department of Surgery, Michael E. DeBakey VAMC and Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

10:45 am #10 **INHIBITION OF MELANOMA GROWTH BY HEMOCYANIN OCCURS VIA EARLY APOPTOTIC PATHWAYS**
Somasundar, Riggs, Jackson, McFadden
Department of Surgery, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV and the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center, Clarksburg, WV

11:00 am #11 **A COMPARISON OF COMPLICATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH COLOSTOMY TAKEDOWN VERSUS ILEOSTOMY TAKEDOWN**
Bell,* Asolati, Hamilton, Fleming, Nwariaku, Sarosi, Anthony
Dallas VA Medical Center Surgical Services and University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX

11:15 am #12 **EXACERBATION OF ACUTE PANCREATITIS BY COMBINED CHOLINERGIC STIMULATION AND DUCT OBSTRUCTION**
Samuel, Chaudhary, Fisher, Joehl
Department of Surgery, University of Iowa/VAMC, Iowa City, IA and Hines VAMC and Loyola University, Maywood, IL

11:30 am #13 **SECONDARY INTERVENTIONS AFTER ENDOVASCULAR AAA REPAIR**
Lalka, Dalsing, Cikrit, Sawchuk, Shafique, Nachreiner, Pandurangi
Department of Surgery, Roudebush VA Medical Center and Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis, IN

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- 11:45 am #14 **SURGICAL RESIDENT SUPERVISION AND OUTCOMES OF CARE**
Itani, DePalma, Sanders, Holland, Schiffner, Henderson, Chang, Khuri. Natl Surgical Quality Improvement Prgm (NSQIP), VA Boston Healthcare System, VHA Central Office, & VA NSQIP, Univ. of Colorado Hlth Outcomes Program
- 12:00 pm #15 **ANAL CARCINOMA IN THE HIV PATIENT DOES NOT RELATE TO THEIR IMMUNE STATUS**
Fagan, Berger, Rodriquez-Barradas, Albo, Awad, Bellows
Department of Surgery, Houston VA Medical Center and Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- 12:15 pm #16 **UV-INDUCED DNA DAMAGE INCREASES MENIN PROTEIN EXPRESSION AND ASSOCIATION WITH ACTIVATION OF S-PHASE KINASE (ASK)**
Farley* and Sawicki
Department of Surgery, UCLA School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA

12:30 pm **LUNCH/BUSINESS MEETING (Cottonwood)**

SCIENTIFIC SESSION III
2:45 pm—5:00 pm
Wasatch 3 & 4

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Moderator: John Tarpley, MD, Nashville, TN

- 2:45 pm #17 **A NON-NEURONAL 5-HT₃ RECEPTOR INDUCES CHLORIDE SECRETION IN THE RAT DISTAL COLONOCYTE**
Day*, King, Haque, Kellum
Department of Surgery, McGuire VA Medical Center and Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
- 3:00 pm #18 **SHEAR STRESS INDUCES ENDOTHELIAL CELL TRANSDIFFERENTIATION FROM SMOOTH MUSCLE CELLS IN VITRO**
Wang, Yan, Chai, Riha, Lin, Lumsden, Yao, Chen
Department of Surgery, Michael E. DeBaakey VA Medical Center and Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- 3:15 pm #19 **EFFECTS OF RESISTIN ON ENDOTHELIAL NITRIC OXIDE SYNTHASE EXPRESSION AND SUPEROXIDE ANION PRODUCTION IN HUMAN CORONARY ARTERY ENDOTHELIAL CELLS**
Chai, Kougias, Yao, Lin, Lumsden, Chen
Department of Surgery, Michael E. DeBaakey VA Medical Center and Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- 3:30 pm #20 **EXPRESSION AND FUNCTION OF CYCLOPHILINS AND CD147 IN HUMAN PANCREATIC CANCER**
Li, Yang, Chai, Fisher, Yao, Chen
Department of Surgery, Michael E. DeBaakey VA Medical Center and Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

- 3:45 pm #21 **SPECTRUM OF GALLSTONE DISEASE IN THE VA POPULATION**
Stewart, Griffiss
Department of Surgery, San Francisco VAMC and University of California, San Francisco, CA
- 4:00 pm #22 **OXIDANT-INDUCED ENDOTHELIAL CELL (EC) BARRIER DYSFUNCTION REQUIRES RHO KINASE AND MYOSIN LIGHT CHAIN KINASE ACTIVATION**
Rath, Mai, Kalogeris, Alexander, Zibari, Turnage
Department of Surgery, VA Medical Center and Louisiana State University, Shreveport, LA
- 4:15 pm #23 **A HIGH RISK PERIOD FOR RESPIRATORY EVENTS**
Taylor, Kirton, Kozol
Department of Surgery, University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington, CT
- 4:30 pm #24 **DIFFERENTIAL REGULATION OF MONOCYTE/MACROPHAGE CYTOKINE PRODUCTION BY PRESSURE**
Shiratsuchi, Basson
Department of Surgery, John D Dingell VA Medical Center, Detroit, MI
- 4:45 pm #25 **DIFFERENTIAL RESPONSIVENESS OF EARLY AND LATE PASSAGE (SENESCENT) ENDOTHELIAL CELLS TO SHEAR STRESS**
Kudo*, Warycha, Juran, Asada, Frattini, Sumpio, Dardik
Department of Surgery, Yale University School of Medicine, Boyer Center for Molecular Medicine, New Haven, CT

Presidential Banquet

(Wasatch 1&2)
6:00 pm Reception
7:00 pm Annual Banquet

Guest Speaker: Frank Layden
Former Coach of the Utah Jazz
Entertainment: The Wind River Band

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2005

POSTER SESSION
7:00 am—8:15 am
(Wasatch 3& 4)

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Moderator: Thomas A. Miller, MD, Richmond, VA

- P1 **ASSESSING RISK FACTORS FOR ADVERSE OUTCOME IN EMERGENT COLORECTAL SURGERY**
Mulkeen*, Abir, Frattini, Longo, Cha
Department of Surgery, Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, CT

- P2 **TREATMENT OF RECTOVAGINAL FISTULA USING IN-TRA-VAGINAL ESTROGEN: FOUR CASE REPORTS**
Lundeen, Binion, Otterson
Department of Surgery, Zablocki VA Medical Center, Milwaukee, WI
- P3 **ESTABLISHMENT OF A COORDINATED CENTERS-OF-EXCELLENCE PROGRAM IN THE VA SYSTEM**
Livingston, DePalma
VA North Texas Health Care System, Dallas, TX and VA Central Office, Washington, DC
- P4 **THE HIGH COST OF LAPAROSCOPIC BANDING PROCEDURES**
Livingston
Department of Surgery, VA North Texas Health Care System, Dallas, TX
- P5 **VOLUME-OUTCOME ASSESSMENT IN BARIATRIC SURGERY**
Livingston
Department of Surgery, VA North Texas Health Care System, Dallas, TX
- P6 **RECURRENCE OF FEMORAL PSEUDOANEURYSM FOLLOWING ULTRASOUND GUIDED THROMBIN INJECTION**
Cheanvechai, Flinn, Busuttil
Baltimore, MD
- P7 **LAPAROSCOPIC GASTRIC BYPASS PERFORMED AT A VA FACILITY COMPARED TO AN ACADEMIC FACILITY: A SINGLE SURGEON'S TWO YEAR EXPERIENCE**
Alami*, Morton, Sanchez, Curet, Wren, Safadi
Department of Surgery, Palo Alto VAMC, Palo Alto, CA and Stanford University, Stanford, CA
- P8 **USE OF A SIMULATION-BASED TRAINING PROGRAM AT NF/SG VA HEALTH SYSTEM TO TRAIN RESIDENTS AND NURSE PRACTITIONERS IN LOWER GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT ENDOSCOPY**
Chisholm, Zingarelli, Lind, Brown, and Stevens
Department of Surgery, VA Medical Center, Gainesville, FL
- P9 **BASILIC VEIN TRANSPOSITION VERSUS POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE AS FIRST LINE UPPER ARM HEMODIALYSIS ACCESS IN A VETERAN POPULATION**
Schrager*, Kim, Nylander, Kizilisik, Austin, Shaffer
Department of Surgery, VAMC Nashville Campus (Tennessee Valley Healthcare System) and Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- P10 **A NOVEL TECHNIQUE FOR FASCIAL CLOSURE DURING CONTAMINATED CASES**
Bellows, Fagan, Awad, Albo, Berger
Department of Surgery, Micheal E. DeBaKey VA Medical Center and Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

P11 **CAN LIGASURE™ SEAL AND DIVIDE SMALL BOWEL?**
Salameh, Schwartz, Hildebrandt
Department of Surgery, G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery VAMC,
Jackson, MS

P12 **MANAGEMENT OF ADVERSE SURGICAL EVENTS: A
STRUCTURED EDUCATION MODULE FOR RESIDENTS**
Brewster*, Risucci, Joehl, Littooy, Temeck, Blair, Sachdeva
Department of Surgery, Loyola University Medical Center,
Maywood, IL, Hines VA Medical Center, New York Medical
College, American College of Surgeons, Division of Educa-
tion, Chicago, IL

SCIENTIFIC SESSION IV

8:15 am—9:30 am

(Wasatch 3 & 4)

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Moderator: Walter Longo, MD, New Haven, CT

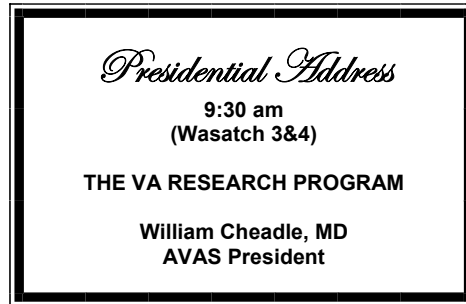
8:15 am #26 **BRIDGING THE COMMUNICATION GAP IN THE
OR WITH MEDICAL TEAM TRAINING**
Awad, Fagan, Bellows, Albo, Green-Rashad, De La
Garza, Berger
Department of Surgery, Micheal E. DeBaakey VA
Medical Center, Baylor College of Medicine, Hous-
ton, TX

8:30 am #27 **ENDOSCOPIC ULTRASOUND AND ITS IMPACT
ON SURVIVAL IN PATIENTS WITH ESOPHAGEAL
CANCER**
Schrager*, Tarpley, Smalley, Austin, Pearson
Department of Surgery, VAMC Nashville Campus
(Tennessee Valley Healthcare System) and Vander-
bilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN

8:45 am #28 **SURGICAL THERAPY OF PEPTIC ULCERS IN
THE 21ST CENTURY: MORE COMMON THAN
YOU THINK**
Sarosi, Jaiswal, Nwariaku, Assolati, Fleming, An-
thony
Department of Surgery, North Dallas VAMC and
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center,
Dallas, TX

9:00 am #29 **PRESSURIZED ENOTHELIAL CELL (EC)/
SMOOTH MUSCLE CELL (SMC) CO-CULTURE
STIMULATES SMC APOPTOSIS BY INDIRECT
PARACRINE EC AND DIRECT PRESSURE-
INDUCED MECHANISMS THAT UPREGULATE
FAS AND FASL**
Vouyouka, Lin, Basson
Department of Surgery, John D. Dingell VAMC, De-
troit, MI

- 9:15 am #30 **CAROTID ENDARTERECTOMY (CEA) IN ELDERLY VETERANS: DOES AGE AFFECT OUTCOME? A SINGLE CENTER EXPERIENCE**
Lau*, Granke, Olabisi, Basson, Preventza, Vouyouka
Department of Surgery, John D. Dingell VAMC and
Wayne State University, Detroit, MI



10:00 am **BREAK (Wasatch Foyer 3 & 4)**

SCIENTIFIC SESSION V
10:15—12:30 pm
(Wasatch 3 & 4)

Moderator: Kamal Itani, MD, West Roxbury, MA

- 10:15 am #31 **MESENTERIC LYMPH DUCT LIGATION REDUCES RBC ALTERATIONS CAUSED BY ACUTE PANCREATITIS**
Berezina, Zaets, Mole, Spolarics, Deitch, Marchiedo
Department of Surgery, East Orange VA Medical Center, E. Orange, NJ
- 10:30 am #32 **INTERMEDIATE RESULTS OF REMOTE SUPERFICIAL FEMORAL ARTERY ENDARTERECTOMY WITH ENDOGRAFTS**
Ali, Moursi, Kalapatpu*, Bledsoe, Ahmed, Eidt
Department of Surgery, Central Arkansas VAMC and University of Arkansas, Little Rock, AR
- 10:45 am #33 **LIMITATIONS OF CT SCANS AS A PREDICTOR OF HORMONE HYPERSECRETION OF PRIMARY HYPERALDOSTERONISM**
Miller*, Auchus, Dolmatch, Watumull, Burkey, Anthony, Nwariaku
Department of Surgery, Dallas VAMC and University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX
- 11:00 am #34 **PREDICTORS OF WOUND INFECTION IN VENTRAL HERNIA REPAIR**
Finan*, Vick, Kiefe, Neumayer, Hawn
Department of Surgery, VA Medical Center and University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL

- 11:15 am #35 **VARIATION IN IRB PROCESSES FOR A MULTI-SITE STUDY**
Vick, Finan, Kiefe, Neumayer, Hawn
Department of Surgery, VA Medical Center and
University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL
- 11:30 am #36 **STAGE DOES NOT PREDICT SURVIVAL AFTER RESECTION OF KLATKINS TUMORS PROMOTING AN AGGRESSIVE OPERATIVE APPROACH**
Zervos, Osborne, Villadolid, Thometz, Goldin,
Rosemurgy
Department of Surgery, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- 11:45 am #37 **PROGNOSTIC SIGNIFICANCE OF NEW ONSET ASCITES IN PATIENTS WITH PANCREATIC CANCER**
Osborne, Boe, Rosemurgy, Zervos
Department of Surgery, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- 12:00 pm **RESIDENT AWARDS PRESENTATION**
- 12:30 pm **ADJOURNMENT**
- 12:30 pm **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LUNCH**

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