

# Association of VA Surgeons

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

## 2007 Program



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Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System  
and  
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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

### **The Peabody Hotel Little Rock**

3 Statehouse Plaza  
Little Rock, AR 72201  
Tel: 501-906-4000  
Toll-Free: 1-800-PEABODY

To make reservations online, please use the group reservation number **404276**. The following steps must be followed:

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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

(subject to change)

<b>THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2007</b>		
7:00—5:00 PM	Registration	Salon B Foyer
7:00—12:30 PM	Pre-Meeting Colorectal Symposium (Lunch Included)	Salon B
7:00—7:30 AM	VA Council on Trauma	Petit Jean
7:30—9:30 AM	Executive Committee Meeting/Breakfast	Pinnacle Room
9:30—11:30 AM	Council of Chiefs Meeting	Manning
12:00—5:00 PM	Poster Displays	Arkansas Ballroom
12:00—5:00 PM	Exhibit Displays	Arkansas Ballroom
1:00—1:15 PM	Welcome Remarks	Salon B
1:15—3:00 PM	Scientific Session I	Salon B
3:00—3:30 PM	Break/Visit Exhibits	Arkansas Ballroom
3:30—4:30 PM	AVAS State of the Art Basic Science Lecture	Salon B
6:20 PM	Shuttle Service to Reception	
6:30—9:30 PM	Welcome Reception (Sponsored by Department of Surgery, UAMS)	William J. Clinton Presidential Library & Museum
<b>FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2007</b>		
7:00—5:00 PM	Registration	Salon B Foyer
7:00—5:00 PM	Poster Displays	Arkansas Ballroom
7:00—5:00 PM	Exhibit Displays	Arkansas Ballroom
7:00—8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast	Arkansas Ballroom
8:00—9:30 PM	Scientific Session II	Salon B
9:30—10:00 AM	Break/Visit Exhibits	Arkansas Ballroom
10:00—11:45 AM	Scientific Session III	Salon B
12:00—1:30 PM	Lunch: Guest Speaker—James L. “Skip” Rutherford (Sponsored by Medtronic)	Riverview
1:30—2:30 PM	Local Program	Salon B
2:30—3:00 PM	Break/Visit Exhibits	Arkansas Ballroom
3:00—5:00 PM	Scientific Session IV	Salon B

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6:30—7:30 PM	Cocktail Reception	Salon C Foyer
7:30—9:30 PM	Annual Banquet	Salon C
9:30—11:00 PM	Presidential Reception	

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2007		
7:00—12:00 PM	Registration	Salon B Foyer
7:00—12:00 PM	Poster Displays	Arkansas Ballroom
7:00—5:00 PM	Exhibit Displays	Arkansas Ballroom
7:00—8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast	Arkansas Ballroom
7:30—9:30 AM	Moderated Poster Session	Arkansas Ballroom
9:30—10:00 AM	Break/Visit Exhibits	Arkansas Ballroom
10:00—12:00 PM	Scientific Session V	Salon B
12:00—1:00 PM	Business Meeting (Members Only)	Salon B
1:00 PM	ADJOURN	
1:00—2:00 PM	Executive Committee Lunch	Pinnacle Room

## 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.

# PRE-MEETING SYMPOSIUM

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2007

(SALON B)

“MINIMIZING RISK IN COLON AND RECTAL SURGERY”

## 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  
University of Vermont  
Burlington, Vermont

Scott A. Strong, M.D.  
Staff Surgeon  
Program Director in Colon and Rectal Surgery  
Department of Colon and Rectal Surgery  
Cleveland Clinic Foundation  
Cleveland, Ohio

R. Lawrence Whelan, M.D.  
Professor of Surgery  
Chief of Colon and Rectal Surgery  
Columbia University School of Medicine  
New York, New York

### AVAS Faculty

Charles Cha, M.D.  
Assistant Professor of Surgery  
Section of Surgical Oncology  
Yale University School of Medicine  
New Haven, Connecticut

Robert Kozol, M.D.  
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

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## SCIENTIFIC SESSION I

1:15—3:00 PM

(SALON B)

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Moderator: Kamal Itani, MD, West Roxbury, MA

- 1:15 pm #1 **EARLY WOUND HEALING IS ACCELERATED IN MYELOID-SELECTIVE HIF-1 $\alpha$  KNOCKOUT MICE**  
RA Owings\*, M Boerma, J Wang, KR Laderoute, LSF Soderberg, and M Hauer-Jensen  
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 LYSATE-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 Yu1\*, Z Tang1, S Alousi1, RS Berk2, MA Kosir1,3,4\*  
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

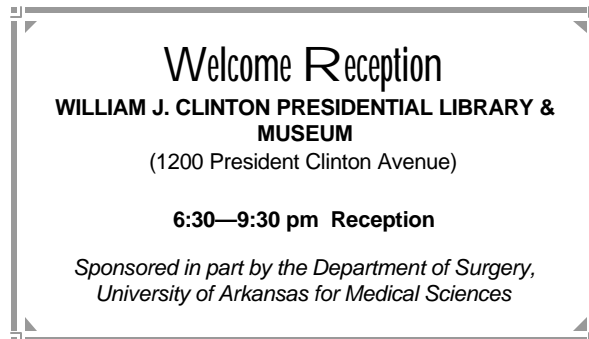
2:45 pm #7 **THE ROLE OF MET RECEPTOR EXPRESSION IN PROSTATE CANCER CELL LINES**  
R Garg\*, Y Li, C Cha, C Walker, A Sener, J Hwang, J Walker, S Pautler, EM Uchio  
Yale University, New Haven, CT

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 Ucuizian\*, 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 Dosluoglu  
 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)**

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

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Moderator: George Machiedo, MD, East Orange, NJ

- 10:00 am #14 **VARIATION IN MESH USE FOR INCISIONAL HERNIA REPAIR**  
SH Gray\*<sup>1,2</sup> CC Vick<sup>1, 2</sup>, KR Finan<sup>1</sup>, LA Graham<sup>2</sup>, C Kiefe<sup>2</sup>, LA Neumayer<sup>3</sup>, MT Hawn<sup>1, 2</sup>  
<sup>1</sup>University of Alabama Department of Surgery  
<sup>2</sup>Deep South Center on Effectiveness, Birmingham VAMC <sup>3</sup>Department 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**  
R Matthews, T Anthony, L Kim, J Wang, R Fitzgibbons, A Giobbie-Hurder, O Jonasson, K Itani, D Reda, L Neumayer for the Veterans Affairs Cooperative 456 Studies Program Investigators  
 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 Atluri, 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 FUNDOPLICATIONS FOR GERD**  
SB Ross, SM Cowgill, R Gillman, 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*

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**LOCAL PROGRAM  
1:30—2:30 PM  
(SALON B)**

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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)**

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

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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 Greisler  
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 Ahanchi<sup>1,2</sup>, C Pearce<sup>1</sup>, MR Kapadia<sup>1</sup>, N Tsihilis<sup>1</sup>,  
Qun Jiang<sup>1</sup>, J Martinez<sup>1</sup>, JE Saavedra<sup>3</sup>, LK Keefer<sup>4</sup>,  
MR Kibbe<sup>1</sup>  
<sup>1</sup>Division of Vascular Surgery, Northwestern,  
University, Chicago, IL; <sup>2</sup>Department of Surgery,  
Mount Sinai Hospital, Chicago, IL; <sup>3</sup>BRP, SAIC-  
Frederick, Frederick, MD; <sup>4</sup>LCC/CCR, NCI-  
Frederick, Frederick, MD

- 3:30 pm #23 **CYTOSKELETAL SIGNALING VIA  $\alpha$ -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

## Presidential Banquet

(Salon C)

<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Reception</b>
<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Annual Banquet</b>
<b>9:30 pm</b>	<b>Presidential Reception</b>

**SATURDAY, 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 VENTRICULOPERITONEAL SHUNTS AFTER APPENDECTOMY FOR APPENDICITIS. THE VETERANS AFFAIRS EXPERIENCE**  
A Barina,<sup>1,2</sup> E Mushi,<sup>3</sup> KS Virgo,<sup>1,2</sup> AM Bahadursingh,<sup>1,2</sup> FE Johnson.<sup>2</sup>  
Saint Louis University,<sup>1</sup> Department of Veterans Affairs, Saint Louis, MO;<sup>2</sup> University of Liverpool<sup>3</sup>
- P9 OPEN HEART OPERATIONS IN PATIENTS WITH SPINAL CORD INJURY**  
D Chu, FG Bakaeen, SA Shenaq, PV Atluri, SA Holmes, DH Berger, J Huh  
Michael E. DeBaakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX

- P10 SHORT TERM RESULTS OF A SINGLE SITE  
INFRAINGUINAL SILVERHAWK ATHERECTOMY**  
J Jean-Claude, PS Kang, G Pinault, M Eiseman, E Kempe  
Louis Stokes Cleveland VA, Cleveland, OH
- P11 USE OF ATHERECTOMY 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)**

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**SCIENTIFIC SESSION V  
10:00—12:00 PM  
(SALON B)**

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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  
FASCIITIS**  
SI Elhabash, L Lee, B Farrow, D Albo, CF Bellows,  
DH Berger, SS Awad  
Michael E. DeBaakey 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
- 10:45 am #32 **CAUSES OF HIGH MORTALITY IN COLORECTAL SURGERY. A REVIEW OF THE EPISODE OF CARE IN VA HOSPITALS**  
KMF Itani, R Denwood, T Schiffner, RJ Joehl, C Wright, W Henderson, R DePalma  
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L Lee, M Jannapureddy, DH Berger, B Farrow, SS Awad, C Bellows, D Albo  
 Micheal E DeBakey Department of Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
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JE Varela, T Anthony, M Asolati  
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- 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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