

**ASSOCIATION OF VA SURGEONS
32nd Annual Meeting
May 4–6, 2008**

PROGRAM AGENDA

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2008		
PRE-MEETING RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM		
8:00—12:30 PM	Scientific Session	Planters
10:00—10:20 AM	Coffee Break	Main Foyer
AVAS 32ND ANNUAL MEETING		
7:00—5:00 PM	Registration	Planters Foyer
8:00—12:00 PM	Exhibitor/Poster Set-up	Main Foyer
7:30—9:30 AM	Executive Committee Meeting/Breakfast	Williams/Kit
9:30—11:30 AM	Council of Chiefs Meeting	Carrollton/Brown
12:00—5:45 PM	Poster Displays	Main Foyer
12:00—5:00 PM	Exhibit Displays	Main Foyer
1:00—4:45 PM	Scientific Session	Planters
2:45—3:15 PM	Break/Visit Exhibits	Main Foyer
4:45—5:45 PM	Rapid Scientific Sessions	Main Foyer
6:30 – 9:30 PM	Welcome Reception	Lakeside Terrace
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2008		
7:00—5:00 PM	Registration	Planters Foyer
7:00—5:00 PM	Poster Displays	Main Foyer
7:00—5:00 PM	Exhibit Displays	Main Foyer
7:00—7:30 AM	Trauma Committee	Dallas
7:00—8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast	Main Foyer
8:00—5:15 PM	Scientific Session	Planters
9:30—10:00 AM	Break/Visit Exhibits	Main Foyer
12:00—2:00 PM	Lunch with Guest Speaker	
3:00—3:30 PM	Break/Visit Exhibits	Main Foyer
6:30—7:30 PM	Cocktail Reception	Main Foyer
7:30—9:30 PM	Presidential Banquet	Merchants
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008		
7:00—12:00 PM	Registration	Planters Foyer
7:00—12:00 PM	Poster Displays	Main Foyer
7:00—12:00 PM	Exhibit Displays	Main Foyer
7:00—8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast	Main Foyer
7:30—8:30 PM	Rapid Scientific Session	Main Foyer
8:30—11:00 AM	Scientific Session	Planters
10:30—11:00 AM	Break/Visit Exhibits	Main Foyer
11:00—12:00 PM	Business Meeting (Members Only)	Planters
12:00 PM	Adjourn	
12:00—1:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting/Lunch	Hudson

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2008

1:00 pm **OPENING REMARKS**
Kamal MF Itani, MD
President, Association of VA Surgeons

GREETINGS & WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

SCIENTIFIC SESSION I

1:30 PM – 4:45 PM

Moderator: Alan Dardik, MD and Michael Watkins, MD

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- 1:30 pm #1 **NITRIC OXIDE IS INEFFECTIVE AT INHIBITING NEOINTIMAL HYPERPLASIA IN TYPE I DIABETES**
*Varu VN, Ahanchi SS, Martinez J, Keefer LK, Kibbe MR
Northwestern University, Division of Vascular Surgery; The University of Illinois Medical Center, Dept of Surgery; and the National Cancer Institute at Federick, Chicago, IL
- 1:45 pm #2 **SEX AND HORMONES - NOVEL FACTORS FOUND TO INFLUENCE NITRIC OXIDE AND VASCULAR SMOOTH MUSCLE PROLIFERATION**
*Hogg ME, Jiang Q, Kibbe MR
Northwestern University, Division of Vascular Surgery, Chicago, IL
- 2:00 pm #3 **CIRCULATING INFLAMMATORY CELLS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH VEIN GRAFT STENOSIS**
Sobel M, Murray-Wijelath J, Yagi M, Kohler T, Hatsukami T, O'Keefe G, Clowes A, Pedersen K
VA Puget Sound Health Care System, Seattle WA
- 2:15 pm #4 **UTILITY AND ACCURACY OF DUPLEX ULTRASOUND IN ASSESSING IN-STENT RESTENOSIS AFTER CAROTID STENTING**
*Cumbie T, Rosero EB, Modrall JG, Valentine RJ, Clagett GP, Timaran CH
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center/Dallas Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Dallas, TX
- 2:30 pm #5 **THE EXTENT OF LOWER EXTREMITY OCCLUSIVE DISEASE PREDICTS SHORT AND LONG TERM PATENCY FOLLOWING ENDOVASCULAR INFRAINGUINAL ARTERIAL INTERVENTION**
*Hasanadka R, Brown KR, Rilling WS, Rossi PJ, Hieb RA, Hohenwalter EJ, Seabrook GR, Lewis BD, Towne JB
Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI
- 2:45 pm **BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS**
- 3:15 pm #6 **SUBINTIMAL ANGIOPLASTY IN THE TREATMENT OF LONG SEGMENT OCCLUSION OF THE SUPERFICIAL FEMORAL ARTERY, SAFETY AND EARLY RESULTS**
Kougias P, Rawat A, El Sayed HF, Huynh TT, Lin PH
Baylor College of Medicine, MEDVAMC, Houston, TX
- 3:30 pm #7 **COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH STAGED LOWER EXTREMITY ARTERIAL HYBRID PROCEDURES**
Ebaugh JL, Gagnon D, Owens CD, Conte MS, Raffetto JD
Boston VA Healthcare System, West Roxbury, MA
- 3:45 pm #8 **CONSERVATIVE MANAGEMENT OF LOWER EXTREMITY WOUNDS IN PATIENTS WITH PERIPHERAL ARTERIAL DISEASE: AN INTEGRATED LIMB PRESERVATION TEAM EXPERIENCE**
Teruya TH, Bianchi V, Michelotti M, Mills B, Bishop V, Potter S, Robles A
Loma Linda VA Medical Center, Loma Linda, CA
- 4:00 pm #9 **HOW OPTIMAL IS THE MEDICAL MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS WHO UNDERGO MAJOR RECONSTRUCTIVE VASCULAR SURGERY? THE RESULTS OF A CROSS-SECTIONAL STUDY**
*Marshal C, El Sayed HF, Huynh TT, Lin PH, Kougias P
Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- 4:15 pm #10 **PORT-A-CATH PLACEMENT WITHOUT FLUOROSCOPY IN 790 PATIENTS**
*Monohan D, Spector SA, LoMenzo E, DeGennaro V, Iglesias A
Miami VA Healthcare System and the University of Miami, FL
- 4:30 pm #11 **EMERGENT EMBOLIZATION OF THE GASTRODUODENAL ARTERY IN THE TREATMENT OF UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL BLEEDING. THE EXPERIENCE FROM A SURGEON-INITIATED INTERVENTIONAL PROGRAM**
*Burris J, El Sayed HF, Huynh TT, Lin PH, Kougias P
Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

RAPID SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS I
(4:45 PM – 5:30 PM)

Moderators: Robert Rege, MD and Mary Hawm, MD, MPH

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- R1 **ARE SURGICAL NO SHOWS THE SAME AS NO SHOWS IN OTHER CLINICS?**
McLean TR, Haller CC, McLean AB, Arevalo J, Hoins S
VA Eastern Kansas Health Care System –Dwight D. Eisenhower VA Medical Center, Leavenworth Kansas; and Third Millennium Consultants LLC, Shawnee, KS
- R2 **SURGERY CLINIC: TRAGEDY OF THE COMMONS**
McLean TR, Haller CC, Burton L, McLean AB, Arevalo J
VA Eastern Kansas Health Care System–Dwight D. Eisenhower VA Medical Center, Leavenworth Kansas; and Third Millennium Consultants LLC, Shawnee, KS
- R3 **COMPARISON OF OUTCOMES OF AV FISTULAS AND GRAFTS AT A SINGLE VA MEDICAL CENTER**
Snyder D, Stringer A, Clericuzio C, May W
G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery VAMC and the University of Mississippi School of Medicine
- R4 **HOW DOES PATIENT SAFETY CULTURE COMPARE IN THE OPERATING ROOM AND POST ANESTHESIA CARE UNIT TO THE REST OF THE HOSPITAL?**
*Kaafarani HMA, Itani KMF, Rosen AK, Hartmann CW, Zhao S, Gaba DM
Boston VA Healthcare System, Boston, MA
- R5 **INCREASED COSTS OF USING EXTENDED CRITERIA CADAVERIC DONORS**
Reese JC, Nelson PW, *Hsu J, Schmidt RC
Kansas City VAMC, Midwest Transplant Network, St. Lukes Hospital
- R6 **PREDICTORS OF LENGTH OF STAY FOLLOWING COLONIC RESECTION IN A VA POPULATION**
Leung AM, Gibbons RL, Vu HN
Virginia Commonwealth University, Medical College of Virginia, Stuart McGuire VA Hospital, Richmond, VA
- R7 **OVER 150 CONSECUTIVE OPEN UMBILICAL HERNIA REPAIRS IN A MAJOR VA MEDICAL CENTER**
Farrow B, Awad S, Berger D, Bellows C
Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center Houston, TX
- R8 **DOES THE DURATION OF SURGERY AFFECT OUTCOMES IN PATIENTS UNDERGOING CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS GRAFTING?**
Chu D, Bakaeen FG, Wang XL, LeMaire SA, Coselli JS, Huh J
Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Texas Heart Institute at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- R9 **OUTCOMES OF ACUTE APPENDICITIS IN THE ELDERLY**
Subramanian A, Elhabash SI, van Doorn EC, Awad SS
Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston TX
- R10 **A RETROSPECTIVE REVIEW OF MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY AFTER CAROTID ENDARTERECTOMY CONSIDERING ANESTHESIA MODALITY**
*Matthews TC, Patterson MA, Taylor SM, Passman MA, Lin HY, Gleysteen JJ, Jordan WD
University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL
- R11 **THE KOLB LEARNING CYCLE IN ABSITE REMEDIATION: THE ACES COURSE**
Kosir MA, Fuller L, Tyburski J, Berant L
Wayne State University, VAMC, Detroit, MI
- R12 **BATCH PROCESSING INCREASES OPERATING ROOM EFFICIENCY**
Green DM
Micheal E DeBakey VAMC, Houston, TX
- 6:30 pm **WELCOME RECEPTION (Lakeside Terrace)**

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2008

SCIENTIFIC SESSION II
8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Moderators: Naji N. Abumrad, MD and Marc Basson, MD, PhD

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- 8:00 am #12 **ALTERATION OF ALPHA-SPECTRIN UBIQUITINATION FOLLOWING HEMORRHAGIC SHOCK**
Caprio K^{}, Condon MR^{*}, Xu D^{*}, Feketeova E^{*}, Deitch EA^{*}, Machiedo GW^{**}
Surgical Services VA New Jersey Healthcare System, E. Orange, NJ and ^{}Department of Surgery, New Jersey Medical School, Newark, NJ
- 8:15 am #13 **LOW TRYPTOPHAN LEVELS ARE RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF POST-OPERATIVE DELIRIUM IN THE ELDERLY**
Robinson T, Raeburn C, Angles E, Tran Z, Moss M
University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver, CO
- 8:30 am #14 **BILE-PANCREATIC DUCT LIGATION IN MICE IS ASSOCIATED WITH STRESS KINASE ACTIVATION AND ACUTE**

INFLAMMATORY CHANGES IN BOTH THE PANCREAS AND LUNG

Meyerholz DK, Williard DE, Grittmann AM, Samuel J
 University of Iowa and Iowa City VAMC, Iowa City, IA

- 8:45 am #15 **SUPRAPHYSIOLOGIC EXTRACELLULAR PRESSURE INHIBITS INTESTINAL EPITHELIAL WOUND HEALING INDEPENDENTLY OF LUMINAL NUTRIENT FLOW**
 *Flanigan TL, Owen CR, Gayer C, Basson MD
 John D. Dingell VAMC and Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
- 9:00 am #16 **INCREASED INVASION THROUGH BASEMENT MEMBRANE BY CXCL7-TRANSFECTED BREAST CELLS**
Tang Z, Yu M, Miller F, Berk RS, Tromp G, Kosir MA
 VAMC, Wayne State University, and Karmanos Cancer Institute, Detroit, MI
- 9:15 am #17 **EFFECTS OF DIESEL EXHAUST CHEMICALS ON WOUND HEALING IN A DIABETIC MOUSE MODEL**
 *McCray V¹, Tyner TR^{1,2}, Kane S^{1,2}, Vu K², Toribio A², Yamaguchi K³, Ishimoto M⁴, Sian K^{1,2}, Yamaguchi KT^{1,2}
¹UC San Francisco – Fresno, VA Central California HCS, ²California State Univ Fresno, ³Univ Southern California, ⁴UC Berkeley, CA
- 9:30 am **BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS**

SCIENTIFIC SESSION III**10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

Moderator: Shukri Khuri, MD and Mark Ratcliffe, MD

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- 10:00 am #18 **MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS WITH CONCOMITANT LUNG CANCER AND ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM**
 *Blochle R, Lall P, Cherr GS, Harris LM, Dryjski ML, Hsu HK, Dosluoglu HH
 VA Western NY Healthcare System, Buffalo, NY
- 10:15 am #19 **THORACIC ENDOGRAFTS FOR CHRONIC TYPE B AORTIC DISSECTIONS**
Kasirajan K, Salam A
 Atlanta VAMC, Atlanta, GA
- 10:30 am #20 **MINIMALLY INVASIVE MITRAL VALVE SURGERY WITHOUT AORTIC CROSS CLAMP: THE NASHVILLE VETERANS AFFAIRS EXPERIENCE**
 *Carey CD, Absi TS, Balaguer JM, Leacche M, Rottman JN, Salloum JG, Ahmad RM, Ball SK, Hoff SJ, Kim BS, Greelish JP, Tarpley JL, Nylander WA, Byrne JG, Petracek MR
 Tennessee Valley Healthcare System, Nashville Campus (Vanderbilt), TN
- 10:45 am #21 **INITIAL EXPERIENCE WITH STERNAL PLATING IN CARDIAC SURGERY PATIENTS**
 *Snyder CW, Byers RE, Holman WL
 Birmingham VA Medical Center, Birmingham, AL
- 11:00 am #22 **FEASIBLE AND PRACTICAL THORACOSCOPIC LOBECTOMY IN THE VA HOSPITAL**
 *Tang D, Pickens A
 VA Ann Arbor Health Care Systems, Ann Arbor, MI
- 11:15 am #23 **ELECTIVE SURGICAL CASE CANCELLATION IN THE VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM: RATES AND REASONS**
 *Argo JL¹, Vick CC¹, Itani KM², Bishop MJ³, Hawn, MT¹
¹Birmingham VA Medical Center, ²Boston VA Health Care System, ³Seattle VA Medical Center
- 11:30 am #24 **TROPONIN I AFTER CARDIAC SURGERY IMPACTS COST**
 *Rousou LJ, Crittenden M, Taylor KB, Healey NA, Gibson S, Thatte HS, Haime M, Khuri SF
 VA Boston Healthcare System, Beth Israel Deconess Medical Center, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA
- 12:00–2:00 PM **LUNCH with Distinguished Guest Speaker:**
“EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: LESSONS FROM KATRINA”
Bernard M. Jaffe, MD
 Professor of Surgery, Tulane University School of Medicine

SCIENTIFIC SESSION IV**2:00 – 3:00 PM**

Moderators: William G. Cheadle, MD and Thomas Miller, MD

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- 2:00 pm #25 **GLIBENCLAMIDE REDUCES HEMORRHAGE AND LESION VOLUME IN A RAT MODEL OF CERVICAL SPINAL CORD**

INJURY EVALUATED BY MRI

*Caridi J¹, Tsybalyuk O¹, Gullapalli R², Kilbourne MJ⁶, Bochicchio G³, Pierson RN³, Gerzanich V¹, Simard JM^{1,4,5}
 Departments of ¹Neurosurgery, ²Radiology, ³Surgery, ⁴Physiology and ⁵Pathology, University of Maryland, Baltimore MD, and Department of ⁶Surgery, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington DC

- 2:15 pm #26 **INOSITOL HEXAPHOSPHATE (IP6): A NOVEL TREATMENT FOR BLADDER CANCER**
Zaslau S, Riggs DR, Jackson B, Kandzari SJ
 Section of Urology/Dept of Surgery, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
- 2:30 pm #27 **PROPOFOL INHIBITS PRESSURE-STIMULATED MACROPHAGE PHAGOCYTOSIS VIA THE GABA-A RECEPTOR AND DYSREGULATION OF P130CAS PHOSPHORYLATION**
Shiratsuchi H, Kouatli Y, Marsh HM, Basson MD
 John D. Dingell VA Medical Center and Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
- 2:45 pm #28 **WHAT IS THE BEST SUTURE MATERIAL FOR THE ABDOMINAL WOUND CLOSURE—POLYGLYCONATE OR POLYPROPYLENE?**
Hirai D
 Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, Los Angeles, CA
- 3:00 pm **BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS**

SCIENTIFIC SESSION V
3:30 – 5:15 PM

Moderator: Walter E. Longo, MD and Fiemu Nwariaku, MD

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- 3:30 pm #29 **IMPLEMENTATION OF A DEDICATED COLORECTAL CANCER CENTER IN A VETERANS' AFFAIRS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM**
 *Wilks JA, Liebig C, Haderxhanaj K, Saad M, Berger D, Lee L, Farrow B, Awad S, Albo D
 Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX
- 3:45 pm #30 **THE SUBTLE PRESENTATION OF POST COLECTOMY ANASTOMOTIC LEAKS**
Bellows CF, Webber LS, Albo DA, Awad S, Lee TH, Berger DH
 MEDVAMC, Tulane University School of Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine
- 4:00 pm #31 **ASSESSING RISK FACTORS FOR RECURRENT AND COMPLICATED DIVERTICULITIS REQUIRING COLECTOMY**
Yoo PS, Salamone L, Garg R, Floch M, Rosenthal R, Longo WE
 Department of Surgery, Yale University, New Haven, CT
- 4:15 pm #32 **PREDICTORS OF PERINEAL WOUND BREAKDOWN FOLLOWING ABDOMINOPERINEAL RESECTION**
 Rivera P, Lopez J, Al-Saadi S, Rasheid S, Marcet J
 Department of Surgery, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- 4:30 pm #33 **MORBIDITY OF DELAYED RECTAL CANCER SURGERY FOLLOWING NEOADJUVANT CHEMORADIOTHERAPY**
Lillard SR, Wu PC, Tatum RP, Lyng DC, Langdale LA
 VA Puget Sound Health Care System, Seattle, WA
- 4:45 pm #34 **THE IMPACT OF PATIENT BMI ON LYMPH NODE RETRIEVAL IN COLON CANCER**
 *Carey CD, Zaydfudim V, Pelton DJ, Tarpley JL, Pearson AS
 Tennessee Valley Healthcare System, Nashville Campus (Vanderbilt), TN
- 5:00 pm #35 **STOPPING THE CLOT: PREVENTION OF THROMBOEMBOLIC EVENTS IN SURGICAL PATIENTS THROUGH THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORD-BASED RISK ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**
 *Novis SJ, Ostrowski D, Levin B, Blum-Eisa L, Prystowsky JB, Kibbe MR
 Northwestern University and the Jesse Brown VAMC, Chicago, IL
- 6:30 pm **COCKTAIL RECEPTION (Main Foyer)**
- 7:30 pm **ANNUAL BANQUET (Merchants)**

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008

RAPID SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS II
(8:00 AM – 9:00 AM)

Moderator: David H. Berger, MD and John Tarpley, MD

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- R13 **THE ROLE OF BIOLOGIC MESHES IN THE REPAIR OF COMPLEX CLEAN-CONTAMINATED INCISIONAL HERNIAS**

- Lo Menzo E, Spector SA, Martinez JM, *Cappellani A, Iglesias A, DeGennaro V
Department of Veterans Affairs, University of Miami, Miami, FL *University of Catania, Italy
- R14 **A COMBINED PROSTHETIC AND BIOLOGIC MESH REPAIR FOR VENTRAL HERNIAS WITH LOSS OF DOMAIN**
- Lo Menzo E, Spector SA, Iglesias A, Martinez JM, *Cappellani A
Department of Veterans Affairs, University of Miami, Miami, FL, *University of Catania, Italy
- R15 **USE OF BIOLOGIC MESH FOR A COMPLICATED LAPAROSCOPIC PARACOLOSTOMY HERNIA REPAIR**
- Lo Menzo E, Martinez JM, Spector SA, Iglesias A, DeGennaro V, Cappellani A*
Department of Veterans Affairs, University of Miami, Miami, FL, *University of Catania, Italy
- R16 **PROPHYLAXIS WITH PRECAUTION: DEVELOPMENT OF HEPARIN INDUCED THROMBOCYTOPENIA FOLLOWING GREAT SAPHENOUS VEIN RADIOABLATION**
- Heller JA, Freischlag J
Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, MD
- R17 **TRANSARTERIAL CHEMOEMBOLIZATION (TACE) AS NEOADJUVANT THERAPY FOR PRIMARY HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA. SAFETY, TECHNICAL ASPECTS, AND PITFALLS**
- *Cheng C, El Sayed HF, Huynh TT, Lin PH, Albo D, Berger DH, Kougiass P
Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- R18 **UTILITY OF SENTINEL LYMPH NODE BIOPSY IN HIGH-RISK CUTANEOUS SQUAMOUS CELL CARCINOMA**
- *Avin ID, Wu PC
VA Puget Sound Health Care System/University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- R19 **TRANSIENT LIVER INJURY IN A MURINE MODEL OF CHRONIC KLEBSIELLA PERITONITIS**
- *Lenz AM, Peyton JC, Gardner SA, Cheadle WG
VAMC Louisville and University of Louisville, Department of Surgery, KY
- R20 **REPAIR OF AN ACUTELY EXPANDING INFECTED SUBCLAVIAN PSEUDOANEURYSM WITH A COVERED STENT**
- Cash MP, Fleser P, Dattilo JB
Tennessee Valley VA Medical Center, Nashville, TN
- R21 **SUBCLAVIAN ARTERY ANEURYSM - A CASE REPORT**
- Broome JT, Dattilo JB
Tennessee Valley VA Medical Center, Nashville, TN
- R22 **INFRARENAL AND ILIAC ARTERY ANEURYSMORRHAPHY IN THE SETTING OF AN ECTOPIC KIDNEY**
- Borkon MJ, Dattilo JB
Tennessee Valley VA Medical Center, Nashville, TN
- R23 **ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF SURGICAL RESECTION FOR RECTAL CANCER**
- Gibbs VC, Saund MS, Wu PC
San Francisco VAMC, Boston VAMC and Seattle VAMC

SCIENTIFIC SESSION VI
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Moderators: Seth Spector, MD and Kamal MF Itani, MD

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- 9:00 am #36 **THE JULY EFFECT AND CARDIAC SURGERY: EFFECT OF THE BEGINNING OF THE ACADEMIC CYCLE ON OUTCOMES**
Bakaeen FG, Chu Danny, Dhaliwal A, Bozkurt B, Deswal A, Wang XL, LeMaire SA, Coselli JS, Huh J
Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX
- 9:15 am #37 **DOES THE USE OF BILATERAL INTERNAL MAMMARY ARTERY IMPACT SURVIVAL OF VETERANS UNDERGOING CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS SURGERY?**
Bakaeen FG, Chu Danny, Dhaliwal A, Wang XL, Bozkurt B, LeMaire SA, Coselli JS, Huh J
Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX
- 9:30 am #38 **ADVERSE OUTCOMES IN SURGERY: REDEFINITION OF POST-OPERATIVE COMPLICATIONS**
Fry DE, Pine M, Jones BL, Meimban RJ
Michael Pine and Associates; Department of Surgery, University of New Mexico; Department of Medicine, Division of Cardiology, University of Chicago, IL
- 9:45 am #39 **RENAL TRANSPLANTATION IN ETHNIC MINORITIES**
Asolati M, Arenas J, Lu C, Vasquez M, Rajora N, Hartono J, Desai D, Anthony T
UT Southwestern MC, Dallas TX, Dallas VA Medical Center, Dallas, TX
- 10:00 am #40 **ASSOCIATION OF VA SURGEONS ANNUAL RESIDENT PAPER AWARD WINNERS: CAREER PATHS FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF POSTGRADUATE TRAINING**
Longo WE, Itani K, Tarpley J, Kozol RA
Yale University, Boston University, Vanderbilt University, University of Connecticut
- 10:15 am #41 **AGGRESSIVE SQUAMOUS CELL CANCER OF THE SKIN: CLINICAL, PATHOLOGIC, AND IMMUNOHISTOCHEMICAL PREDICTORS OF SURVIVAL**
Smith A¹, Prasad A^{1,2}, Jensen V¹, Wendel CS², Kapali M², Raju M^{1,2}, Schmelz M^{1,2}, Leyva W^{1,2}, Krouse RS^{1,2}
¹University of Arizona College of Medicine, ²Southern Arizona Veterans Affairs Health Care System

10:30 am	BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS
11:00 am	BUSINESS MEETING (MEMBERS ONLY)
12:00 pm	ADJOURN
12:00 pm	Executive Committee Lunch (Hudson)