

# Association of VA Surgeons

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

*2006 Program*



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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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aaron S. Fink, MD". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

*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

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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](http://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.**

# PROGRAM AGENDA

(subject to change)

<b>SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2006</b>		
10:00—5:30 PM	Registration	Mezzanine
1:00—5:30 PM	Exhibits	Mezzanine
1:00—5:30 PM	Pre-Meeting Symposium	Landmark 1
2:30—2:40 PM	Break	Mezzanine
4:00—5:30 PM	Industry Device Workshop	Landmark 1
<b>SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2006</b>		
7:00—4:15 PM	Registration	Mezzanine
7:00—7:30 AM	VA Council on Trauma	Boardroom 3
7:30—9:30 AM	Executive Committee Meeting/Breakfast	Salon FG
9:30—11:30 AM	Council of Chiefs Meeting	Caprice 2-3
11:00—4:15 PM	Speaker Ready Room	Boardroom 1
11:00—4:15 PM	Poster Viewing	Rookwood
11:00—4:15 PM	Exhibits	Rookwood
11:30—1:00 PM	Lunch	Rosewood
1:00—4:15 PM	Scientific Session I	Continental
2:30—3:00 PM	Break/Visit Exhibits	Rookwood
6:30 PM	Bus pick-up to Reception	Lobby
7:00—9:00 PM	Welcome Reception	Taft Museum of Art
<b>MONDAY, MAY 8, 2006</b>		
7:00—5:00 PM	Registration	Mezzanine
7:00—5:00 PM	Speaker Ready Room	Boardroom 1
7:00—5:00 PM	Poster Displays	Rookwood
7:00—5:00 PM	Exhibits	Rookwood
7:00—8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast	Rookwood
8:00—11:30 PM	Scientific Session II	Continental
9:30—10:00 AM	Break/Visit Exhibits	Rookwood
11:30—100 PM	Lunch	Rosewood
1:00—2:00 PM	Presidential Address	Continental
2:00—4:45 PM	Scientific Session III	Continental
3:15—3:45 PM	Break/Visit Exhibits	Rookwood

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6:30—7:30 PM	Cocktail Reception	Hall of Mirrors
7:30—9:30 PM	Annual Banquet	Hall of Mirrors
9:30—11:30 PM	Entertainment/Dance (Modulators)	Hall of Mirrors

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2006		
7:00—12:00 PM	Registration	Mezzanine
7:00—12:00 PM	Speaker Ready Room	Boardroom 1
7:00—12:00 PM	Poster Displays	Rookwood
7:00—12:00 PM	Exhibits	Rookwood
7:00—8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast	Rookwood
8:00—9:00 AM	Moderated Poster Session	Continental
9:00—10:30 PM	Scientific Session IV	Continental
10:30—10:45 AM	Resident Awards	Continental
10:45—12:00 PM	Business Meeting	Continental
12:00 PM	Adjourn	
12:00—1:00 PM	Executive Committee Lunch	Julep



This meeting is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Robert Bower.

**PRE-MEETING SYMPOSIUM**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2006**  
**(Landmark I)**

**CURRENT MANAGEMENT OF VASCULAR DISEASE:**

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

1:00 – 1:10 pm	<b>WELCOME AND OVERVIEW</b> Peter H. Lin, MD
1:10 – 1:30 pm	<b>CAROTID ARTERY STENTING – OUTCOME OF CURRENT DEVICES</b> Joseph H. Rapp, MD
1:30 – 1:50 pm	<b>ENDOLUMINAL MANAGEMENT OF THORACIC AORTIC DISEASE</b> Peter H. Lin, MD
1:50 – 2:10 pm	<b>WHAT'S NEW IN ENDOVASCULAR AAA REPAIR?</b> Ruth L. Bush, MD
2:10 – 2:30 pm	<b>ANEURYSM SAC PRESSURE MEASUREMENT WITH A PRESSURE SENSOR IN ENDOVASCULAR AORTIC ANEURYSM REPAIR</b> Ross Milner, MD
2:30 – 2:40 pm	<b>BREAK / Visit Exhibits (Mezzanine)</b>
2:40 – 3:00 pm	<b>MANAGEMENT OF AORTIC ANEURYSM AND DISSECTION WITH THE ZENITH TX2 STENT-GRAFT</b> W. Anthony Lee, MD
3:00 – 3:20 pm	<b>ENDOLUMINAL INFRAINGUINAL INTERVENTIONS – IS THERE A ROLE FOR AN ATH-ERECTOMY DEVICE?</b> Jessie M. Jean-Claude, MD
3:20 – 3:40 pm	<b>CATHETER-BASED INTERVENTIONS IN VEIN-NOUS THROMBOSIS</b> Joseph S. Giglia, MD
3:40 – 4:00 pm	<b>PERCUTANEOUS ENDOLUMINAL AAA REPAIR: HOW I DO IT</b> Melina R. Kibbe, MD
4:00 – 5:30 pm	<b>INDUSTRY DEVICE WORKSHOP</b>

# PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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**

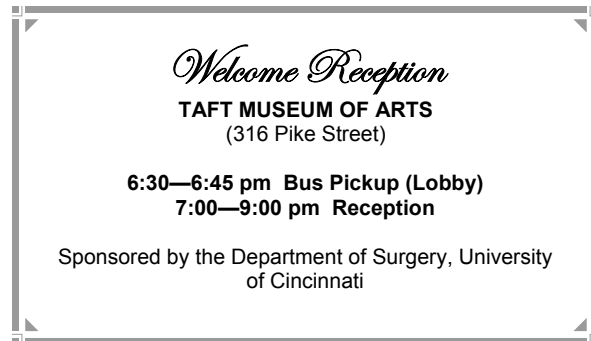
Creighton Wright, MD, Chief of Staff, Cincinnati VAMC

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 Adebajo, 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 Berceci, 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 Litwinczuk 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



**MONDAY, MAY 8, 2006**

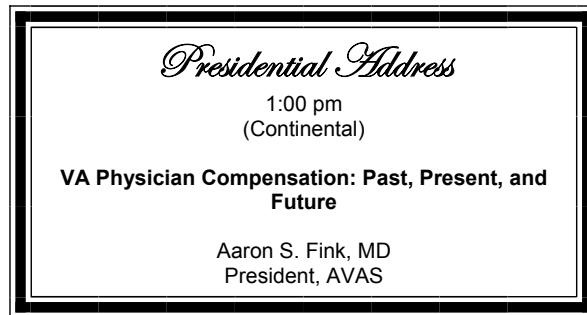
**SCIENTIFIC SESSION II**  
**8:00—11:30 AM**  
**(Continental)**

- 8:00 am #10 **UTILIZATION OF ACELLULAR DERMAL MATRIX ALLOGRAFT FOR COMPLEX ABDOMINAL WALL RECONSTRUCTION**  
CF Bellows, D Albo, DH Berger, S Awad  
Micheal 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. DeBaakey 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 FUNDPLICATION?**  
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- $\beta$  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 RECCURENCE 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




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

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- 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

- 2:30 pm #24 **IMPROVING SURGICAL OUTCOMES: SENTINEL LYMPH NODE BIOPSY REDUCES THE SEVERITY OF POSTOPERATIVE ACUTE LYMPHEDEMA**  
P Abghari, W Francis, W Du, M Kosir  
Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, MI
- 2:45 pm #25 **KEYHOLE LIMPET HEMOCYANIN (KLH) POTENTIATES STANDARD IMMUNOTHERAPY FOR MELANOMA**  
DW McFadden, DR Riggs, BJ Jackson, A Ng, C Cunningham  
Department of Surgery, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
- 3:00 pm #26 **PENTOSAN POLYSULFATE (ELMIRON): IN VITRO EFFECTS ON PROSTATE CANCER CELLS IN REGARDS TO CELL GROWTH AND VEGF PRODUCTION**  
S Zaslau, S Sparks, D Riggs, B Jackson, SJ Kandzari  
Department of Surgery, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
- 3:15 pm **BREAK / Visit Exhibits (Rookwood)**
- 3:45 pm #27 **IN VITRO EFFECTS OF DUTASTERIDE AND FINASTERIDE ON PROSTATE CELL GROWTH**  
S Zaslau, A Perlmutter, D Riggs, B Jackson, WF Tarry, SJ Kandzari  
Department of Surgery, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
- 4:00 pm #28 **HEALTH-RELATED QUALITY OF LIFE IN VETERANS WITH COLORECTAL CANCER**  
RS Krouse, C Wendel, MJ Mohler, S Rawl, M Grant, C Baldwin, SJ Coons, R McCorkle, C Ko, CM Schmidt  
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
- 4:15 pm #29 **THE CANCER RISK IN ENDOSCOPICALLY UNRESECTABLE COLON POLYPS**  
A Alder, E Hamilton, T Anthony, G Sarosi  
UT Southwestern and VA Medical Center in Dallas, TX
- 4:30 pm #30 **THE RELATIONSHIP OF LYMPH NODE DISSECTION AND COLON CANCER SURVIVAL IN THE VA CENTRAL CANCER REGISTRY**  
JMV Mammen, LE James, M Molloy, A Williams, CJ Wray, JJ Sussman  
Department of Surgery, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH

*Presidential Banquet*

(Hall of Mirrors)

6:30 pm Reception  
7:30 pm Annual Banquet  
9:30 pm Presidential Reception/Dance

*Special Guest Speaker*  
*Entertainment: The Modulators*

**TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2006**

**MODERATED POSTER SESSION**  
**8:00—9:00 AM**  
**(Continental)**

**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 ENVELOPMENT 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 Gray<sup>1,2</sup>, TK Houston<sup>3,4</sup>, D Ordin<sup>5</sup>, K Itani<sup>6</sup>, M Bishop<sup>6</sup>, CC Vick<sup>1,4</sup>, MT Hawn<sup>1,4</sup>  
 1. Univ. of Alabama at Birmingham Dept of Surgery 2. Health Services & Outcomes Research Training Program, Univ. of Alabama at Birmingham Dept of Medicine 3. Univ. of Alabama at Birmingham Dept of Medicine 4. Deep South Center on Effectiveness, Birmingham VA Medical Center 5. Dept of Veterans Affairs Office of Quality and Performance 6. Dept of Veterans Affairs Offices of Patient Care Services
- 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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