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SUNDAY WELCOME RECEPTION

Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Birthplace

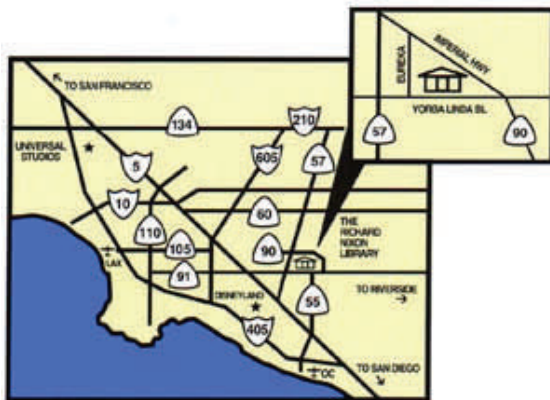
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5:45 pm Bus departs from Hotel Lobby
6:30 pm Arrival at Nixon Library
9:00 pm Bus returns to Hotel

Visitors to the Nixon Presidential Library and Museum begin their tour in the auditorium, which shows vintage campaign films, news footage, and historically significant television appearances by President Nixon.

Visitors then proceed to the permanent galleries. These galleries were inherited by the federal government in 2007 from the private foundation that used to control the Nixon library. They display images, video, and artifacts related to President Nixon's career, family life, and service as president. Among the featured exhibits are:

- A replica of the Lincoln Sitting Room in the White House's family quarters as it was decorated during President Nixon's time in office. This exhibit shows the room where President Nixon made many of his most crucial decisions.
- An exploration of the space program during the Nixon presidency, featuring an astronaut's space suit, the telephone President Nixon used to call Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin on the Moon, and an actual Moon rock
- The 1967 Lincoln Continental limousine used by Presidents Johnson, Nixon, and Ford
- A reconstruction of President Nixon's post-presidential office in his home in Park Ridge, New Jersey.
- A replica of the East Room of the White House
- President's helicopter and birthplace



PROGRAM AGENDA

(subject to change)

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2011	
PRE-MEETING VASCULAR SYMPOSIUM	
7:30—8:30 am	Continental Breakfast
8:00—12:00 PM	Scientific Session
9:40—10:00 AM	Coffee Break
AVAS 35th ANNUAL MEETING	
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
12:30—5:00 PM	Exhibit Displays
12:45—1:00 PM	Opening Remarks & Welcome New Members
1:00—3:00 PM	Scientific Oral Session I (#1-10)
3:00—3:30 PM	Break/Visit Exhibits
3:30—5:00 PM	Quickshot Session A (#QS1-15)
6:30—9:30 PM	Welcome Reception (Nixon Library)
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2011	
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 AM	Scientific Oral Session II (#11-20)
10:00—10:30 AM	Break/Visit Exhibits
10:30—11:30 AM	Scientific Quickshot Session B (#QS16-25)
11:30—1:00 PM	Lunch Program
1:00—3:00 PM	Scientific Oral Session III (#21-30)
3:00—3:30 PM	Break/Visit Exhibits

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3:30—4:30 PM	Scientific Oral Session IV (#31-35)
4:30—5:30 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
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2011	
7:00—12:00 PM	Registration
7:00—12:00 PM	Exhibit Displays
7:00—8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast
8:00—10:00 AM	Scientific Oral Session V (#36-45)
10:00—10:30 AM	Break/Visit Exhibits
10:30—11:45 AM	Scientific Quickshot Session C (#QS26-37)
11:45 AM	Adjourn
12:00—1:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting/Lunch

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SCIENTIFIC QUICKSHOT SESSION C (10:30 AM – 11:45 AM)

Moderators: David Berger, MD and Michael Crittenden, MD

- QS26 **CLINICAL OUTCOMES FOLLOWING ONCOLOGIC GASTROINTESTINAL RESECTIONS IN PATIENTS WITH CIRRHOSIS**
Artinyan A (Houston, TX)
- QS27 **OUTCOMES WITH STRATTICE VERSUS POLYPROPELENE MESH ONLY WITH ANTERIOR COMPONENT SEPARATION (CHEVALIER) IN COMPLEX INCISIONAL HERNIA REPAIRS**
Liang MK (Houston, TX)
- QS28 **PREVALENCE OF HIATAL HERNIA IN THE MORBIDLY OBESE**
Smith BR (Long Beach, CA)
- QS29 **IMPROVING FLOW FROM THE ER TO THE OR FOR HIP FRACTURE PATIENTS**
Perkal M (New Haven, CT)
- QS30 **DOES THE METHOD OF STERNAL REPAIR INFLUENCE LONG-TERM OUTCOME IN MANAGEMENT OF POSTOPERATIVE MEDIASTITIS?**
Atkins BZ (Durham, NC)
- QS31 **OVARIAN CANCER PATIENT SURVEILLANCE AFTER CURATIVE-INTENT INITIAL TREATMENT**
Johnson FE (St. Louis, MO)
- QS32 **MANAGEMENT OF MODERATE TO SEVERE GERD IN VETERAN VERSUS UNIVERSITY PATIENT POPULATIONS**
Narvaez R (Long Beach, CA)
- QS33 **ACHIEVING COMPLIANCE WITH SCIP MEASURES - SUCCESS WITH A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH**
John P (Baltimore, MD)
- QS34 **MULTI-LAYER REPAIR OF MASSIVE INCISIONAL HERNIAS IN MORBIDLY OBESE PATIENTS**
Liang MK (Houston, TX)
- QS35 **MOBILE SURGERY UNITS-AN ATTRACTIVE OPTION DURING O.R. RENOVATION**
Smith JW (Muskogee, OK)
- QS36 **IMPACT OF A PULMONARY NODULE PROJECT**
Allison JG (Charleston, SC)
- QS37 **IMPACT OF ANESTHESIA-DIRECTED PRE-OPERATIVE CLINIC IN OPERATING ROOM CANCELLATION IN THE VA SYSTEM**
Nguyen JD (Houston, TX)
- 11:45 am ADJOURN
- 12:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting/Lunch

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2011

**SCIENTIFIC ORAL SESSION V
(8:00 AM – 10:00 AM)**

Moderators: Mark Wilson, MD and Samir Awad, MD

- 8:00 am #36 **MITRAL REGURGITATION ACCELERATES LEFT VENTRICULAR REMODELING AFTER POSTERO-LATERAL MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION**
Soleimani M (San Francisco, CA)
- 8:12 am #37 **DRUG-ELUTING STENTS AND SUBSEQUENT NON-CARDIAC SURGERY: PROVIDER ATTITUDES AND PRACTICE HABITS**
Graham LA (Birmingham, AL)
- 8:24 am #38 **THE IMPACT OF SURGICAL SITE INFECTION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF INCISIONAL HERNIA AND SMALL BOWEL OBSTRUCTION IN COLORECTAL SURGERY**
Murray BW (Dallas, TX)
- 8:36 am #39 **ENDOVASCULAR MANAGEMENT OF LARGE TYPE 2 ENDOLEAKS WITH IMA EMBOLIZATION**
Ochoa L (Houston, TX)
- 8:48 am #40 **PREDICTING THE UNPREDICTABLE. IS IT POSSIBLE TO MODEL THE TIME LENGTH OF AN OPERATIVE INTERVENTION?**
Kougias P (Houston, TX)
- 9:00 am #41 **URETERAL INJURY IN PATIENTS UNDERGOING COLORECTAL SURGERY FOR BENIGN AND MALIGNANT DISEASE: A NATIONAL ANALYSIS OF THE IMPACT OF HOSPITAL VOLUME, ACADEMIC CENTER STATUS, EMERGENCY AND OPEN SURGERY**
Awad SS (Houston, TX)
- 9:12 am #42 **UNCOVERING THE TRUTH ABOUT COVERED STENTS: IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COVERED VS. UNCOVERED STENTS WITH TIPS?**
Golkar FC (Tampa, FL)
- 9:24 am #43 **THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE VA CARDIOVASCULAR ASSESSMENT, REPORTING AND TRACKING SYSTEM FOR PERIPHERAL VASCULAR INTERVENTION (CART-PVI)**
Nelson PR (Gainesville, FL)
- 9:36 am #44 **LAPAROSCOPIC INCISIONAL HERNIA REPAIR WITH LAPAROSCOPIC TRANS-CUTANEOUS CLOSURE OF CENTRAL DEFECTS**
Liang MK (Houston, TX)
- 9:48 am #45 **DISTRIBUTION OF COMORBIDITIES IN PATIENTS AT VARIOUS STAGES OF PERIPHERAL ARTERIAL DISEASE WHO NEED OPERATIVE INTERVENTION. A CROSS-SECTIONAL STUDY**
Abbas A (Houston, TX)
- 10:00 am **BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS**

**PRE-MEETING SYMPOSIUM
SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2011**

“VASCULAR SYMPOSIUM”

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- 8:00 am Continental Breakfast
- 8:05 am INTRODUCTION Christian Bianchi, MD FACS
- SESSION I: CLINICAL RESEARCH IN VASCULAR SURGERY**
- 8:25 am **Update on the OVER Trial and other AAA Trials (EVAR, DREAM, etc.)** Frank Lederle, MD
- 8:40 am **Update on CARP Trial** Edward O. McFalls, MD
- 8:55 am **Clinical Trial on Critical Limb Ischemia** Mark Nehler, MD
- 9:10 am **Clinical Trial for Carotid Disease** Carlos Timaran, MD
- 9:25 am **Update on Non-operative Management of AAA** Ronald Dalman, MD
- 9:25 am PANEL DISCUSSION
- 9:40 am BREAK
- SESSION II: BASIC RESEARCH IN VASCULAR DISEASE**
- 9:55 am **General Talk in Basic Science Research** Vivian Gahtan, MD
- 10:10 am **General Talk in Funding a Basic Research Lab** Marc Basson, MD, PhD
- 10:25 am **Basic Research in PAD** Melina Kibbe, MD, RVT
- 10:40 am **Basic Research in Vein Grafts** Alan Dardik, MD, PhD
- 10:55 am **Basic Research in AAA** Kathleen G. Raman, MD, MPH
- 11:10 am **Basic Research in Venous Disease** Panagiotis Kougias, MD
- 11:25 am PANEL DISCUSSION
- 11:40 am Q&A
- 12:00 pm Adjourn

AVAS 35TH ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2011

12:45 pm **OPENING REMARKS**
Edward Livingston, MD
President, Association of VA Surgeons

GREETINGS AND WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

SCIENTIFIC ORAL SESSION I (1:00—3:00 PM)

Moderators: Jason Gold, MD and Antonio Robles, MD

- 1:00 pm #1 **FRAILITY INCREASES POST-DISCHARGE SIX-MONTH COST FOLLOWING COLORECTAL OPERATIONS IN OLDER ADULTS**
Robinson TN (Denver, CO)
- 1:12 pm #2 **CAROTID ENDARTERECTOMY FOR VETERAN PATIENTS: A MODERN 10 YEAR EXPERIENCE**
*Matthews TC (Birmingham, AL)
- 1:24 pm #3 **B-LYMPHOCYTES ARE REQUIRED TO INITIATE PANCREATIC CANCER GROWTH**
*White PB (Indianapolis, IN)
- 1:36 pm #4 **SUPERIOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY PATENCY OF UPPER ARM ARTERIOVENOUS FISTULAE COMPARED TO FOREARM ACCESS IN A HIGH RISK POPULATION**
*Chiulli LC (West Haven, CT)
- 1:48 pm #5 **IDENTIFYING RISK FACTORS FOR READMISSION FOLLOWING COLORECTAL SURGERY**
*Balentine CJ (Houston, TX)
- 2:00 pm #6 **TOTAL ENDOVASCULAR THORACOABDOMINAL ANEURYSM REPAIR: EVOLUTION OF TECHNIQUE**
*Johnston PC (San Francisco, CA)
- 2:12 pm #7 **VA GENERAL SURGERY SERVICE: THE LAST BASTION OF INTEGRATED SPECIALTY CARE**
*Poteet SJ (Nashville, TN)
- 2:24 pm #8 **ADVENTITIAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE ERK AND AKT PATHWAYS TO NEOINTIMAL HYPERPLASIA**
*Havelka GE (Chicago, IL)
- 2:36 pm #9 **ROBOTIC-ASSISTED ABDOMINOPERINEAL RESECTION IN THE TREATMENT OF RECTAL CANCER: VIDEO PRESENTATION**
Artinyan A (Houston, TX)
- 2:48 pm #10 **ISOFORM-SPECIFIC MODULATION OF PRESSURE-STIMULATED CANCER CELL PROLIFERATION AND ADHESION BY ALPHA-ACTININ**
Downey C (Detroit, MI)

* denotes participant in presentation competition

- 2:24 pm #28 **ENDOVASCULAR RECANALIZATION OF COMPLETE AORTIC AND ILIAC ARTERY OCCLUSIONS. TECHNIQUES, PITFALLS AND LESSONS LEARNED**
Beadle T (Houston, TX)
- 2:36 pm #29 **STEROIDS REALLY DO NOT REDUCE MORTALITY IN SEPTIC SHOCK: A SMART ANALYSIS OF THE CORTICUS CLINICAL TRIAL COMPARED WITH E5, NORASEPT, IL-1ra AND COMPASS**
Slotman GJ (Camden, NJ)
- 2:48 pm #30 **THE DURABILITY AND EFFICACY OF MEDICAL TEAM TRAINING: A SERVICE SPECIFIC, 4 YEAR ANALYSIS OF 7837 CASES**
Stewart L (San Francisco, CA)

3:00 pm **BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITORS**

SCIENTIFIC ORAL SESSION IV (3:30 – 4:30 PM)

Moderators: George Machiedo, MD and Aaron Fink, MD

- 3:30 pm #31 **EFFECT OF THE UTILIZATION OF LEAN METHODOLOGY IN IMPROVING THE QUALITY AND TIMELINESS OF CARE FOR PATIENTS WITH HCC AT A VA CENTER**
Gold JS (West Roxbury, MA)
- 3:42 pm #32 **INCIDENCE, PREDICTORS AND IMPACT OF GRAM (+) SURGICAL SITE INFECTION FOLLOWING COLORECTAL CANCER SURGERY**
Cazares GN (Houston, TX)
- 3:54 pm #33 **CLINICAL COMPARISON OF TWO ANESTHETIC PREPARATIONS FOR INTRAVITREAL INJECTION**
Gregori NZ (Miami, FL)
- 4:06 pm #34 **POWER IRRIGATION OF SURGICAL WOUNDS AS A MEANS OF REDUCING SUPERFICIAL INCISIONAL SURGICAL SITE INFECTIONS: A PILOT STUDY**
Anthony T (Dallas, TX)
- 4:18 pm #35 **IMPLEMENTATION OF PROCESS FLOW CONTROL IN THE OPERATING ROOM**
Anaya DA (Houston, TX)
- 4:15 pm **BUSINESS MEETING (MEMBERS ONLY)**

PRESIDENTIAL BANQUET

6:30 pm—Reception | 7:30 pm—Banquet
Presidential Citations | Best Paper Awards | Presidential Address

LUNCH PROGRAM**(11:30 – 1:00 PM)****"SAME TEAM, FEWER HOURS: THE DILEMMAS OF THE NEW ACGME INTERN REQUIREMENTS AND HOW IT WILL IMPACT THE VA"**

HOST/MODERATOR: Edward Livingston, MD**WHAT EXACTLY ARE THE NEW ACGME INTERN REQUIREMENTS?**

Mark Wilson, MD

CONCERNS FROM A RESIDENT PERSPECTIVE

Amanda Hayman, MD

THE HOUSTON SOLUTION

David Berger, MD

THE NASHVILLE SOLUTION

John Tarpley, MD

THE DALLAS SOLUTIONThomas Anthony, MD

SCIENTIFIC ORAL SESSION III**(1:00 – 3:00 PM)**

Moderators: Edward Livingston, MD and Marc Basson, MD, PhD

- 1:00 pm #21 **NATURAL HISTORY AND OUTCOMES IN ASYMPTOMATIC MODERATE CAROTID STENOSIS**
*Moore T (Loma Linda, CA)
- 1:12 pm #22 **A QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO ACCOMMODATE EXPANDING OPERATIVE VOLUME AND INCREASING COMPLEXITY OF CASE LOAD IN A SINGLE INSTITUTION**
Kougias P (Houston, TX)
- 1:24 pm #23 **UbcH10 EXPRESSION IS DIFFERENTIALLY REGULATED BY NITRIC OXIDE IN TYPE 1 VERSUS TYPE 2 DIABETIC ENVIRONMENTS**
*Rodriguez MP (Chicago, IL)
- 1:36 pm #24 **VASCULAR SMOOTH MUSCLE CELL MIGRATION INDUCED BY FRAGMENTS OF THROMBOSPONDIN-1 IS DIFFERENTIALLY INHIBITED**
*Seymour K (Syracuse, NY)
- 1:48 pm #25 **PTEROSTILBENE INDUCES MITOCHONDRALLY-DERIVED APOPTOSIS IN BREAST CANCER CELLS BY INCREASING MNSOD ACTIVITY AND CYTOCHROME C AND SMAC/DIABLO RELEASE**
*McCormack D (Burlington, VT)
- 2:00 pm #26 **ENDOVASCULAR VERSUS OPEN INTERVENTION FOR LOWER EXTREMITY CLAUDICATION**
*Weakley S (Houston, TX)
- 2:12 pm #27 **USE OF A PFANNENSTIEL INCISION FOR HAND ACCESS OR SPECIMEN EXTRACTION IN MINIMALLY INVASIVE COLORECTAL CANCER SURGERY LEADS TO A DECREASED RISK OF WOUND COMPLICATIONS**
*Orcutt ST (Houston, TX)

3:00 pm **BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS**

SCIENTIFIC QUICKSHOT SESSION A**(3:30 PM – 5:00 PM)**

Moderators: George Sarosi, MD and Melina Kibbe, MD

- QS1 **IMPACT OF ACTIVE ALCOHOL USE ON MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY WHO DEVELOP POSTOPERATIVE PNEUMONIA**
*Ochoa RA (Houston, TX)
- QS2 **IMPLEMENTATION OF A VIRTUAL TUMOR BOARD TO IMPROVE ACCESS AND QUALITY OF CANCER CARE: A PROSPECTIVE PILOT STUDY**
*Marshall CL (Houston, TX)
- QS3 **ACUTE CHOLECYSTITIS IN THE ELDERLY: USE OF CT AND CORRELATION WITH ULTRASONOGRAPHY**
*McGillicuddy E (West Haven, CT)
- QS4 **SURVEY OF VA SURGEON USE AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE VASQIP MORTALITY CALCULATOR**
*Hayman AV (Chicago, IL)
- QS5 **PREDICTORS OF RELAPAROTOMY AFTER NON-TRAUMA EMERGENCY GENERAL SURGERY WITH INITIAL FASCIAL CLOSURE**
*Kim J (Houston, TX)
- QS6 **SINGLE PORT LAPAROSCOPIC RIGHT COLECTOMY: A REVIEW OF THE PRELIMINARY EXPERIENCE AT THE TERTIARY CARE ROUDEBUSH VETERANS AFFAIRS HOSPITAL IN INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**
*Jester AL (Indianapolis, IN)
- QS7 **OVERVIEW OF OUTCOMES OF LAPAROSCOPIC AND OPEN ROUX-EN-Y GASTRIC BYPASS IN BARIATRIC SURGERY IN THE UNITED STATES**
*Masoomi H (Irvine, CA)
- QS8 **EVALUATION OF PATIENT SURVEILLANCE MODALITIES AFTER CURATIVE -INTENT BREAST CANCER THERAPY**
Johnson FE (St. Louis, MO)
- QS9 **OUTCOMES OF OPEN ABDOMEN AFTER EMERGENCY SURGERY FOR NON-TRAUMA INTRA-ABDOMINAL CATASTROPHE IN PATIENTS AT HIGH RISK FOR RELAPAROTOMY**
*Kim J (Houston, TX)
- QS10 **THE GOOD AND THE BAD ABOUT CARDIOTHORACIC SURGICAL TRAINING AT VETERANS AFFAIRS HOSPITALS**
Bakaen FG (Houston, TX)
- QS11 **SURGICAL RECONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT OF MANDIBULAR OSTEORADIONECROSIS**
*Aburto J (Houston, TX)
- QS12 **THE USE OF MINIMALLY INVASIVE TECHNIQUES IN COLON CANCER LEADS TO IMPROVED SHORT-TERM OUTCOMES WHILE MAINTAINING LONG-TERM SURVIVAL**
*Orcutt ST (Houston, TX)

- QS13 **THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG? RESOURCE AVAILABILITY AND BREAST CANCER SURGERY VOLUMES AT THE VA**
*Matsen CB (Salt Lake City, UT)
- QS14 **USE OF CYANOACRYLATE GLUE FOR TEMPORARY ABDOMINAL CLOSURE DURING HYPERTHERMIC INTRA-PERITONEAL CHEMOPERFUSION**
*Masi A (New York, NY)
- QS15 **EFFECT OF BODY MASS INDEX ON THE SIGNAL AMPLITUDE OF MAGNETOGASTROGRAM**
*Obioha C (Nashville, TN)

6:30—9:30 pm
WELCOME RECEPTION (NIXON LIBRARY)

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2011

**SCIENTIFIC ORAL SESSION II
(8:00—10:00 AM)**

Moderators: Alexandra Webb, MD and Seth Spector, MD

- 8:00 am #11 **COST AND QUALITY OF LIFE IN PATIENTS UNDERGOING CABG WITH RADIAL ARTERY VS. SAPHENOUS VEIN GRAFT: RESULTS FROM VA COOPERATIVE TRIAL**
Wagner TH (Palo Alto, CA)
- 8:12 am #12 **THE IMPACT OF A TAILORED PREOPERATIVE MULTIDISCIPLINARY MEETING IN PATIENTS WITH VERY HIGH SURGICAL RISK ON REDUCING VASQIP MORTALITY: "THE REAL PREOPERATIVE HUDDLE"**
*Coulter AH (Buffalo, NY)
- 8:24 am #13 **ANTIOXIDANTS MODULATE THE ANTIPROLIFERATIVE EFFECT OF NITRIC OXIDE ON VASCULAR SMOOTH MUSCLE CELLS AND ADVENTITIAL FIBROBLASTS BY REGULATING OXIDATIVE STRESS**
*Gregory EK (Chicago, IL)
- 8:36 am #14 **DO 6AM GLUCOSE LEVELS MEASURED 1 AND 2 DAYS AFTER CARDIAC SURGERY CORRELATE WITH OVERALL GLYCEMIC CONTROL DURING THE INDEX HOSPITALIZATION?**
*Li A (Houston, TX)
- 8:48 am #15 **HPV16-E6* EXPRESSION REDUCES TUMOR GROWTH IN A MOUSE XENOGRAFT MODEL OF CERVICAL CANCER**
*Aragon RJ (Loma Linda, CA)
- 9:00 am #16 **THE ANTIPROLIFERATIVE EFFECTS OF PTEROSTILBENE ON BREAST CANCER IN VITRO ARE VIA INHIBITION OF CONSTITUTIVE AND LEPTIN-INDUCED JAK/STAT3 ACTIVATION**
*McCormack D (Burlington, VT)
- 9:12 am #17 **ELEVATED WALL TENSION IMPEDES VEIN BYPASS GRAFT REMODELING**
*Manning J (Gainesville, FL)

- 9:24 am #18 **THE EFFECT OF NICOTINE ON VASCULAR SMOOTH MUSCLE CELL CHEMOTAXIS INDUCED BY THROMBOSPONDIN-1**
*Stein JJ (Syracuse, NY)
- 9:36 am #19 **DIFFERENTIAL microRNA EXPRESSION COULD EXPLAIN MICROBIAL TOLERANCE IN A NOVEL CHRONIC PERITONITIS MODEL**
*Kanaan Z (Louisville, KY)
- 9:48 am #20 **INFLUENCE OF OBESITY ON COMPLICATIONS AND COSTS FOLLOWING INTESTINAL SURGERY**
*Wakefield H (Iowa City, IA)
- 10:00 am **BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS**

**SCIENTIFIC QUICKSHOT SESSION B
(10:30 AM – 11:30 AM)**

Moderators: Faisal Bakaeen, MD and Lillian Dawes, MD

- QS16 **COLONOSCOPY IS SAFE IN VETERANS WITH SPINAL CORD INJURY OR DISORDER (SCI&D)**
*Hayman AV (Chicago, IL)
- QS17 **IS CORE BIOPSY ADEQUATE FOR BENIGN PAPILOMA OF THE BREAST?**
*Hung SY (Little Rock, AR)
- QS18 **STAGE IV COLORECTAL CANCER- PREVENTABLE OR INEVITABLE**
*Trombold JM (Louisville, KY)
- QS19 **ADJUNCT MEDIASTINAL PEXY IN POST LUNG TRANSPLANT LVRS**
*Hermesen JL (Madison, WI)
- QS20 **MANAGEMENT OF INCIDENTAL DUCTAL CARCINOMA-IN-SITU AFTER BREAST REDUCTION**
*Aburto J (Houston, TX)
- QS21 **NASAL LYMPHANGIOSARCOMA ARISING IN PATIENTS WITH ROSACEA**
*Olsen SP (St. Louis, MO)
- QS22 **SPHINCTER PRESERVATION AND LOCAL RECURRENCE USING A MULTIMODAL ALGORITHM FOR TREATMENT OF SURGICALLY DIFFICULT RECTAL CANCER**
*Aragon RJ (Loma Linda, CA)
- QS23 **PREVALENCE AND BURDEN OF URINARY SYMPTOMS AMONG VETERANS EVALUATED FOR ELECTIVE SURGERY**
*Deierhoi R (Birmingham, AL)
- QS24 **CAROTID ENDARTERECTOMY VERSUS STENTING IN SELECTED PATIENT POPULATIONS. IS THERE ALWAYS A DILEMMA?**
McCoy S (Houston, TX)
- QS25 **TEAM TRAINING SIMULATION PILOT FOR VHA SURGICAL SERVICES**
Wolk S (Ann Arbor, MI)