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# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Category	Early Registration (before 4/30/10)	Late Registration (after 4/30/10)
Member	\$325.00	\$350.00
Non-Member	\$375.00	\$400.00
Resident	\$200.00	\$225.00
Spouse/Guest	\$100.00	\$125.00

The registration fee includes all breakfasts and breaks, Sunday Welcome Reception, Lunch and Banquet on Monday.

There is no fee to attend the Pre-Meeting Research Symposium on Sunday, May 9th. Please let us know if you are planning to attend by indicating on the registration form.

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS

### UNIVERSITY PLACE CONFERENCE CENTER AND HOTEL

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### TOLL-FREE RESERVATIONS:

Please make your hotel reservations by calling 1-800-627-2700 (select Option #1).

Please mention you are with the Association of VA Surgeons to ensure you receive the special group rates.

**GROUP RATES:** Single - \$94.00 | Double - \$114.00

**HOTEL DEADLINE: APRIL 23, 2010**

7:45 am	#28	<b>A Retrospective Review Comparing Incidence Of Postoperative Ileus Before And After Implementation Of Alvimopan Therapy At A VA Hospital</b> —White T (Indianapolis)
8:00 am	#29	<b>Model Of Efficiency For Inguinal Herniorrhaphy At A Veterans Administration Hospital</b> —Murray BW (Dallas)
8:15 am	#30	<b>Process Improvements To Reduce Operating Room Cancellations</b> —Kokoska MS (Indianapolis)
8:30 am	#31	<b>Urinary Tract Infections In Surgical Patients: What Are We Measuring?</b> —Lerner LB (West Roxbury)
8:45 am	#32	<b>Change Is Hard, Potential Rewards Are Great: Assessment Of Patient Safety Culture 2005–2009</b> —Atkins BC (Durham)
9:00 am	#33	<b>Investing In Medical Students: Which Ones Are Worth A Surgeon's Time?</b> —McLean TR (Leavenworth)
9:15 am	<b>BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS</b>	

### SCIENTIFIC SESSION VII (9:45 AM – 11:45 AM)

Moderators: Michael Crittenden, MD and Danny Chu, MD

9:45 am	#34	<b>Is An Age Of <math>\geq 80</math> Years An Important Predictor Of Short-Term Outcomes Of Aortic Valve Replacement In Veterans?</b> Bakaeen FG (Houston)
10:00 am	#35	<b>Post Operative Glycemic Management</b> —Vaught K (Indianapolis)
10:15 am	#36	<b>Pre-Operative Smoking Cessation: Provider Attitudes On Delay Or Refusal Of Elective Surgery Based On Smoking Status</b> —Vick CC (Birmingham)
10:30 am	#37	<b>Predictors Of Postoperative Atrial Fibrillation After Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting In A Veteran Population</b> —Choi JC (Houston)
10:45 am	#38	<b>Modern Management Of Mediastinal Infection</b> —Atkins BC (Durham)
11:00 am	#39	<b>Long-Term Resolution Of Diabetes And Hypertension Following Gastric Bypass Surgery</b> —Wegner R (Iowa City)
11:15 am	#40	<b>Admission Serum Albumin Predicts Outcome In Patients Undergoing Emergent Laparotomy</b> —Ilahi ON (Baltimore)
11:30 am	#41	<b>Surgeon-Modified Fenestrated And Branched Endografts For High Risk Patients With Juxtarenal, Paravisceral, And Thoracoabdominal Aortic Aneurysms: Early Experience And Outcomes</b> —Timaran CH (Dallas)
11:45 am	ADJOURN	
12:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting/Lunch	

- 1:45 pm #20 **Analysis Of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms Following Endovascular Repair: Does Choice Of Device Influence Outcome?** Kwitkin B (Miami)
- 2:00 pm #21 **Low Medical Risk Predicts Excellent Outcome After Carotid Angioplasty And Stenting**—Tiwari A (New Haven)
- 2:15 pm #22 **Differential Effect Of The Nitric Oxide Donor, DETA-NONOate, On Thrombospondin-1 And PDGF-Induced Migration**—Seymour K (Syracuse)
- 2:30 pm **BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS**

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**SCIENTIFIC SESSION V  
(3:00 – 4:15 PM)**

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Moderators: Samir Awad, MD and Mark Wilson, MD

- 3:00 pm #23 **One Year Follow-Up Of Minimally Invasive Mitral Valve Surgery Without Aortic Cross Clamp: The Nashville Veterans Affairs Hospital Experience**—Shukrallah B (Nashville)
- 3:15 pm #24 **Overcoming Challenges In Implementing A Minimally Invasive Esophagectomy Program At The Malcolm Randall Veterans Administration Medical Center In Gainesville, Florida**—Rossidis G (Gainesville)
- 3:30 pm #25 **Effectiveness Of Teaching Ethics To Surgical Residents: Implementation Of The ACS Ethics Curriculum**—Thirunuvakarasu P (Pittsburgh)
- 3:45 pm #26 **Outcomes Of The Prolene Hernia System Mesh (PHS) For The Repair Of Recurrent Inguinal Hernias Using The Open Anterior Approach**—Palacio CH (Houston)
- 4:00 pm #27 **Experience With Permacol Mesh In Complex Abdominal Wall Defects Reconstruction**—Malireddy K (San Antonio)
- 4:15 pm **BUSINESS MEETING (MEMBERS ONLY)**

**PRESIDENTIAL BANQUET**

6:30 pm—Reception | 7:30 pm—Banquet

Presidential Citations | Best Paper Awards | Presidential Address

**TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2010**

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**SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS VI  
(7:45 AM – 9:15 AM)**

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Moderators: Alexandra Webb, MD and John Tarpley, MD

**PROGRAM AGENDA**  
(subject to change)

**SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2011**

**PRE-MEETING RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM**

8:00—9:00 am	Continental Breakfast
8:00—12:00 PM	Scientific Session
9:55—10:05 AM	Coffee Break
<b>AVAS 34th ANNUAL MEETING</b>	
7:00—5:00 PM	Registration
7:30—9:30 AM	Executive Committee Meeting/Breakfast
8:00—12:00 PM	Exhibit Set-up
9:30—11:30 AM	AVAS Council of Chiefs Meeting
12:00—5:00 PM	Exhibit Displays
12:45—1:00 PM	Opening Remarks & Welcome New Members
1:00—2:30 PM	Scientific Session I (#1-6)
2:30—3:00 PM	Break/Visit Exhibits
3:00—4:00 PM	Scientific Session II (#7-10)
4:00—5:45 PM	Quickshot Session A (#Q1-16)
6:30—9:30 PM	Welcome Reception

**MONDAY, MAY 10, 2010**

7:00—5:00 PM	Registration
7:00—5:00 PM	Exhibit Displays
7:00—8:00 AM	New Members/Executive Committee Breakfast
7:00—8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast
8:00—10:00 PM	Scientific Session III (#11-19)
10:00—10:30 AM	Break/Visit Exhibits
10:30—12:00 PM	Quickshot Session B (#Q17-30)

# PROGRAM AGENDA

(subject to change)

12:00—1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30—2:30 PM	Scientific Session IV (#19-22)
2:30—3:00 PM	Break/Visit Exhibits
3:00—4:15 PM	Scientific Session V (#23-27)
4:15—5:45 PM	Business Meeting (Members Only)
6:30—7:30 PM	Cocktail Reception
7:30—9:30 PM	Presidential Banquet
9:30—11:00 PM	Presidential Reception
<b>TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2010</b>	
7:00—12:00 PM	Registration
7:00—12:00 PM	Exhibit Displays
7:00—8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast
7:45—9:15 AM	Scientific Session VI (#28-33)
9:15—9:45 AM	Break/Visit Exhibits
9:45—11:45 PM	Scientific Session VII (#34-41)
11:45 AM	Adjourn
12:00—1:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting/Lunch

- Q18 **Pancreatic Mucormycosis: A Case Study With A Management Protocol**—Makipour J (Oklahoma City)
- Q19 **Investigation Of Appropriate Use Of Parenteral Nutrition In Surgery Patients At The Indianapolis VA Hospital: A Pilot Study**—Wilson J (Indianapolis)
- Q20 **Early Post-Operative Outcomes After Liver Resection For Metastatic Liver Disease In The Elderly**—Artinyan A (Houston)
- Q21 **A Retrospective Study Of The Complication Associated With Transcatheter Arterial Embolization In Child-Pugh A vs. Child-Pugh B Liver Patients With Hepatocellular Carcinoma At The San Francisco VA Medical Center**—Russell JS (San Francisco)
- Q22 **Epidemiology Of Colorectal Liver Metastasis: A Nationwide VA Cohort Study**—Anaya DA (Houston)
- Q23 **Predicting Recovery Versus Need For Additional Therapy In Colorectal Surgery Patients**—Balentine C (Houston)
- Q24 **Antibiotic Irrigation Does Not Reduce Wound Infection Rate In Major Clean-Contaminated Colorectal Surgery. Results From A Prospective, Randomized, Double Blind, Placebo-Controlled Trial**—Aragon RJ (Loma Linda)
- Q25 **Concomitant General Surgical Procedures With Incisional Hernia Repair: High Complications With Mesh Use**—Gray SH (Birmingham)
- Q26 **Acute Groin Hernia: Lessons Learnt**—Abi-Haidar Y (West Roxbury)
- Q27 **Patient-Reported Outcomes Following Mastectomy With Or Without Reconstruction: A Preliminary Report**—Leong M (Houston)
- Q28 **Tumor Size And Depth Predict Rate Of Lymph Node Metastasis In Colon Carcinoids And Can Be Used To Select Patients For Endoscopic Resection**—Al Natour RH (Boston)
- Q29 **The Treatment And Revised Classification Of Gallbladder Perforation In Acute Cholecystitis: The Importance Of Intrahepatic Abscess Formation**—Wall JK (San Francisco)
- Q30 **Glycemic Control And Infections In Patients With Diabetes Undergoing Non-Cardiac Surgery**—Perkal MF (New Haven, CT)

12:00 pm **LUNCH**

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## SCIENTIFIC SESSION IV (1:30 – 2:30 PM)

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Moderators: Seth Spector, MD and Panagiotis Kougas, MD

- 1:30 pm #19 **A Novel Therapy: Atraumatic Atherosclerotic Plaque Debulking**—Emond ZM (Chicago)

- Q14 **NoThing Left Behind®: Zooming In On Zero Retained Surgical Sponges At The SF VAMC**—Gibbs VC (San Francisco)
- Q15 **The Patient-Physician Relationship In Surgical Students**—Balentine CJ (Houston)
- Q16 **The VA Is Critical To Academic Program Development**—Robinson C (Houston)

6:30 pm **WELCOME RECEPTION (COURTYARD)**

## MONDAY, MAY 10, 2010

### SCIENTIFIC SESSION III 8:00—10:00 AM

Moderator: Edward Livingston, MD

- 8:00 am #11 **Laparoscopic Surgery Decreases The Cost Of Care In Veterans With Colon Cancer**—Marshall CL (Houston)
- 8:15 am #12 **Ethnic Disparities Are Reduced In VA Colon Cancer Patients**—Robinson C (Houston)
- 8:30 am #13 **From Worst To First: Improving Colorectal Cancer Care At The VA**—Hayman AV (Chicago)
- 8:45 am #14 **Quality Of Life With Colostomy: Predictors Of Outcomes**—Popek S (Tucson)
- 9:00 am #15 **Ischemic Colitis: Risk Factors For Eventual Surgery**—Paterno F (New Haven)
- 9:15 am #16 **Obesity And Pancreatic Cancer: Can Adiponectin Help?**—White P (Indianapolis)
- 9:30 am #17 **A Single Institution's Experience With Revisional Bariatric Surgery**—Fronza JS (Chicago)
- 9:45 am #18 **PTSD As A Risk Factor For Increased Postoperative Mortality In VHA**—Gunnar W (Washington)
- 10:00 am **BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS**

### QUICKSHOT SESSION B (10:30 AM – 12:00 PM)

Moderators: George Sarosi, MD and Mary Hawn, MD

- Q17 **Multilayered Microcapsules For The Sustained-Release Of Angiogenic Proteins From Encapsulated Cells**—Khanna O (Chicago)

## PRE-MEETING SYMPOSIUM SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2010

### “RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM”

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- 8:00 am Continental Breakfast
- 8:15 am **INTRODUCTION: Why Should Trainees Do Research At All?**  
*Marc Basson, MD, PhD*
- 8:30 am **Choosing and Dealing with Mentors.** *Aaron Fink, MD*
- 8:45 am **Why Do Basic Science?** *George A. Sarosi, Jr., MD*
- 9:00 am **Why Do Clinical/Translational Science?** *Samir Awad, MD*
- 9:15 am **Why Do Health Services Research?** *Justin B. Dimick, MD, MPH*
- 9:30 am **Choosing a Question and Designing a Research Plan: Focus and Feasibility.** *Richard Pierson, MD*
- 9:45 am PANEL DISCUSSION
- 9:55 am BREAK
- 10:05 am **Tips for Paper Writing (including Data Analysis and Presentation, Literature Review, Bibliographic Software, Organizing your Writing)** *David W. McFadden, MD, MBA*
- 10:20 am **Selecting and Dealing with Journals (including Impact Factors, Poor Review Process, Revisions and Rejections)** *Kamal Itani, MD*
- 10:35 am **Surgical Societies: Why Participate? How to Do the 10 Minute Talk**  
*Robert Rege, MD*
- 10:50 am **Writing Abstracts for Meetings** *Alan Dardik, MD, PhD*
- 11:05 am **Financing Your Research: Pilot Grants, Foundations, Career Development Awards, Etc.** *Melina Kibbe, MD*
- 11:20 am **Choosing and Negotiating a Research-Based Academic Surgical Position** *Marc Basson, MD, PhD*
- 11:35 am **VA Opportunities for the Young Academic Surgeon**  
*William Cheadle, MD*
- 11:50 am PANEL DISCUSSION
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# AVAS 34TH ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2010**

12:45 pm **OPENING REMARKS**  
Lillian Dawes, MD  
President, Association of VA Surgeons

**GREETINGS AND WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

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## SCIENTIFIC SESSION I (1:00—2:30 PM)

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Moderator: Alan Dardik, MD, PhD and Daniel Albo, MD

- 1:00 pm #1 **Mechanism Underlying The Differential Efficacy Of Nitric Oxide Based On Sex And Hormone Status**—Havelka G (Chicago)
- 1:15 pm #2 **Evaluation Of Hyperspectral Technology For Assessing The Presence And Severity Of PAD**—Chin J (Chicago)
- 1:30 pm #3 **Angiogenesis And Apoptotic Signals Are Upregulated In Carotid Plaque: Implications For Plaque Instability**—Thai J (Tucson)
- 1:45 pm #4 **Pterostilbene And Tamoxifen Show An Additive Effect Against Breast Cancer In Vitro**—Mannal P (Burlington)
- 2:00 pm #5 **Triangulation: Applied Math For Localization Of The Recurrent Laryngeal Nerve During Thyroidectomy**—Royer M (Indianapolis)
- 2:15 pm #6 **Outcomes Of Circulatory Arrest Procedures For The Treatment Of Thoracic Aortic Disease At A Veterans Facility**—Bakaeen FG (Houston)
- 2:30 pm **BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS**

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## SCIENTIFIC SESSION II (3:00—4:00 PM)

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Moderators: Lillian Dawes, MD and Charles Cha, MD

- 3:00 pm #7 **Positive Correlation Of Employment And Psychological Quality Of Life For Veterans With Major Abdominal Surgery**—Horner DJ (Tucson)
- 3:15 pm #8 **Hepatic Surgery At A VA Tertiary Medical Center: Lessons Learned**—Aleml F (San Francisco)

- 3:30 pm #9 **Laparoscopic Radiofrequency Ablation For Liver Tumors Results In Improved Short-Term Outcomes**—Marshall CL (Houston)
- 3:45 pm #10 **General Surgery Resident Attitudes Toward The VA: Reaching Out To The Next Generation**—Eppstein AC (Indianapolis)

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## QUICKSHOT SESSIONS A (4:00 PM – 5:45 PM)

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Moderators: Faisal Bakaeen, MD and Melina Kibbe, MD

- Q1 **Surgical Intervention For Infective Endocarditis In A Veteran Population**—Cornwell L (Houston)
- Q2 **Are Outcomes Of Concomitant Aortic Valve Replacement And Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting Better At Academic Teaching Institutions?**—Gopaldas RR (Houston)
- Q3 **The Effect Of Cilostazol On Intermittent Claudication In A "Real Life" VA Practice**—Lee CW (Gainesville)
- Q4 **Management Of Common Carotid Artery Occlusion After Stent Placement. Case Report**—Nurko J (Houston)
- Q5 **Risk Factors And Management Of New Onset Postoperative Atrial Fibrillation In Non-Cardiac, Non-Thoracic Surgical Patients**—Burriss J (Houston)
- Q6 **Impact Of Transfusion Policy On Acute Coronary Syndrome After Major Vascular Reconstruction**—Kougias P (Houston)
- Q7 **Extracellular Pressure Stimulates Adhesion Of Non-Epithelial Cancers Via Activation Of FAK And Akt**—Perry BC (Lansing)
- Q8 **Thrombospondin-1-Induced Ras Activation Is Dependent On PI3 Kinase And c-Src**—Sadowitz B (Syracuse)
- Q9 **Pancreatic Duct Ligation-Induced Acute Pancreatitis In Rats Is Associated With Acute Lung Injury**—Yuan Z (Iowa City)
- Q10 **Early Graft Failure Of GTKO Pig Organs In Baboons Is Reduced By hCPRP Expression**—Pierson RN (Baltimore)
- Q11 **Scheduling Surgeries Using Empirical Probability Distribution Of Surgical And Anesthesia Case Durations**—Tiwari V (Houston)
- Q12 **Rapid Investigation Of A Quality Issue; Response Of The VA Surgical Quality Improvement Program**—Gunnar W (Washington)
- Q13 **Briefing Guide (BiG) Study: Current State Of The Use Of Preoperative Briefing And Postoperative Debriefing Checklists In The VHA Medical Team Training (MTT) Program**—Theis MS (Ann Arbor)