## PROGRAM AGENDA

### SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2012

- **12:45 pm—4:15 pm**  
  Tour of Miami VAMC OR Renovation
- **5:00 pm—7:00 pm**  
  Executive Committee Meeting
- **7:00 pm—10:00 pm**  
  Executive Committee Dinner
- **5:00 pm—9:00 pm**  
  Exhibitor Set-Up

### SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2012

- **7:30 am—8:30 am**  
  Continental Breakfast
- **8:00 am—12:00 pm**  
  Scientific Session
- **9:40 am—10:00 am**  
  Coffee Break

### AVAS ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

- **7:00 am—5:00 pm**  
  Registration
- **7:30 am—9:30 am**  
  Executive Committee Meeting/Breakfast
- **8:00 am—5:00 pm**  
  Exhibit Displays
- **12:45 pm—1:00 pm**  
  Opening Remarks & Welcome New Members
- **1:00 pm—3:00 pm**  
  Scientific Oral Session I (#1-10)
- **3:00 pm—3:30 pm**  
  Break/Visit Exhibits
- **3:30 pm—5:00 pm**  
  Scientific Quickshot Session A (#Q1-15)
- **5:00 pm—6:30 pm**  
  AVAS Council of Chiefs Meeting
- **6:30 pm—9:30 pm**  
  Welcome Reception

### MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012

- **7:00 am — 12:00 pm**  
  Registration
- **7:00 am — 12:00 pm**  
  Exhibit Displays
- **7:00 am — 8:00 am**  
  New Members/Executive Committee Breakfast
- **7:00 am — 8:30 am**  
  Breakfast

### QS29

**ENDOTHELIAL GRAFT FAILURE AFTER CONTRALATERAL AUTOLOGOUS CORNEAL TRANSPLANTATION**  
Galor A, Martinez JD, Perez VL, Karp CL, Yoo SH, Alfonso EC  
Miami VAMC and Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, University of Miami, Miami, FL

### QS30

**LAPAROSCOPIC ADRENALECTOMY IN A VETERAN POPULATION - 9 YEAR EXPERIENCE**  
Bowles RJ, Iglesias A, Degennaro V, Spector SA  
Bruce W. Carter VA Medical Center, Miami VA Healthcare System, Miami, FL

### QS31

**VISUAL AND ANATOMIC OUTCOMES OF EPIRETINAL MEMBRANE PEEL AFTER RETINAL DETACHMENT REPAIR IN A TEACHING INSTITUTION**  
Gregori N, Emanuelli A  
Miami Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Miami, FL

### QS32

**HYPOGASTRIC FLOW PRESERVATION USING THE SNORKEL TECHNIQUE DURING ENDOVASCULAR AORTO-ILIAC ANEURYSM REPAIR**  
Ebaugh JL, Raffetto JD, Lieu A, Gupta N  
VA Boston Health System, Boston Medical Center

### QS33

**SAFETY AND UTILITY OF URETERAL STENTING IN LAPAROSCOPIC COLORECTAL SURGERY**  
Reddy VB, Colberg J, Longo WE  
Yale University School of Medicine

### QS34

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRANSCATHETER AORTIC VALVE PROGRAM AT A VETERANS AFFAIRS FACILITY**  
The Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center and Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

### QS35

**APPLICATION OF AN INTEGRATED BEHAVIORAL MODEL TO PREDICT DECONTAMINATION THERAPY IN PATIENTS UNDERGOING ELECTIVE SURGERY WITH HARDWARE IMPLANTATION**  
Awad SS, Avellaneda AA, Liang MK, Logan N, Byers P, Green DM  
Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

### QS36

**ENDOVASCULAR REPAIR OF POST-CAROTID ENDARTERECTOMY VEIN PATCH ANEURYSMS**  
Raffetto JD, Ebaugh JL, Gupta N  
VA Boston Health System

### QS37

**PLANNING AN OR RENOVATION: “OFF TO THE TRAILER PARK!”**  
Spector SA, Matadial C, Delgado H  
Miami VA Healthcare System, Miami, FL

### ADJOURN

- **11:45 am**  
  Adjourn
- **12:00 pm**  
  Executive Committee Lunch
9:12 am #42  BRAIN ACTIVITY IN OBESE SUBJECTS COMPARED WITH LEAN, SHOWS REDUCED IMPACT OF EATING IN OBESITY  
Dallas VA Medical Center and University of Texas Medical Center, Dallas, TX

9:24 am #43  ENDOCYTOSIS OF HMGB1 ACTIVATES INFLAMMASOME IN ALVEOLAR MACROPHAGES  
Xu J, Shi X, Li Y, Wilson M, Fan J  
VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System and Department of Surgery, University of Pittsburgh

9:36 am #44  CARDIAC SURGERY IN A TRAILER PARK  
Karas TZ, Symes JF  
Bruce W. Carter Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center

9:48 am #45  NOT JUST FOR SURGEONS ANYMORE: IMEDCONSENT AS AN EARLY TOOL FOR INFORMED DECISION MAKING  
VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System; University of Pittsburgh, PA

10:00 am #46  CHOICE OF PREOPERATIVE ANTIBIOTIC MATTERS: ADJUSTMENT OF PROPHYLACTIC ANTIBIOTICS BASED ON LOCAL SENSITIVITY DATA MAY REDUCE SSI.  
Dawes L, Rakita S  
James A. Haley VA and the University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

10:15 am BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITORS

QUICKSHOT SESSION C
10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

QS25  ANALYZER BASED PHASE-CONTRAST X-RAY IMAGING OF CAROTID PLAQUE MICROSTRUCTURE  
Appel A1,2, Chou CY3, Greisler H1, Larson J1,2, Vasereddi S2, Zhong Z4, Anastasio M5, Brey E1,2  
1Edward J. Hines VA Hospital, 2Illinois Institute of Technology, 3National Taiwan University, 4Brookhaven National Laboratory, 5Washington University in St. Louis

QS26  DOES A LIBERALIZED FLUID PROTOCOL IMPROVE TISSUE PERFUSION IN LUNG RESECTION SURGERY WITHOUT INCREASING LUNG WATER?  
Perkal M, Assaad S, Kyriakides T, Tellides G, Dittilo M, Kim A, Perrino A  
Yale University, New Haven CT; VA CT Healthcare System, West Haven, CT

QS27  VIRTUAL CONSULTATION: A FINANCIAL AND TEMPORAL ADVANTAGE FOR DELIVERY OF SPECIALTY MEDICAL CARE  
Maloney JD, Strieter NK, Bridges AJ, Weber SM  
Middleton Memorial VA Hospital, Madison WI

QS28  GASTROESOPHAGEAL REFLUX DISEASE IN LUNG TRANSPLANT PATIENTS WITH CYSTIC FIBROSIS  
Fischella PM, Davis CS, Lowery E, Alex CG, Joehl RJ, Love RB  
Loyola University Medical Center/Hines Jr VA
PRE-MEETING SYMPOSIUM

“WHAT IS THE ROLE OF MINIMAL ACCESS SURGERY IN THE VA?”

8:00 am  Welcome and Introduction  Moderators: Seth Spector and George Sarosi

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<td>Benny Weksler (Pittsburgh) Brian Smith (Long Beach)</td>
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TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2012

SCIENTIFIC SESSION IV
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<td>Stewart L, Griffiss JM, Jarvis GA, Way LW UCSF / San Francisco VA Medical Center, San Francisco, CA</td>
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<td>#37  THE USE OF TELEMEDICINE IN POSTOPERATIVE CARDIAC SURGICAL CARE: A PILOT STUDY</td>
<td>Rodriguez V, Chen GJ, Kunik ME, Pietz KC, Anderson JA, Bakaeen FG, Cornwell LD, Smith DL, Berger DH, Chu D Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center/Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX</td>
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<td>#38  DYSREGULATION OF MIR-132 AND -21 REDUCES IL-1 B LEVELS IN A NOVEL MODEL OF CHRONIC PERITONITIS</td>
<td>Barnett R, Kanaan Z, Gardner SA, Peyton J, Cheadle W Department of Surgery, University of Louisville, KY</td>
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<td>#39  WORLD EXPERIENCE WITH THE NEILLIX DEVICE FOR EVAR: A NEW CONCEPT WITH PLOYMER FILLED BAGS OBLITERATING THE AAA SAC AND MAINTAINING FLOW WITH STENTS: ADVANTAGES, LIMITATIONS AND MIDTERM RESULTS</td>
<td>Buckley CJ, Holden S, Donayre C, Carpenter J Central Texas Veterans Health Care System, Temple, TX; Auckland City Hospital, Auckland, NZ; Harbor UCLA Dept. of Surgery, Torrance, CA; Cooper University Hospital, Camden, NJ</td>
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<td>#40  DERIVATION AND OUT OF SAMPLE VALIDATION OF A MODELING SYSTEM TO PREDICT OPERATIVE LENGTH</td>
<td>Kougias P, Tiwari V, Orcutt S, Pisimisis G, Barshes NR, Bechara CF, Berger DH Michael E. DeBakey VAMC and University of Houston, Houston, TX</td>
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<td>#41  IMPLEMENTATION OF A TELEVASCULAR SURGERY CONSULTATION PROGRAM</td>
<td>Hinzman J, Schneider S, Ketteler ER, Goff JM Raymond G. Murphy VA Medical Center</td>
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<td>LACK OF INSURANCE COVERAGE RESULTS IN HIGHER RISK OF METASTATIC COLON CANCER AT PRESENTATION</td>
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2:12 pm #7 THROMBOSPONDIN-1-INDUCED SMOOTH MUSCLE CELL CHEMOTAXIS IS DEPENDENT ON TRANSFORMING GROWTH FACTOR-BETA 2 AND HYALURONIC ACID SYNTHASE
*Stein JJ, Maier KG, Gahtan V
Veteran Affairs Healthcare Network Upstate New York at Syracuse, Syracuse, NY USA and Department of Surgery, SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY

2:24 pm #8 VIDEO-ASSISTED THORACOSCOPIC LOBECTOMY IS ASSOCIATED WITH BETTER PERIOPERATIVE OUTCOMES THAN OPEN LOBECTOMY WITHIN A VETERAN POPULATION
*Cajipe MD, Chu D, Bakaen FG, LeMaire SA, Coselli JS, Cornwell LD
Baylor College of Medicine, Michael E. DeBakey Veteran Affairs Medical Center, and the Texas Heart Institute at St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital, Houston, TX

2:36 pm #9 NEOINTIMAL HYPERPLASIA AND THE ADVENTITIAL SCA1+ STEM CELL: RESPONSE TO ARTERIAL INJURY
*Koo NC, Havelka GE, Martinez J, Flynn M, Kibbe MR
Northwestern University, University of Illinois at Chicago, IL

2:48 pm #10 RURALITY AND CANCER SURGERY IN THE UNITED STATES
Department of Surgery, The University of Minnesota and Minneapolis VAMC, Minneapolis, MN

3:00 pm BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITORS

QUICKSHOT SESSION A
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

QS1 HEMORRHAGIC SHOCK ACTIVATES ENDOTHELIAL INFLAMMASOME: ROLE OF HMGB1 AND ROS
Shi X, Xiang M, Li Y, Xu J, Wilson M, Fan J
VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System and Department of Surgery, University of Pittsburgh, PA

QS2 A COMPARISON OF THORACOSCOPIC VS. OPEN LOBECTOMY AT A SINGLE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL
Strieter NK, Maloney JD
William S. Middleton Memorial VA

QS3 A REVIEW OF CONSULTATIONS TO VASCULAR SURGEONS: AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SYSTEM REDESIGN?
*Diaz J, Goff J, Ketteler E
Albuquerque Raymond G. Murphy VA Medical Center

QS4 NON-DESIGNATED PRELIMINARY (NDP) RESIDENTS IN GENERAL SURGERY: DO INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES HAVE EQUIVALENT OPPORTUNITIES TO CONTINUE POST-NDP TRAINING AS UNITED STATES GRADUATES?
*Datta J, Morris JB, Williams NN
University of Pennsylvania Health System, Philadelphia, PA

11:30 AM LUNCH PROGRAM
“ADVANCES IN SURGICAL SIMULATION: 2012 AND BEYOND”
Haru Okuda, MD FACEP
SimLEARN National Medical Director
Veterans Health Administration

SCIENTIFIC SESSION III
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

1:00 pm #21 EMPLOYING VALIDATED GERIATRIC MORTALITY CALCULATORS TO PREDICT POST-OPERATIVE MORTALITY
University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha VA Medical Center

1:12 pm #22 EARLY OUTCOME OF LAPAROSCOPIC SLEEVE GASTRECTOMY IN A VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER
*Saul D, Stephens D, Ahmed L, Langhoff E, Heimann TM
James J Peters VA Medical Center and The Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY

1:24 pm #23 LONG TERM FOLLOW-UP OF ENDOVASCULAR ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM REPAIR IN A RURAL VETERAN POPULATION
*McBride E, Paap C, Murray-Krezan C, Goff JM
Raymond G. Murphy VA Medical Center and the University of New Mexico School of Medicine

1:36 pm #24 TREATMENT PATTERNS IN PATIENTS WITH COLORECTAL LIVER METASTASIS: SECULAR TRENDS AND PREDICTORS OF SUBSTANDARD THERAPY
*Orcutt ST, Li LT, Artinyan A, Richardson PA, Petersen NJ, Albo D, Berger DH, Anaya DA
Department of Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine, Operative Care Line, Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston VA Health Services Research and Development Center of Excellence, Houston, TX

1:48 pm #25 VENOUS THROMBOEMBOLISM IN CRANIOFACIAL SURGERY: AN EXAMINATION IN INCIDENCE, SURGEON PREFERENCES, AND PATIENT SAFETY
*Fan K, Avashia Y, Liliana C, Thaller S
Division of Plastic, Reconstructive, and Aesthetic Surgery, Miller School of Medicine, University of Miami, FL
QUICKSHOT SESSION B
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Q55 IDENTIFICATION OF METHICILLIN-SUSCEPTIBLE OR METHICILLIN RESISTANT STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS CARRIER STATUS PREOPERATIVELY USING PCR IN PATIENTS UNDERGOING ELECTIVE SURGERY WITH HARDWARE IMPLANTATION
*Avellaneda AA, Green DM, Liang MK, Logan N, Byers P, Awad SS, Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

Q56 FEASIBILITY OF VIDEO-ASSISTED THORACOSCOPIC SURGERY LOBECTOMY IN VETERANS
*Simmons JD, Oline AM, Zarzabal LA, Johnson SB, Baisden CE, DeArmond DT
University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Departments of Cardiothoracic Surgery and Biostatistics

Q57 ROLE OF MACROPHAGES IN MOBILIZATION OF HEMATOPOIETIC PROGENITOR CELLS FROM BONE MARROW AFTER HEMORRHAGIC SHOCK
Li Y, Xiang M, Yuan Y, Wilson MA, Fan J
VA Pittsburgh HCS and Department of Surgery, University of Pittsburgh

Q58 PREPARING SENIOR MEDICAL STUDENTS FOR SURGICAL INTERNSHIP: THE VALUE OF A HALF DAY INTERVENTION
VA HCS Long Beach & University of California Irvine Medical Center

Q59 Poor Survival for Veterans with Pathologic Stage I Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer
Vanderbilt University Medical Center; Tenessee Valley Healthcare System Veterans Affairs Hospital, Nashville, TN

Q60 TRAUMA HEMORRHAGIC SHOCK INDUCES RBC ADHESION TO ENDOTHELIUM AND SUBSEQUENT LOSS OF ENDOTHELIAL CELL MONOLAYER INTEGRITY
*Vinluan GM, Alli VV, Feketeova E, Deitch EA, Machiedo GW
Department of Surgery, UMD-New Jersey Medical School and VA New Jersey HCS

Q61 UTILIZATION PATTERNS OF SURGICAL TREATMENT FOR COLORECTAL LIVER METASTASIS
*Orcutt ST, Li LT, Artinyan A, Richardson PA, Petersen NJ, Albo D, Berger DH, Anaya DA
Department of Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

Q62 A RANDOMIZED CLINICAL TRIAL OF 4% LIQUID LIDOCAINE VERSUS 3.5% LIDOCAINE GEL ANESTHESIA FOR INTRAVITREAL INJECTIONS
Miami Veterans Affairs Medical Center and Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL
FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH URINARY SYMPTOM BURDEN FOLLOWING INGUINAL HERNIA REPAIR
Deierhoi RJ, Altom LK, Poston T, Richman J, Colli JL, Kerby JF, Hawn MT
C-SMART, Birmingham VAMC; Department of Surgery, University of Alabama at Birmingham; Health Services Comparative Effectiveness Research Training Program, University of Alabama at Birmingham; Southern Louisiana VAMC and Tulane University

IMPACT OF PERIOPERATIVE EVENTS ON MORTALITY AFTER MAJOR VASCULAR SURGERY
*Orcutt S, Bechara CF, Pisimisis G, Barshes NR, Kougias P
Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Houston TX

FASCIAL DEHISCENCE FOLLOWING STOMA REVERSAL
*Moffet JM, Avellaneda AA, Hicks SS, Subramanian A, Liang MK
1. Department of General Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX;
2. Department of Statistics, Rice University, Houston, TX

INHIBITION OF MAMMALIAN TARGET OF RAPAMYCIN (MTOR) SIGNALING BY MICRORNA-101 (MIR-101) RESULTS IN ENHANCED CHEMOSENSITIVITY OF EPITHELIAL OVARIAN CANCER (EOC) CELLS
Batchu RB, Gruzdyn O, Qazi AM, Semaan A, Seward SM, Reddy D, Bouwman D, Weaver DW, Gruber SA
John D. Dingell VA Medical Center and Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, MI

EVENTRATION FOLLOWING LAPAROSCOPIC VENTRAL HERNIA REPAIR
*Carter SA, Clap ML, Hicks SC, Subramanian A, Seward SM, Reddy D, Bouwman D, Weaver DW, Gruber SA
1. Department of General Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX;
2. Department of General Surgery, The Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, Texas;
3. Department of Statistics, Rice University, Houston, TX

COMPARISON OF RECIST VS. VOLUMETRIC MEASUREMENTS FOR ESTIMATION OF TUMOR BURDEN IN PANCREATIC ADENOCARCINOMA AND HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA
*Welsh JL, Bodeker K, Fallon E, Bhatia S, Buatti JM, Cullen JJ
Iowa City VA Medical Center and University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics

8:36 am #14 EFFECTS OF EXTRACELLULAR PRESSURE AND ALCOHOL ON THE MICROGLIAL RESPONSE TO INFLAMMATORY STIMULATION
Chaturvedi LS, Zheng P, Basson MD
John D. Dingell VAMC and the Department of Surgery at Michigan State University

8:48 am #15 ADHERENCE TO SCIP VENOUS THROMBOEMBOLISM PERFORMANCE MEASURES DOES NOT IMPROVE RATES OF POSTOPERATIVE EVENTS
*Altom LK, Deierhoi RJ, Grams J, Richman J, Vick CC, Henderson WG, Itani KMF, Hawn MT
C-SMART, Birmingham VAMC; Department of Surgery, UAB; Health Services Comparative Effectiveness Research Training Program, UAB; Colorado Health Outcomes Program, UC Denver; VA Boston Health Care System, Boston University, and Harvard Medical School

9:00 am #16 THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTRAOPERATIVE BLOOD TRANSFUSION AND POSTOPERATIVE SIRS
Ferraris VA, Ballert EQ, *Mahan A
Lexington VAMC & University of Kentucky, Lexington KY

9:12 am #17 SLFN3 CHANGES DURING INTESTINAL MATURATION
Walsh MF, Hermann R, Basson MD
John D. Dingell VAMC Research Service and the Department of Surgery at Michigan State University

9:24 am #18 FACTORS INFLUENCING THE PROGRESSION OF MODERATE GRADE CAROTID ARTERY STENOSIS
*Li J, Gurm H, Henke P
Ann Arbor VA Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI

9:36 am #19 CHARACTERIZATION AND PREDICTORS OF UNPLANNED READMISSIONS FOLLOWING COLORECTAL CANCER SURGERY
*Orcutt ST, Li LT, Balentine CJ, Artinyan A, Sansgiry S, Petersen NJ, Albo D, Awad SS, Berger DH, Anaya DA
Department of Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX; Operative Care Line, Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX. Houston VA Health Services Research and Development Center of Excellence, Houston, TX

9:48 am #20 REGIONALIZATION AND THE INCIDENCE OF MAJOR LOWER EXTREMITY AMPUTATIONS AMONG DIABETIC VETERANS
Barshes NR, Kougias P, Naik AD, Kunik ME, Berger DH
Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center / Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

10:00 am BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITORS