

ASSOCIATION OF VA SURGEONS

33rd Annual Meeting

April 19 - 21, 2009

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2009

1:00 pm **OPENING REMARKS**
John Tarpley, MD
President, Association of VA Surgeons

GREETINGS
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

SCIENTIFIC SESSION I
1:15 PM – 4:45 PM

Moderator: Charles Cha, MD and Earl Gaar, MD

- 1:15 pm #1 **MANAGEMENT AND OUTCOMES OF THE OPEN ABDOMEN IN ELDERLY NON-TRAUMA PATIENTS**
*Balentine C, Subramanian A, Wilks J, Palacio C, Berger D, Albo D, Farrow B, Lee L, Awad S
Michael E. DeBaakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX
- 1:30 pm #2 **SYNERGISTIC EFFECTS OF PTEROSTILBENE AND INOSITOL-6-PHOSPHATE ON MELANOMA**
*Schneider JG, McFadden DW
University of Vermont, Burlington, VT
- 1:45 pm #3 **INOSITOL HEXAPHOSPHATE (IP6): MODULATION OF CELL CYCLE AND PROLIFERATION OF BLADDER CANCER IN VITRO**
Zaslau S, Riggs DR, Jackson BJ, Talug C, Kandzari SJ
Section of Urology/Dept. of Surgery, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
- 2:00 pm #4 **RNA-BINDING PROTEIN HUR ENHANCES SURVIVIN MRNA STABILITY AND CONTRIBUTES TO SURVIVIN OVEREXPRESSION IN ESOPHAGEAL CANCER**
Donahue J, Chang E, Wang JY, Battafarano R
Cell Biology Group, Departments of Surgery and Pathology, University of Maryland School of Medicine and Baltimore VA Medical Center, Baltimore, MD
- 2:15 pm #5 **SILENCING OF RAS ASSOCIATION DOMAIN FAMILY 1C (RASSF1C) DECREASES LUNG CANCER CELL PROLIFERATION IN VITRO**
Amaar YG, *Aragon RJ, Baldwin ML, Baldwin SW, Chen ST, Reeves ME
Jerry L. Pettis Memorial VA Medical Center and Loma Linda University School of Medicine, Loma Linda, CA
- 2:30 pm #6 **EVALUATION OF PATIENTS WITH CLINICALLY SUSPECTED RECURRENCE OF RECTAL CANCER**
Sangoi A, Patel U, Ode K, Audisio RA, Virgo KS, Johnson FE
Saint Louis University (USA), St. George's Hospital Medical School (UK), University of Liverpool (UK)
- 2:45 pm **BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITORS**

SCIENTIFIC SESSION II
3:15 – 4:45 PM

Moderator: Dan Albo, MD and Walter Longo, MD

- 3:15 pm #7 **TRENDS AND PREDICTORS OF OPEN AND CONVERSION TO OPEN CHOLECYSTECTOMY IN VA HOSPITALS**
*Kaafarani HMA¹, Schiffner Smith T², Dawes LG³, Neumayer L⁴, Berger DH⁵, Joehl RJ⁶, DePalma RG⁷, Itani KMF¹
¹Department of Surgery, VA Boston Healthcare System, West Roxbury, MA; ²Department of Veterans Affairs, Eastern Colorado Healthcare System, Denver, CO; ³Department of Surgery, James A. Haley VA Medical Center, Tampa, FL; ⁴Department of Surgery, VA Salt Lake City Health Care System, Salt Lake City, UT; ⁵Department of Surgery, Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX; ⁶Department of Surgery, Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital, Hines, IL; ⁷Patient Care Services, Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office, Washington, DC
- 3:30 pm #8 **THE INFLUENCE OF POSTOPERATIVE BODY TEMPERATURE ON SURGICAL OUTCOMES**
Khandewal S, Wang E, Prystowsky JB
Jesse Brown VAMC and Northwestern University, Chicago, IL
- 3:45 pm #9 **β1 INTEGRIN MEDIATES PRESSURE-STIMULATED PHAGOCYTOSIS**
*Bhalla S, Shiratsuchi H, Craig DH, Basson MD
Michigan State University and John D. Dingell VAMC, Detroit, MI
- 4:00 pm #10 **NFKB-DEPENDENT GENE TRANSCRIPTION IN CCK- AND TNF-STIMULATED ISOLATED ACINAR CELLS IS MEDIATED BY P38 MAP KINASE.**
*Williard D, Twait E, L Tephly, Carter AB, Yuan Z, Samuel I
Univ. of Iowa Carver COM & VA Medical Center, Iowa City, IA
- 4:15 pm #11 **RESIDENT AS SURGEON YIELDS COMPARABLE RESULTS IN HAND-ASSISTED LAPAROSCOPIC VS. OPEN COLECTOMY: A VA EXPERIENCE**
*Melstrom KA, Joehl RJ, Winston VA
Hines VA Hospital, Hines, IL
- 4:30 pm #12 **COLON SURGERY IN THE VAMC: WHAT IS STILL NEEDED IN THIS MILLENNIUM?**
*Bonebrake M, Ferguson J, Cullen J, Ephgrave K
VAMC Iowa City and U. Iowa Carver College of Medicine, Iowa City, IA

RAPID SCIENTIFIC SESSION I
4:45 PM – 5:45 PM

Moderator: Lillian Dawes, MD and Lawrence Kim, MD

- R1 **FOCUSED VS. SCREENING CT SCANS FOR EVALUATION OF NON-TRAUMATIC ABDOMINAL PAIN IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT**
*Thurston K, Kozol R, Magee S, Fuller R, Lee J, Voytovich A
University of Connecticut, Farmington, CT
- R2 **BREAST CANCER TREATMENT OUTCOMES IN SCHIZOPHRENIC PATIENTS.**
*Farasatpour M, Margenthaler JA, Williams C, Janardhan R, Virgo KS, Johnson FE
Saint Louis University, Washington University, St. Louis Veterans Affairs Medical Center, St. Louis, MO

- R3 **GASTROINTESTINAL CANCER SURGERY IN PATIENTS WITH A PRIOR VENTRICULOPERITONEAL SHUNT**
 *Wadhwa S¹; Barina A¹; Virgo KS^{1,2}; Doorley EM³; Bahadursingh AM^{1,2}; Audisio RA³; Johnson FE^{1,2}
¹Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO, ²Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, St. Louis, MO, ³University of Liverpool, Liverpool, UK
- R4 **SQUAMOUS-CELL CARCINOMA ARISING FROM THE PLEURA FOLLOWING PNEUMONECTOMY FOR SQUAMOUS-CELL CARCINOMA OF THE LUNG.**
 *Franke MA, Chung HD, Johnson FE
 Saint Louis University, St. Louis Veterans Affairs Medical Center, St. Louis, MO
- R5 **IMPROVEMENT OF PATIENT-SPECIFIC POSTOPERATIVE OUTCOMES WITH RETROPERITONEAL REPAIR OF INFRARENAL ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM**
 *Borkon MJ, Zaydfudim V, Carey CD, Guzman RJ, Dattilo JB
 Tennessee Valley Healthcare System - Nashville Campus, TN
- R6 **FAST-TRACK CARDIAC SURGERY IN VETERANS: HOW WE IMPROVED EXTUBATION TIMES**
 *Bansal S, Fermin L, Rhenman B
 Southern Arizona Veterans Affairs Hospital Care System, Tucson, AZ
- R7 **CAN ADMINISTRATIVE DATA BE USED TO MEASURE SURGICAL ADVERSE EVENTS? VALIDATING THE ICD-9-CM BASED PATIENT SAFETY INDICATORS**
 *Kaafarani HMA, 1, 2; Borzecki AM, 2, 3, 4; Garvin J, 5, 6; Itani KMF, 1, 4, 7; Rosen AK, 2, 3
 1 Department of Surgery, VA Boston Healthcare System, West Roxbury, MA; 2 Center for Health Quality, Outcomes and Economic Research (CHQOER), Bedford, MA; 3 Boston University School of Public Health, Boston, MA; 4 Boston University School of , Boston, MA; 5 NewCourtland Center for Transitions and Health at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, Philadelphia, PA; 6 Philadelphia VA Medical Center, PA
- R8 **SURVIVAL RATE IN BLIND PATIENTS WITH PROSTATE CANCER FOLLOWING CURATIVE-INTENT TREATMENT**
 *Ghazarian MP 1; Virgo KS 1, 2; Feman SS 1; Van Eps JL 1; Ledbetter LN 1; Kumar M 3; Johnson FE 1, 2
 1Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO; 2St. Louis VAMC, St. Louis, MO; 3Liverpool University, Liverpool, United Kingdom
- R9 **NON-RESPONSE BIAS TO MAILED OUTCOMES SURVEY IN A PATIENTS UNDERGOING VENTRAL HERNIA REPAIR.**
 *Vick CC, Snyder CW, Gray SH, Finan KR, Graham LA, Hawn, MT
 Birmingham VAMC; University of Alabama, Birmingham, Department of Surgery
- R10 **CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS SURGERY IN EXTREMELY ELDERLY PATIENTS: PREDICTORS OF OPERATIVE MORTALITY AND DISCHARGE STATUS**
 *Gopaldas RR, Chu D, Dao TK, Huh J, LeMaire SA, Coselli JS, Bakaeen FG
 Baylor College of Medicine and the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX
- R11 **SPONTANEOUS LATE RECANALIZATION OF THE INTERNAL CAROTID ARTERY FOLLOWING ANTICOAGULATION: CASE REPORT**
 *Carey CD, Borkon MJ, Guzman RJ, Brophy CM, Dattilo JB
 Tennessee Valley Healthcare System, Nashville Campus, TN

- R12 **WALKING UPHILL BOTH WAYS IN THE SNOW TO SCHOOL: THE IMPACT OF RESIDENT WORK HOUR RESTRICTIONS ON FACULTY**
Dance M, Stoddard G, Neumayer L
University of Utah and Salt Lake City VA Healthcare System
- R13 **SEVERE AORTIC STENOSIS: A CONTEMPORARY LOOK AT THE PATTERNS OF REFERRAL AND TREATMENT**
Bakaeen FG, Ratcliffe MB, *Gopaldas RR, Huh J, Sansgiry S, Kar B, Paniagua D, Blaustine V, Lemaire SA, Coselli JS, Carabello BA, Chu D
Baylor College of Medicine and the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX
- R14 **DIFFERENCES IN THE PROGNOSTIC IMPACT BETWEEN PREOPERATIVE AND POSTOPERATIVE INTRAAORTIC BALLOON PUMP**
*Patel M, Ghadir M, Huh J, Sansgiry S, Atluri PV, LeMaire SA, Coselli JS, Chu D, Bakaeen FG
Baylor College of Medicine and the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX
- 6:30 pm **WELCOME RECEPTION (Henrietta's Table – Upper Courtyard)**

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2009

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

Moderator: Melina Kibbe, MD and Michael Watkins, MD

- 8:00 am #13 **STATIN DRUGS IMPROVE SURVIVAL, BUT NOT PATENCY AND LIMB SALVAGE RATES IN PATIENTS FOLLOWING OPEN OR ENDOVASCULAR REVASCULARIZATION**
*Gupta A, Lall P, Harris LM, Dryjski ML, Dosluoglu HH
VA Western NY HEalthcare System, SUNY at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY
- 8:15 am #14 **REDUCTION IN BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS AFTER CARDIAC SURGERY**
*Albert J, Patel H, Prager R, Henke P, Duvernoy C, Haft J
Ann Arbor VA Medical Center, Ann Arbor, MI
- 8:30 am #15 **ENDOTHELIAL CELLS AND NITRIC OXIDE: MALES LIVE FREE AND FEMALES DIE HARD**
*Hogg ME, Jiang Q, Murar J, Banerjee M, Kibbe MR
Northwestern University, Division of Vascular Surgery, Chicago, IL
- 8:45 am #16 **THROMBOSPONDIN-1-INDUCED VSMC MIGRATION IS DEPENDENT UPON THE HYALURONIC ACID RECEPTOR CD44**
Maier KG, Han X, Cullen S, Sadowitz B, Gahtan V
Department of Veterans Affairs VA Healthcare Network Upstate New York at Syracuse and SUNY Upstate Medical University, Division of Vascular Surgery and Endovascular Services, Syracuse, NY
- 9:00 am #17 **INHIBITION OF VASCULAR SMOOTH MUSCLE CELL PROLIFERATION BY S-NITROSOGLUTATHIONE IS REVERSED BY THE ADDITION OF ASCORBIC ACID**
*Vavra AK, Hogg ME, Jiang Q, Kibbe MR
Northwestern University, Division of Vascular Surgery, Chicago, IL

9:15 am #18 **THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ENDOTHELIAL FUNCTION AND ARTERIAL-
VENOUS FISTULA MATURATION IN SUBJECTS WITH END STAGE RENAL
DISEASE (ESRD)**
Owens CD, Wake N, Kim JM, Hentschel D, Rapp JH, Conte MS, Schanzer A
San Francisco VA Medical Center, San Francisco, CA

9:30 am **BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITORS**

SCIENTIFIC SESSION IV
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Moderator: Seth Spector, MD and Marc Basson, MD, PhD

- 10:00 am #19 **LONG-TERM GLUCOSE CONTROL AND RISK OF PERI-OPERATIVE
COMPLICATION**
*Acott A, Theus S, Kim LT
Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System, Little Rock, AR
- 10:15 am #20 **POSTOPERATIVE PNEUMONIA PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR THE
INPATIENT SURGICAL WARD**
Wren S, Yoon JK, Bech F, Martin M
Palo Alto Health Care System, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA
- 10:30 am #21 **DISPELLING THE MYTH OF THE BLACK PIGMENT STONE: A MULTIVARIATE
ANALYSIS OF FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH PIGMENT GALLSTONE COLOR
AND BACTERIAL PRESENCE**
Stewart L, Erden I, McLeod Griffiss J, Jarvis GA, Way LW
San Francisco VA Medical Center, University of California, San Francisco, CA
- 10:45 am #22 **SEROMA IN VENTRAL INCISIONAL HERNIORRHAPHY: INCIDENCE,
PREDICTORS AND OUTCOME**
*Kaafarani HMA, Hur K, Itani KMF
Department of Surgery, VA Boston Healthcare System, West Roxbury, MA
- 11:00 am #23 **ESTABLISHMENT OF A MINIMALLY INVASIVE PROGRAM AT A VAMC LEADS
TO IMPROVED CARE IN COLORECTAL CANCER PATIENTS**
*Wilks JA, Balentine CJ, Berger DH, Anaya D, Awad S, Lee L, Haderxhanaj K, Albo
D
Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX
- 11:15 am #24 **CXCL7-MEDIATED STIMULATION OF THE LYMPHANGIOGENIC FACTOR
VEGF-C AND HEPARANASE ACTIVITY IN HUMAN BREAST CANCER CELLS**
*Yu M, Kosir MA
John D. Dingell VAMC, Wayne State University, and Karmanos Cancer Institute,
Detroit, MI
- 11:30 am #25 **EFFECTIVE BREAST RECONSTRUCTION IN FEMALE VETERANS**
Leong M, Chike-Obi C, Lee E, Netscher D
Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center & Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- 11:45 am #26 **THERAPY-INDUCED CELLULAR SENESENCE AND TELOMERE
DYSFUNCTION IN COLORECTAL CANCER**
Wu PC, Chu E, Wang Q, Wu DY
VA Puget Sound Health Care System, Seattle, WA

12:00–1:30 PM **LUNCH with Guest Speaker: Lucian Leape, MD**, Adjunct Professor of Health Policy, Department of Health Policy and Management, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA

SCIENTIFIC SESSION V
1:30 – 2:30 PM

Moderator: Peter Henke, MD and Mary Hawn, MD

- 1:30 pm #27 **A CELL PERMEANT PEPTIDE INHIBITOR OF MAPKAP KINASE II REDUCES INTIMAL HYPERPLASIA IN AN ORGAN CULTURE MODEL OF HUMAN SAPHENOUS VEIN**
*Carey CD, Borkon MJ, Lopes LB, Komalavilas P, Guzman RJ, Dattilo JB, Brophy CM
VA Tennessee Valley Healthcare System, Nashville Campus, TN
- 1:45 pm #28 **AVASTIN INHIBITS CELLULAR REPLICATION AND INTIMAL HYPERPLASIA IN EXPERIMENTAL VEIN GRAFTS**
*Zhang Q, Myers W, Westerband A, Hunter G
University of Texas Medical Branch and Southern Arizona VA Health Care System
- 2:00 pm #29 **EVAR IS ASSOCIATED WITH LESS MALNUTRITION THAN OPEN AAA REPAIR**
*Ochoa Chaar CI, Fitzgerald TN, Dewan M, Huddle M, Perkal M, Muhs BE, Dardik A
Yale University School of Medicine; VA Connecticut Healthcare Systems, New Haven, CT
- 2:15 pm #30 **COMPARISON OF OUTCOMES BETWEEN UPPER ARM BRACHIOCEPHALIC VERSUS TWO STAGE BRACHIOBASILIC ARTERIOVENOUS FISTULA**
*Robinson C, Chen A, Bechara CF, Huynh TT, Cagiannos C, Lin PH, Kougias P
Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- 2:30 pm **BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITORS**
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SCIENTIFIC SESSION VI
3:00 – 5:00 PM

Moderator: Alexandra Webb, MD and Melissa Perkal, MD

- 3:00 pm #31 **THE EFFECT OF NICOTINE DEPENDENCE ON OUTCOMES AFTER CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS GRAFTING**
Chu D, Anderson TR, Dao TK, Coselli JS, LeMaire SA, Bakaeen FG
Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- 3:15 pm #32 **EFFECT OF PRIMARY STERNAL PLATING ON MAJOR STERNOTOMY WOUND COMPLICATIONS**
*Snyder CW, Byers RE, Holman WL
Birmingham VA Medical Center, Birmingham, AL
- 3:30 pm #33 **PH-GUIDED MYOCARDIAL MANAGEMENT IN 1091 PATIENTS: A TWENTY-FIVE YEAR EXPERIENCE WITH REDUCING MYOCARDIAL ISCHEMIA DURING CARDIAC SURGERY**
Crittenden MD, Healey NA, Kumbhani DJ, Treanor PR, Josa M, Birjiniuk V, Haime M, Khuri SF
VA Boston Healthcare System, West Roxbury, MA and the Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

- 3:45 pm #34 **ELECTIVE SURGICAL CASE CANCELLATION IN THE VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM: IDENTIFYING AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT**
 *Argo JL-1, Vick CC-1, Graham LA-1, Crawford MS-1, Itani KM-2, Bishop MJ-3, Hawn, MT-1
 1-Birmingham VA Medical Center, 2-Boston VA Health Care System, 3-Seattle VA Medical Center
- 4:00 pm #35 **FATE OF NON-DESIGNATED PRELIMINARY GENERAL SURGERY RESIDENTS SEEKING A CATEGORICAL RESIDENCY POSITION**
 *Yoo P 2; Kozol R 1, Reilly P 1; Seashore J 2; Duffy A 2; Chandawarkar R1; Longo WE 2
 Departments of Surgery, 1 University of Connecticut School of Medicine, and 2 Yale University School of Medicine
- 4:15 pm #36 **THE JULY EFFECT: IMPACT OF THE BEGINNING OF THE ACADEMIC CYCLE ON CARDIAC SURGERY OUTCOMES IN A COHORT OF 70,616 PATIENTS**
 Bakaeen FG, Chu D, Huh J, Sansgiry S, Coselli JS, LeMaire SA, Bell ML, Shroyer AL, Grover FL
 Baylor College of Medicine and the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX; Eastern Colorado Health Care System Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Denver, CO
- 4:30 pm #37 **DOES INCISIONAL HERNIA REPAIR IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE?**
 *Snyder CW, Vick CC, Graham LA, Hawn MT
 Veteran's Affairs Research Enhancement Award Program (REAP), Birmingham, AL
- 4:45 pm #38 **USE OF A MODIFIED CHITOSAN DRESSING IN A HYPOTHERMIC COAGULOPATHIC GRADE V LIVER INJURY MODEL**
 *Kuehn RB, Kilbourne MJ, Keledjian K, Hess JR, Scalea T, Bochicchio GV
 Baltimore VA Medical Center, University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD
- 6:30 pm **COCKTAIL RECEPTION (Kennedy Room)**
- 7:30 pm **ANNUAL BANQUET (Kennedy Room)**

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2009

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

Moderator: John Tarpley, MD and Alan Dardik, MD, PhD

- R15 **PREDICTORS OF SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF PREOPERATIVE BRIEFINGS AND POSTOPERATIVE DEBRIEFINGS FOLLOWING MEDICAL TEAM TRAINING**
 Paull DE, Mazzia L, Neily J, Izu B, Mills P, Bagian J
 VA National Center for Patient Safety, Ann Arbor, MI and Boonshoft School of Medicine, Wright State University, Dayton, OH
- R16 **SUBINTIMAL PLACEMENT OF COVERED STENT VERSUS SUBINTIMAL BALLOON ANGIOPLASTY IN THE TREATMENT OF LONG SEGMENT SUPERFICIAL FEMORAL ARTERY OCCLUSION**
 Kougias P, Chen A, Bechara CF, Huynh TT, Cagiannos C, Lin PH
 Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

- R17 **IMPROVED AAA SCREENING WITH CLINICAL REMINDERS**
Padberg F, Manis G, Lal BK, Pappas PJ, Hauck K
 VA New Jersey Health Care System, East Orange, NJ
- R18 **ONE VA'S EXPERIENCE: ENHANCING GENDER SPECIFIC CARE FOR FEMALE VETERANS**
Stevens A, Ingram D, Feranec J, Tillman C
 NF/SG Veterans Health System, Gainesville, FL
- R19 **QUORUM SENSING/SIGNALING INHIBITION: EFFECTIVE SUPPRESSION OF DEVICE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS**
 Kirnan, Balaban N, Griffith DP
 Tufts School of Veterinary Medicine [NB] and Baylor College of Medicine [DPG]
- R20 **IMPLEMENTATION OF A METHICILLIN RESISTANT STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS (MRSA) PREVENTION BUNDLE RESULTS IN DECREASED MRSA SURGICAL SITE INFECTIONS**
Awad SS, Beyers PA, Subramanian A, Gray-Becknel T, Abraham P, Lewis DA, Stevens C, Young EJ
 Michael E DeBaakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX
- R21 **MANAGEMENT OF SECONDARY ESOPHAGEAL DIVERTICULUM FOLLOWING ESOPHAGECTOMY**
Wu PC, Tatum RP, Lynge DC, Langdale LA
 VA Puget Sound Health Care System, Seattle, WA
- R22 **ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS ACTION PLAN: SAFE SUTURE NEEDLE MANAGEMENT IN THE OR**
Gibbs VC, Byrd D, Baker M, Langford A, Mark B. Ratcliffe MB
 Surgical Service and Operating Room, San Francisco VA Medical Center, San Francisco, CA

SCIENTIFIC SESSION VII
8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Moderator: Faisal Bakaeen, MD and Michael Crittenden, MD

- 9:00 am #39 **ETHNICITY AND ORGAN DONATION: THE OPTN/SRTR REGISTRY**
Asolati M, Varela E, Huerta S, Puzziferri N, Desai D, Debroy M, Arenas J, Anthony T
 Dallas VA Medical Center, UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX
- 9:15 am #40 **FAILURE TO REPORT INFECTIONS AFTER DISCHARGE LEADS TO THE UNDER-REPORTING OF RATES OF SURGICAL SITE INFECTIONS**
Anthony T, Parker BJ, Huerta S, Varela JE, Asolati M
 VA North Texas Health Care System, Dallas, TX
- 9:30 am #41 **ABDOMINAL WALL REPAIR USING HUMAN ACELLULAR DERMAL MATRIX: A FOLLOW-UP STUDY**
Lee E, Chike-Obi C, Gonzalez P, Garza R, Leong M, Subramanian A, Bullocks B, Awad SS
 Michael E DeBaakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX

- 9:45 am #42 **NON-TRANSECTIONAL OPEN GASTRIC BYPASS AS THE DEFINITIVE BARIATRIC PROCEDURE FOR 61 PATIENTS WITH BMI 70 AND GREATER**
Slotman GJS
Department of Surgery, UMDNJ/Robert Wood Johnson Medical School & UMDNJ/School of Osteopathic Medicine, Camden, NJ
- 10:00 am #43 **LONG-TERM OUTCOMES AFTER LAPAROSCOPIC ROUX-EN-Y GASTRIC BYPASS IN US VETERANS**
Hauser DL, Titchner RL, Wilson MA, Eid GM
Department of Surgery, University of Pittsburgh and VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System, PA
- 10:15 am #44 **THE IMPACT OF ANEMIA AND TRANSFUSIONS ON MORTALITY IN SURGICAL PATIENTS WITH SEVERE SEPSIS**
Subramanian A, Placio CH, Algendy A, Awad SS
Michael E DeBakey VA Hospital, Houston, TX
- 10:30 am **BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITORS**
- 11:00 am **BUSINESS MEETING (MEMBERS ONLY)**
- 12:00 pm **ADJOURN**
- 12:00 pm **Executive Committee Lunch (Compton)**