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31st Annual Meeting
May 10 - 12, 2007
Little Rock, AR

2007 Program

Sponsored by
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The Peabody Hotel Little Rock
3 Statehouse Plaza
Little Rock, AR 72201
REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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

The registration fee includes continental breakfasts, Thursday Welcome Reception, Lunch and Banquet on Friday.

There is no fee to attend the Pre-Meeting Symposium on Thursday, May 10th. Please let us know if you are interested in attending.

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

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

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Little Rock, AR 72201
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HOTEL RATES:
Single: $125.00  Double: $129.00
Triple: $139.00  Quad: $139.00

HOTEL DEADLINE: APRIL 27, 2007
## PROGRAM AGENDA
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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 4.5 hours of Category I towards the American Medical Association Physician’s Recognition Award.

The Louisville VA Medical Center designates the annual meeting educational activity for up to 12.25 hours of Category I towards the American Medical Association Physician’s Recognition Award.

Each physician should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spends in these activities.
PROGRAM SCHEDULE

7:00—7:25 am  Continental Breakfast

7:25 am  Introductory Remarks
Robert Kozol, M.D.

SESSION I: BASICS
Moderator: Robert Kozol, M.D.

7:30—8:00 am  Update on Common Benign Anal Disorders
Neil Hyman, M.D.

8:00—8:20 am  Risk Factors for Anastomotic Leakage
Scott Strong, M.D.

8:20—8:40 am  Management of Large Bowel Obstruction
R. Lawrence Whelan, M.D.

8:45—9:00 am  BREAK

SESSION II: COLORECTAL CANCER
Moderator: Charles Cha, M.D.

9:00—9:25 am  Screening for Colorectal Cancer: The Old and New
Neil Hyman, M.D.

9:30—9:55 am  Quality Assurance in Rectal Cancer Surgery
Scott Strong, M.D.

9:55—10:15 am  Management of Metastatic Colorectal Cancer
Charles Cha, M.D.

10:15—10:30 am  BREAK

SESSION III: CONTROVERSIES AND CHALLENGING PROBLEMS
Moderator: Walter E. Longo, M.D.

10:30—10:55 am  Surgery for Diverticulitis: Rules are Changing
Robert Kozol, M.D.

10:55—11:20 am  Pitfalls in Laparoscopic Colectomy
R. Lawrence Whelan, M.D.

11:20—11:40 am  Clostridium Difficile Colitis
Walter E. Longo, M.D.

11:45—12:30 pm  Resident Cases with Lunch
Michael H. McCafferty, M.D.
PRE-MEETING SYMPOSIUM

FACULTY

Guest Faculty

Neil H. Hyman, M.D.
Professor of Surgery
Chief, Division of General Surgery
Director: Vermont Colorectal Cancer Project
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Staff Surgeon
Program Director in Colon and Rectal Surgery
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Cleveland Clinic Foundation
Cleveland, Ohio

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Chief of Colon and Rectal Surgery
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Professor and Chairman, Department of Surgery.
University of Connecticut
Farmington, Connecticut

Walter E. Longo, M.D.
Professor and Vice-Chairman
Chief Section of Gastrointestinal Surgery
Director of Colon and Rectal Surgery
Program Director in Surgery
Yale University School of Medicine
New Haven, Connecticut

Michael H. McCafferty, M.D.
Assistant Professor of Surgery
Section of Colon and Rectal Surgery
University of Louisville School of Medicine
Louisville, Kentucky
PROGRAM SCHEDULE
THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2007

1:00 pm OPENING REMARKS
Walter E. Longo, MD, President
Lawrence T. Kim, MD, Local Arrangements Chair

GREETINGS
Michael Winn, Director, Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System
Nicholas Lang, MD, Chief of Staff, Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System
Michael Edwards, MD, Chairman, Department of Surgery, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

SCIENTIFIC SESSION I
1:15—3:00 PM
(SALON B)

Moderator: Kamal Itani, MD, West Roxbury, MA

1:15 pm #1 EARLY WOUND HEALING IS ACCELERATED IN MYELOID-SELECTIVE HIF-1α KNOCKOUT MICE
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR

1:30 pm #2 DOES THE VA COMPARE? QUALITY OF PANCREATIC CANCER CARE AT VA VS. NON-VA HOSPITALS
KY Bilimoria*, DJ Bentrem, JS Tomlinson, J Prystowsky, AK Stewart, CY Ko, MS Talamonti
(1) American College of Surgeons, (2) Northwestern University, Department of Surgery, Chicago, IL

1:45 pm #3 TUMOR LSATE-PULSED DENDRITIC CELLS EXHIBIT PANCREATIC CANCER SPECIFIC IMMUNE RESPONSE IN VITRO AND CONFER PROTECTIVE IMMUNITY IN AN ORTHOTOPIC MURINE MODEL
N Vohra*, S Pilon-Thomas, J Mulé, E Zervos
University of South Florida and H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, Tampa, FL

2:00 pm #4 EXPRESSION OF LYMPHANGIOGENIC FACTORS IN TISSUE CULTURE MODEL OF COMEDO DUCTAL BREAST CARCINOMA IN SITU
M Yu*, Z Tang†, S Alousi†, RS Berk†, MA Kosir†,3,4*
1Department of Surgery, Wayne State University,
2Department of Immunology, Wayne State University, 3Surgical Service, John D. Dingell VA Medical Center, 4Breast Program, Karmanos Cancer Institute, Detroit, MI

2:15 pm #5 INFLUENCE OF GRANULOMATOUS DISEASE UPON THE PROGNOSIS OF RESECTED NON-SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER
WC Peterson*, DE Paull, and AG Little
VA Medical Center, Wright State Univ. School of Medicine, Dayton, OH

*Denotes Resident Presenter
2:30 pm  #6  PROGNOSTIC VALUE OF IMMUNOHISTOPATHOLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF NON-WELL DIFFERENTIATED SQUAMOUS CELL CANCER OF THE SKIN
V. Jensen*, A Prasad, A Smith, C Wendel, M Schmeltz, M Raju, W Leyva, J Warneke, RS Krouse
Southern Arizona Veterans Affairs Health Care System, Tucson, AZ

2:45 pm  #7  THE ROLE OF MET RECEPTOR EXPRESSION IN PROSTATE CANCER CELL LINES
R. Garg*, Y Li, C Cha, C Walker, A Sener, J Hwang, J Walker, S Pautler, EM Uchio
Yale University, New Haven, CT

3:00 pm  BREAK / VISIT EXHIBITS (ARKANSAS BALLROOM)

3:30 pm  AVAS STATE OF THE ART BASIC SCIENCE LECTURE:
“THE MICROCIRCULATION OF SHOCK RESUSCITATION”
R. Neal Garrison, MD
Department of Surgery
University of Louisville School of Medicine
Louisville, KY

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2007

SCIENTIFIC SESSION II
8:00—9:30 AM
(SALON B)

Moderator: John Tarpley, MD, Nashville, TN

8:00 am  #8  PDGF-BB AND FGF-2 INDUCED VASCULAR SMC INVASION OF FIBRIN BASED HYDROGELS FOR TISSUE ENGINEERING - THE RELATIVE ROLE OF PROLIFERATION
AA Ucuzian*, LP Brewster, DV Bufalino, HP Greisler
Hines VA Hospital, Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, IL
8:15 am  #9 SKIN PERFUSION PRESSURE AFTER VASODILATOR TREATMENT PREDICTS CLINICAL OUTCOME IN PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC CRITICAL LIMB ISCHEMIA
A Muto*, Y Kondo, JM Pimiento, TN Fitzgerald, A Dardik, T Nishibe
Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT and Fujita Health University Hospital, Japan

8:30 am  #10 SURGICAL COST OF CARE FOR PATIENTS UNDERGOING PROLONGED AORTIC CLAMPING: IMPACT OF INTRAOPERATIVE MYOCARDIAL ACIDOSIS AND POSTOPERATIVE ADVERSE OUTCOMES
CM Healey*, DJ Kumbhani, NA Healey, SF Gibson, SF Khuri
VA Boston Healthcare System, Albany Medical College, Harvard Medical School, Brigham and Women's Hospital, West Roxbury, MA

8:45 am  #11 THE CURRENT MANAGEMENT OF ISCHEMIC HEEL ULCERS AND GANGRENE IN THE ENDOVASCULAR ERA
B Attuwaybi*, GS Cherr, LM Harris, ML Dryjski, HH Desluoglu
SUNY at Buffalo, VA Western NY Healthcare System, Buffalo, NY

9:00 am  #12 SELECTIVE REPAIR OF POPLITEAL ARTERY ANEURYSMS MAY AVOID COMPLICATIONS IN HIGH RISK PATIENTS
S Pradhan*, E Muscianisi, H Bazan, RJ Gusberg, A Dardik
VA Connecticut Healthcare Systems, West Haven, CT, and Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT

9:15 am  #13 CAROTID ARTERY STENTING PERFORMED EXCLUSIVELY IN A VETERAN’S POPULATION: ONE CENTER’S EXPERIENCE WITH MIDTERM RESULTS
KE Brown*, D Fancuillo, T Hicks, MK Eskandari, JS Matsumura, H Baraniewski, MR Kibbe
Northwestern University, Chicago, IL

9:30 am  BREAK / VISIT EXHIBITS (ARKANSAS BALLROOM)

SCIENTIFIC SESSION III
10:00—11:45 AM
(SALON B)

Moderator: George Machiedo, MD, East Orange, NJ

10:00 am  #14 VARIATION IN MESH USE FOR INCISIONAL HERNIA REPAIR
SH Gray**1, CC Vick1, 2, KR Finan1, LA Graham2, C Kiefe2, LA Neumayer3, MT Hawn1, 2
1University of Alabama Department of Surgery
2Deep South Center on Effectiveness, Birmingham VAMC
3Department of Surgery University of Utah and Salt Lake City VAMC
10:15 am #15 INCREASING INCIDENCE OF METHICILLIN RESISTANT STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS (MRSA) SKIN AND SOFT TISSUE INFECTIONS (SSTI) – RECONSIDERATION OF EMPIRIC ANTIMICROBIAL THERAPY
SS Awad, SI Elhabash, L Lee, B Farrow, D Albo, C Bellows, DH Berger
Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

10:30 am #16 FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH POST-OPERATIVE COMPLICATIONS AND HERNIA RECURRENCE FOR PATIENTS UNDERGOING INGUINAL HERNIA REPAIR: A REPORT FROM THE VA COOPERATIVE HERNIA STUDY GROUP
VA Salt Lake City Health System, University of Utah Affiliates, associated VA hospitals VA Cooperative 456 Study

10:45 am #17 PRE-OPERATIVE WEIGHT LOSS DECREASES OPERATIVE TIME AND HOSPITAL LENGTH OF STAY IN PATIENTS UNDERGOING RYGB
S Huerta, S Dredar, E Hayden, AA Siddiqui, T Anthony, M Asolati, JE Varela, EH Livingston
Dallas VA Medical Center / University of Texas Southwestern, Dallas, TX

11:00 am #18 HURRICANE KATRINA: MAINTENANCE OF QUALITY IN THE FACE OF SUDDEN SURGE IN CARDIAC SURGERY CASE VOLUME
FG Bakaeen, J Huh, D Chu, JS Coselli, KL Mattox, XL Wang, SA Shenaq, P Alturi, S Pai, CM Kistner, SS Awad, TB Horvath, DH Berger
Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center and Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

11:15 am #19 A SINGLE INSTITUTION’S LARGE EXPERIENCE WITH LAPAROSCOPIC FUNDOPPLICATIONS FOR GERD
SB Ross, SM Cowgill, R Gillsman, E Kraemer, S Al-Saadi, A Thomas, D Villadolid, J Mullinax, M Albrink, SB Goldin, EE Zervos, AS Rosemurgy
Department of Surgery, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

11:30 am #20 STANDARDIZED CARE THROUGH A MANDATORY ADMISSION ORDER SET WHICH INCLUDES EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICES IMPROVES OUTCOMES IN THE SURGICAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT (SICU)
SS Awad, F Bakaeen, SI Elhabash, PH Lin, J Huh
Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
12:00—1:30 PM LUNCH with Guest Speaker
(RIVERVIEW)

James L. “Skip” Rutherford
Dean of the Clinton School of Public Service and
Chairman of the Board of the William J. Clinton
Foundation

Lunch sponsored by Medtronic

LOCAL PROGRAM
1:30—2:30 PM
(SALON B)

Moderator: Lawrence Kim, MD, Little Rock, AR

1:30 pm ENDOTHELIAL-ORIENTED PROTECTION
STRATEGIES AGAINST COMBINED INJURY
Martin Hauer-Jensen, MD, PhD
Professor of Surgery and Pathology
Arkansas Cancer Research Center
Little Rock, AR

2:00 pm HOMOCYSTEINE-MEDIATED INTIMAL HYPERPLASIA
Mohammed Moursi, MD
Professor and Chief of Vascular Surgery
Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System
Little Rock, AR

2:30 pm BREAK / VISIT EXHIBITS (ARKANSAS BALLROOM)

SCIENTIFIC SESSION IV
3:00—5:00 PM
(SALON B)

Moderator: David H. Berger, MD, Houston, TX

3:00 pm #21 AN FGF-1 BASED MUTANT CHIMERA THAT
INDUCES HEPARIN INDEPENDENT
PROLIFERATION OF VASCULAR CELLS
EM Brey, LP Brewster, V Husak, J Ellinger, WH
Burgess, HP Greieler
Hines VA Hospital, Illinois Institute of Technology,
Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, IL

3:15 pm #22 HEIGHTENED EFFICACY OF NITRIC OXIDE IN
DIABETES AND METABOLIC SYNDROME
FOLLOWING ARTERIAL INJURY
SS Ahanchi1,2, C Pearce1, MR Kapadia1, N Tsivilis1,
Qun Jiang1, J Martinez1, JE Saavedra3, LK Keefer4,
MR Kibbe1
1Division of Vascular Surgery, Northwestern,
University, Chicago, IL; 2Department of Surgery,
Mount Sinai Hospital, Chicago, IL; 3BRP, SAIC-
Frederick, Frederick, MD; 4LCC/CCR, NCI-
Frederick, Frederick, MD
3:30 pm #23 CYTOSKELETAL SIGNALING VIA α-ACTININ-1 MEDIATES ERK1/2 ACTIVATION BY REPETITIVE DEFORMATION IN HUMAN CACO-2 INTESTINAL EPITHELIAL CELLS
DH Craig, J Zhang, MD Basson
John D. Dingell VA Medical Center and Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

3:45 pm #24 ENTERAL SUPPLEMENTATION BUT NOT INTRAVENOUS INFUSION OF L-GLUTAMINE DECREASED BLOOD FLOW IN THE PROXIMAL SMALL INTESTINE, PANCREAS AND SPLEEN IN RATS
PJ Matheson, BT Harris, RT Hurt, ER Zakaria, RN Garrison
Departments of Surgery, Physiology & Biophysics and Medicine, University of Louisville and Louisville Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Louisville, KY

4:00 pm #25 DECREASED BILE ACID SYNTHESIS WITH TOTAL PARENTERAL NUTRITION
L Dawes, H Laut, M Woodruff
VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System and the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

4:15 pm #26 ERK ACTIVATION REGULATES REPLICATION OF M. AVIUM INTRACELLULARLY IN PRIMARY HUMAN MONOCYTES
H Shiratsuchi, MD Basson
John D. Dingell VA Medical Center and Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

4:30 pm #27 KEYHOLE LIMPET HEMOCYANIN (KLH): AN EFFECTIVE ADJUNCT AGAINST MELANOMA IN VIVO
DW McFadden, DR Riggs, BJ Jackson
Department of Surgery, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV

4:45 pm #28 INCREASED TUMOR PRESSURE MAY IMPAIR DENDRITIC CELL MATURATION AND FUNCTION
DH Craig, KL Schaubert, J Kan-Mitchell, MD Basson
John D. Dingell VA Medical Center and Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

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7:30 pm Annual Banquet
9:30 pm Presidential Reception
SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2007

MODERATED POSTER SESSION
7:30—9:30 AM
(ARKANSAS BALLROOM)

Moderators: Marc Basson, MD, Detroit, MI and Alan Dardik, MD, New Haven, CT

P1  PREDICTORS OF MORTALITY IN PATIENTS WITH SCC OF THE ANAL CANAL: DOES RACE PLAY A ROLE?
Y Fayiga, AA Siddiqui, T Anthony, S Huerta
University of Texas Southwestern/ Dallas VA Medical Center, Dallas, TX

P2  EVALUATION OF pH AS A MODEL OF CHRONIC PROSTATITIS (CP): DEVELOPMENT OF AN IN VITRO MODEL
S Zaslau, D Riggs, B Jackson, S Kandzari
Department of Surgery, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV

P3  MORPHOLOGICAL CHARACTERIZATION OF EARLY LIGATION-INDUCED ACUTE PANCREATITIS IN RATS
DK Meyerholz*, I Samuel
Depts. of *Pathology and Surgery, Univ. of Iowa Carver COM, & VA Medical Center, Iowa City, IA

P4  DO VARIATIONS IN IRB REQUIREMENTS FOR PATIENT CONTACT EFFECT SURVEY RESPONSE RATE?
CC Vick, SH Gray, LA Graham, MM Wesley, MT Hawn
Birmingham VAMC Deep South Center on Effectiveness, Birmingham, AL

P5  INTESTINAL PERFORATION ASSOCIATED WITH COLORECTAL CANCER: PATIENTS OUTCOMES
M Asolati, E Varela, S Huerta, R Harmon, T Anthony
Dallas VA Medical Center, Dallas, TX

P6  CURRENT OPINIONS ABOUT LAPAROSCOPIC INCISIONAL HERNIA REPAIR AMONG PRACTICING SURGEONS
AC Alder, SC Alder, EH Livingston, CF Bellows
UT Southwestern Medical Center, University of Utah, Baylor College of Medicine

P7  TREATMENT OF RECURRENT RADIATION PROCTITIS IN PATIENT WITH PORTAL HYPERTENSION USING TIPS; FIRST CASE REPORT
M Asolati, G Sarosi, J Lopez, S Huerta, E Varela, R Harmon, T Anthony
Dallas VA Medical Center, Dallas, TX

P8  OUTCOME IN PATIENTS WITH VENTRICULOOPERITONEAL SHUNTS AFTER APPENDICITIS. THE VETERANS AFFAIRS EXPERIENCE
A Barina,1,2 E Mushi,3 KS Virgo,1,2 AM Bahadursingh,1,2 FE Johnson2
Saint Louis University;1  Department of Veterans Affairs, Saint Louis, MO;2 University of Liverpool3

P9  OPEN HEART OPERATIONS IN PATIENTS WITH SPINAL CORD INJURY
D Chu, FG Bakaeeen, SA Shenaq, PV Atluri, SA Holmes, DH Berger, J Huh
Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX
P10  SHORT TERM RESULTS OF A SINGLE SITE INFRAINGUINAL SILVERHAWK ATERECTOMY
J Jean-Claude, PS Kang, G Pinault, M Eiseman, E Kempe
Louis Stokes Cleveland VA, Cleveland, OH

P11  USE OF ATERECTOMY AND OTHER ENDOVASCULAR TECHNIQUES FOR SALVAGE FOLLOWING FAILED INFRA-INGUINAL BYPASS
G Pinault, P Kang, M Eiseman, E Kemp, J Jean-Claude
Louis Stokes Cleveland VA, Wade Park Division, Department of Vascular Surgery, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH

P12  HEMODIALYSIS ACCESS SUCCESS: BEYOND THE OPERATING ROOM
G Barone, C Wright, M Alam, M Krause, G Brosnahan, D Portilla, T McCowan, W Culp, M Yousaf
Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System, John L. McClellan Memorial Veterans Hospital, Little Rock, AR

P13  ENDOVASCULAR MANAGEMENT OF DURAL ARTERIOVENOUS FISTULA
P Kougias, AB Lumsden, W Zhou, H El Sayed, PH Lin
Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

P14  OUTCOME OF ULTRASOUND-GUIDED PERCUTANEOUS CHOLECYSTOSTOMY FOR ACUTE CHOLECYSTITIS IN HIGH RISK PATIENTS
E Silberfein, GM Riha, D Albo, W Zhou, P Kougias, H El Sayed, PH Lin
Baylor College of Medicine, Houston VA Medical Center, Houston, TX

P15  EFFECT OF ELECTRONIC WORKLOAD ON PHYSICIAN-PATIENT INTERACTION TIME
SB Welch, LT Kim
Central Arkansas Healthcare System, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR

9:30 am  BREAK / VISIT EXHIBITS (ARKANSAS BALLROOM)

SCIENTIFIC SESSION V
10:00—12:00 PM
(SALON B)
Moderator: Walter Longo, MD, New Haven, CT

10:00 am  #29 TRAINING GENERAL SURGERY RESIDENTS TO AVOID POSTOPERATIVE CARDIAC EVENTS
TR McLean, J McGoldrick, S Fox, CC Haller, J Arevalo
East Kansas VAHCS, Leavenworth, KS

10:15 am  #30 CHARACTERISTICS AND MICROBIOLOGY OF PATIENTS PRESENTING WITH NECROTIZING FASCITIS
SI Elhabash, L Lee, B Farrow, D Albo, CF Bellows, DH Berger, SS Awad
Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
10:30 am #31 **COMPLICATED ACUTE CHOLECYSTITIS: RISK FACTORS AND MANAGEMENT**
L Stewart, JM Griffiss, GA Jarvis, LW Way
San Francisco VA Medical Center and University of California, San Francisco

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KMF Itani, R Denwood, T Schiffner, RJ Joehl, C Wright, W Henderson, R DePalma
VA Boston Health Care System, West Roxbury, MA

11:00 am #33 **OUTCOMES OF OCTGENARIANS AFTER SURGICAL PROCEDURES FOR COLON MALIGNANCIES**
L Lee, M Jannapureddy, DH Berger, B Farrow, SS Awad, C Bellowe, D Albo
Michael E DeBakey Department of Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

11:15 am #34 **OUTCOMES OF LAPAROSCOPIC AND OPEN COLECTOMIES AT ACADEMIC CENTERS**
JE Varela, T Anthony, M Asolati
VA North Texas, University of Texas Southwestern, Dallas, TX

11:30 am #35 **COLONIC STENT PLACEMENT VERSUS SURGICAL INTERVENTION FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF MALIGNANT COLONIC OBSTRUCTION: A DECISION ANALYSIS**
AA Siddiqui#, WV Harford#, T Anthony†, S Huerta†
Division of Gastroenterology # and Division of GI/Endocrine Surgery†, VA North Texas Health Care System and University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, TX

11:45 am #36 **COPING AND ACCEPTANCE: THE GREATEST CHALLENGE FOR VETERANS WITH INTESTINAL STOMAS**
RS Krouse, M Grant, SM Rawl, MJ Mohler, CM Baldwin, SJ Coons, R McCorkle, CM Schmidt, CY Ko
Southern Arizona Veterans Affairs Health Care System, Tucson, AZ

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