



**ASSOCIATION OF VA SURGEONS**

**36TH ANNUAL MEETING**

**APRIL 1—3, 2012**



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## 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

#### PRE-MEETING SYMPOSIUM

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	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**  
Bakaeen FG, Kar B, Chu D, Cornwell LD, Blaustein V, Levine GN, Jneid H, Jensen C, Paniagua D, Atluri P, Bechara C, Koungias P, Pawlak C, Bozkurt B, Carabello BA  
 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
- 11:45 am **ADJOURN**
- 12:00 pm **Executive Committee Lunch**

9:12 am	#42	<b>BRAIN ACTIVITY IN OBESE SUBJECTS COMPARED WITH LEAN, SHOWS REDUCED IMPACT OF EATING IN OBESITY</b> <u>Puzziferri N</u> , Zigman J, Fang Y, Gallagher R, Mihalikos P, Tamminga C Dallas VA Medical Center and University of Texas Medical Center, Dallas, TX
9:24 am	#43	<b>ENDOCYTOSIS OF HMGB1 ACTIVATES INFLAMMASOME IN ALVEOLAR MACROPHAGES</b> Xu J, Shi X, Li Y, Wilson M, <u>Fan J</u> VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System and Department of Surgery, University of Pittsburgh
9:36 am	#44	<b>CARDIAC SURGERY IN A TRAILER PARK</b> <u>Karas TZ</u> , Symes JF Bruce W. Carter Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center
9:48 am	#45	<b>NOT JUST FOR SURGEONS ANY MORE: IMEDCONSENT AS AN EARLY TOOL FOR INFORMED DECISION MAKING</b> <u>Hall D</u> , Morrison P, Nikolajski C, Fine M, Arnold R, Zickmund S VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System; University of Pittsburgh, PA
10:00 am	#46	<b>CHOICE OF PREOPERATIVE ANTIBIOTIC MATTERS: ADJUSTMENT OF PROPHYLACTIC ANTIBIOTICS BASED ON LOCAL SENSITIVITY DATA MAY REDUCE SSI.</b> <u>Dawes L</u> , Rakita S James A. Haley VA and the University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
10:15 am	<b>BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITORS</b>	

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

QS25	<b>ANALYZER BASED PHASE-CONTRAST X-RAY IMAGING OF CAROTID PLAQUE MICROSTRUCTURE</b> <u>Appel A</u> <sup>1,2</sup> , Chou CY <sup>3</sup> , Greisler H <sup>1</sup> , Larson J <sup>1,2</sup> , Vasereddi S <sup>2</sup> , Zhong Z <sup>4</sup> , Anastasio M <sup>5</sup> , Brey E <sup>1,2</sup> <sup>1</sup> Edward J. Hines VA Hospital, <sup>2</sup> Illinois Institute of Technology, <sup>3</sup> National Taiwan University, <sup>4</sup> Brookhaven National Laboratory, <sup>5</sup> Washington University in St. Louis
QS26	<b>DOES A LIBERALIZED FLUID PROTOCOL IMPROVE TISSUE PERFUSION IN LUNG RESECTION SURGERY WITHOUT INCREASING LUNG WATER?</b> <u>Perkal M</u> , Assaad S, Kyriakides T, Tellides G, Ditillo M, Kim A, Perrino A Yale University, New Haven CT; VA CT Healthcare System, West Haven, CT
QS27	<b>VIRTUAL CONSULTATION: A FINANCIAL AND TEMPORAL ADVANTAGE FOR DELIVERY OF SPECIALTY MEDICAL CARE</b> <u>Maloney JD</u> , Strieter NK, Bridges AJ, Weber SM Middleton Memorial VA Hospital, Madison WI
QS28	<b>GASTROESOPHAGEAL REFLUX DISEASE IN LUNG TRANSPLANT PATIENTS WITH CYSTIC FIBROSIS</b> <u>Fisichella PM</u> , Davis CS, Lowery E, Alex CG, Joehl RJ, Love RB Loyola University Medical Center/Hines Jr VA

8:00 am — 10:00 am	Scientific Oral Session II (#11-20)
10:00 am — 10:30 am	Break/Visit Exhibits
10:30 am — 11:30 am	Scientific Quickshot Session B (#Q16-24)
11:30 am — 1:00 pm	Lunch Program
1:00 pm — 3:00 pm	Scientific Oral Session III (#21-30)
3:00 pm — 3:30 pm	Break/Visit Exhibits
3:30 pm — 4:30 pm	Video Session (#1-5)
4:30 pm — 5:30 pm	Business Meeting (Members only)
6:30 pm — 7:30 pm	Reception
7:30 pm — 9:30 pm	Annual Banquet/Presidential Address
9:30 pm — 11:30 pm	Presidential Reception
<b>TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2012</b>	
7:00 am — 12:00 pm	Registration
7:00 am — 12:00 pm	Exhibit Displays
7:00 am — 8:30 am	Breakfast Buffet
8:00 am — 10:15 am	Scientific Oral Session V (#31-41)
10:15 am — 10:30 am	Break/Visit Exhibits
10:30 am — 11:45 am	Scientific Quickshot Session C (#Q25-37)
11:45 am	Meeting Adjourn
12:00 pm — 1:00 pm	Executive Council Meeting/Lunch

**REGISTRATION INFO**

To reserve your room please call the Eden Roc Renaissance Hotel at 800-319-5354. Room rates are \$240 per night. Be the first 200 to register and get a \$40 discount per night off the room rate. **Hotel deadline 3/10/12.** Registration information located on our website at [www.vasurgeons.org](http://www.vasurgeons.org). Click on 2012 Meeting tab.

## 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	
	<b>VASCULAR</b>	<b>PRO</b>	<b>CON</b>
8:10 am	<b>AAA repair</b>	Carlos Bechara (Houston)	Edith Tzeng (Pittsburgh)
8:30 am	<b>Infrainguinal Revasc</b>	Matt Corriere (Atlanta)	James Ebaugh (Boston)
8:50 am	<b>Carotid</b>	Peter Rossi (Milwaukee)	Kathleen Raman (St. Louis)
	<b>HERNIA</b>	<b>PRO</b>	<b>CON</b>
9:20 am	<b>Inguinal</b>	Jessica Smith (Iowa City)	Jeanie Savas (Richmond)
9:45 am	<b>Ventral incisional</b>	George Eid (Pittsburgh)	Todd Heimann (New York)
10:10 am	BREAK		
	<b>ROBOTIC</b>	<b>PRO</b>	<b>CON</b>
10:30 am	<b>Prostate</b>	Bruce Kava (Miami)	Lori Lerner (Boston)
10:50 am	<b>Rectal Resection</b>	Avo Artinyan (Houston)	Alberto Iglesias (Miami)
	<b>LUNG AND</b>	<b>PRO</b>	<b>CON</b>
11:15 am	<b>Lung resection</b>	Felix Fernandez (Atlanta)	Loraine Cornwall (Houston)
11:35 am	<b>Esophageal resection</b>	Benny Weksler (Pittsburgh)	Brian Smith (Long Beach)
12:00 pm	<b>ADJOURN</b>		

4:18 pm #35 **LAPAROSCOPIC CYST-GASTROSTOMY**  
Bowles RJ, Iglesias A, DeGennaro V, Spector SA  
 Bruce W. Carter Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Miami, FL

4:30 pm **BUSINESS MEETING (Members Only)**

6:30 pm **COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

7:30 pm **ANNUAL BANQUET/PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2012**

**SCIENTIFIC SESSION IV**  
**8:00 AM – 10:15 AM**

8:00 am #36 **THE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN BODY MASS INDEX AND SEVERE BILIARY INFECTIONS: A MULTIVARIATE ANALYSIS**  
Stewart L, Griffiss JM, Jarvis GA, Way LW  
 UCSF / San Francisco VA Medical Center, San Francisco, CA

8:12 am #37 **THE USE OF TELEMEDICINE IN POSTOPERATIVE CARDIAC SURGICAL CARE: A PILOT STUDY**  
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

8:24 am #38 **DYSREGULATION OF MIR-132 AND -21 REDUCES IL-1 B LEVELS IN A NOVEL MODEL OF CHRONIC PERITONITIS**  
Barnett B, Kanaan Z, Gardner SA, Peyton J, Cheadle W  
 Department of Surgery, University of Louisville, KY

8:36 am #39 **WORLD EXPERIENCE WITH THE NELLIX DEVICE FOR EVAR: A NEW CONCEPT WITH PLOYMER FILLED BAGS OBLITERATING THE AAA SAC AND MAINTAINING FLOW WITH STENTS: ADVANTAGES, LIMITATIONS AND MIDTERM RESULTS**  
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

8:48 am #40 **DERIVATION AND OUT OF SAMPLE VALIDATION OF A MODELING SYSTEM TO PREDICT OPERATIVE LENGTH**  
Kougias P, Tiwari V, Orcutt S, Pisimisis G, Barshes NR, Bechara CF, Berger DH  
 Michael E. DeBakey VAMC and University of Houston, Houston, TX

9:00 am #41 **IMPLEMENTATION OF A TELEVASCULAR SURGERY CONSULTATION PROGRAM**  
Hinzman J, Schneider S, Ketteler ER, Goff JM  
 Raymond G. Murphy VA Medical Center

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2012

12:45 pm **OPENING REMARKS**  
George Machiedo, MD  
President, Association of VA Surgeons

**GREETINGS**  
**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**SCIENTIFIC SESSION I**  
**1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

\* denotes resident/medical student presenter

- 1:00 pm #1 **EPHB4 ACTIVATES ENDOTHELIAL NITRIC OXIDE SYNTHASE TO REGULATE VEIN GRAFT ADAPTATION**  
\*Collins MJ, Muto A, Feigel A, Protack CD, Jadlowiec CC, Sessa WC, Dardik A  
VA Connecticut Healthcare System, West Haven CT, Department of Surgery and the Vascular Biology and Therapeutics Program, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT
- 1:12 pm #2 **GOING BEYOND SCIP TO REDUCE INFECTIONS IN KNEE ARTHROPLASTY**  
\*Moore C, Oliver R, Compton H, Kellie S, Werner M  
New Mexico VA Healthcare System
- 1:24 pm #3 **A PROSPECTIVE RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED TRIAL (PRCT) EXAMINING THE EFFECT OF DECONTAMINATION THERAPY IN PATIENTS WHO ARE CARRIERS OF MRSA OR MSSA UNDERGOING ELECTIVE SURGERY WITH HARDWARE IMPLANTATION**  
Awad SS, Avellaneda AA, Liang MK, Subramanian A, Bakaeen FG, Kougias P, Ehni B, Byers P, Logan N, Green DM  
Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- 1:36 pm #4 **DIFFERENTIAL EFFECTS OF NITRIC OXIDE ON EARLY EXPRESSION OF UBCH10 IN TYPE 1 AND TYPE 2 DIABETIC RATS**  
\*Rodriguez MP, Jiang Q, Schwartz A, Kibbe, MR  
Division of Vascular Surgery and Institute for BioNanotechnology in Medicine, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL
- 1:48 pm #5 **EDUCATION LEVEL IMPACTS LONG TERM MORTALITY FOR MALE VETERANS UNDERGOING MAJOR LOWER EXTREMITY AMPUTATION**  
\*Corey MR, St. Julien JB, Miller CM, Fisher BI, Cederstrand SL, Nylander WA, Guzman RJ, Dattilo JB  
Department of Vascular Surgery, Tennessee Valley VA Health Care System and Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 2:00 pm #6 **LACK OF INSURANCE COVERAGE RESULTS IN HIGHER RISK OF METASTATIC COLON CANCER AT PRESENTATION**  
\*Li LT, Berger DH, Cormier JN, Feig BW, Artinyan A, Orcutt ST, Petersen NJ, Sansgiry S, Anaya DA  
Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine; University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center; Houston VA HSR&D Center of Excellence, Houston, TX

- 2:00 pm #26 **HEMODIALYSIS ACCESS SUCCESS IN A VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL CENTER**  
Mureebe L, \*Pascarella L, McCann RL  
Durham VAMC, Durham, NC
- 2:12 pm #27 **DIFFERENTIAL EFFECT OF NUTRITIONAL STATUS ON VASCULAR SURGERY OUTCOMES IN A VA VERSUS PRIVATE HOSPITAL SETTING**  
\*Boitano L, Wang E, Kibbe MR  
Jesse Brown VAMC (JBVAMC) and Northwestern University, Chicago, IL
- 2:24 pm #28 **EPIDURAL ANALGESIA AND LAPAROSCOPIC TECHNIQUE DOES NOT REDUCE INCIDENCE OF ILEUS IN ELECTIVE COLON RESECTIONS**  
Snyder D, Fayard N, Kuruba R  
G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery VA Medical Center, Jackson, MS
- 2:36 pm #29 **CUMULATIVE PROBABILITY AND RISK ANALYSIS FOR ND:YAG LASER CAPSULOTOMY AFTER CATARACT EXTRACTION**  
Junk AK, Dunn E, Galor A  
Miami Veterans Affairs Hospital, Miami, FL
- 2:48 pm #30 **ADHERENCE TO THE MEDICAL MANAGEMENT OF INTERMITTENT CLAUDICATION IN AN OUTPATIENT VASCULAR SURGERY CLINIC**  
\*Daram SP, Kougias P, McCoy S, Naik AD, Kunik ME, Berger DH, Barshes NR  
Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center / Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

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

**VIDEO SESSION**  
**3:30 PM – 4:30 PM**

- 3:30 pm #31 **TRANSANAL ENDOSCOPIC MICROSURGERY FOR RECTAL CANCER USING A SINGLE-INCISION LAPAROSCOPIC PORT**  
Artinyan A, Anaya DA, Awad SS, Berger DH  
Baylor College of Medicine, Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX
- 3:42 pm #32 **TRANSGASTRIC RESECTION OF GE JUNCTION LESION**  
Iglesias AR, Boweles RJ, DeGennaro V, Spector SA  
Miami VA Healthcare System, Miami, FL
- 3:54 pm #33 **LAPAROSCOPIC SLEEVE GASTRECTOMY**  
Heimann TM, Stephens D, Ahmed L, Saul D  
James J. Peters VA Medical Center
- 4:06 pm #34 **NEW TECHNIQUE FOR UMBILICAL HERNIA REPAIR**  
Iglesias AR, Bowles RJ, DeGennaro VA, Spector SA  
Bruce W. Carter VA Medical Center, Miami, FL

- 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**  
\*[Caijpe MD](#), Chu D, Bakaeen 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**  
\*[Markin A](#), Habermann EB, Zhu Y, Vickers SM, Al-Refaie WB  
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

- QS24 **INFERIOR PEDICLE BREAST REDUCTION: TECHNICAL MODIFICATIONS, COMPLICATIONS, AND OUTCOMES ANALYSIS**  
\*[DeFazio M](#), Husain T, Avashia Y, Camison L, Ovadia S, Fan K, Sastrv A, Panthaki ZJ, Oeltjen JC, Salgado CJ, Kassira W, Thaller SR  
Jackson Memorial Hospital; University of Miami Hospital; Miami Veterans Affairs Hospital, Miami, FL

- 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**  
\*[Dwyer JG](#), Reynoso JF, Seevers GA, Schmid KK, Muralidhar P, Lynch TG, Johanning JM  
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 PATIENT 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, Liliانا 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**

- QS16 **PERCUTANEOUS PROFUNDA FEMORIS ARTERY (PFA) REVASCLARIZATION TO PREVENT HIP DISARTICULATION: A CASE SERIES AND REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE**  
**\*Poi MJ**, Pisimisis G, Barshes NR, Lin PH, Kougiias P, Bechara CF  
Michael E. DeBakey VA medical center, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- QS17 **SMALL BOWEL OBSTRUCTION: MORTALITY IN A COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**  
**\*Becker NS<sup>1</sup>**, Hicks S<sup>2</sup>, Subramanian A<sup>1</sup>, Awad SS<sup>1</sup>, Liang MK<sup>1</sup>  
<sup>1</sup>Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine, Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Houston, TX and <sup>2</sup>Department of Statistics, Rice University, Houston, TX
- QS18 **ROLE OF PRE-OPERATIVE COLON EVALUATION AND CT SCAN IN LAPAROSCOPIC VENTRAL HERNIA REPAIR**  
**\*Garcia A**, Clapp ML, Subramanian A, Awad SS, Liang MK  
Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine, Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Houston, TX
- QS19 **STOMA REVERSAL: OUTCOMES WITH DIFFERENT STOMA SITE CLOSURES**  
**\*Li LT<sup>1</sup>**, Brahmhatt R<sup>1</sup>, Avellaneda AA<sup>1</sup>, Moffett JM<sup>1</sup>, Hicks SC<sup>2</sup>, Subramanian A<sup>1</sup>, Awad SS<sup>1</sup>, Berger DH<sup>1</sup>, Liang MK<sup>1</sup>  
<sup>1</sup>Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine, Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Houston, TX <sup>2</sup>Department of Statistics, Rice University, Houston, TX
- QS20 **IMPACT OF PRIMARY CARE UTILIZATION ON OUTCOME AFTER URGENT GENERAL SURGERY OPERATION OVER A DECADE**  
**\*Miller CM**, Corey MR, Nylander WA, Tarpley JL, Pearson AS  
Tennessee Valley Healthcare System, Nashville Campus and Vanderbilt University
- QS21 **USE OF IMMEDIATE DERMAL FAT GRAFT FOR SCALP CONTOUR DEFECT FOLLOWING RESECTION OF ARTERIOVENOUS MALFORMATION**  
**\*Husain TM**, Garrido DE, Aziz-Sultan A, Tang JC, Salgado CJ  
University of Miami, Miami, FL
- QS22 **ABDOMINAL DESMOID TUMOR EXCISION THROUGH EXTENDED PFANNENSTIEL INCISION**  
**\*Berhane C<sup>1</sup>**, Salgado CJ<sup>1</sup>, Avashia YJ<sup>2</sup>, Villadolid D<sup>2</sup>, Moller M<sup>3</sup>  
<sup>1</sup> Department of Surgery, Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL; <sup>2</sup> University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL; <sup>3</sup> Division of Surgical Oncology, University of Miami, FL
- QS23 **SURGERY FOR SMALL BOWEL OBSTRUCTION: PREDICTORS AND OUTCOMES**  
**\*Becker NS<sup>1</sup>**, Hicks S<sup>2</sup>, Subramanian A<sup>1</sup>, Awad SS<sup>1</sup>, Liang MK<sup>1</sup>  
<sup>1</sup>Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine, Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Houston, TX and <sup>2</sup>Department of Statistics, Rice University, Houston, TX

- QS5 **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
- QS6 **FEASIBILITY OF VIDEO-ASSISTED THORACOSCOPIC SURGERY LOBECTOMY IN VETERANS**  
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- QS7 **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  
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- QS8 **PREPARING SENIOR MEDICAL STUDENTS FOR SURGICAL INTERNSHIP: THE VALUE OF A HALF DAY INTERVENTION**  
**\*Mowlds DS**, Patel MS, Khalsa B, Foe-Parker JE, Rama A, Jafari F, Whealon MD, Salibian A, Hoyt DB, Stamos MJ, Endres JE, Smith BR  
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- QS9 **Poor Survival for Veterans with Pathologic Stage I Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer**  
**\*St. Julien J**, Pinkerman R, Deppen S, Callaway-Lane C, Lambright E, Putnam JB, Grogan EL  
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- QS10 **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  
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- QS11 **UTILIZATION PATTERNS OF SURGICAL TREATMENT FOR COLORECTAL LIVER METASTASIS**  
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- QS12 **A RANDOMIZED CLINICAL TRIAL OF 4% LIQUID LIDOCAINE VERSUS 3.5% LIDOCAINE GEL ANESTHESIA FOR INTRAVITREAL INJECTIONS**  
**\*Goldhardt B**, Gregori NZ, Weiss MJ, Schiffman JC, Vega E, Mattis C, Shi W, Kelley L, Hernandez V, Feu WJ  
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- QS13 **FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH URINARY SYMPTOM BURDEN FOLLOWING INGUINAL HERNIA REPAIR**  
Deierhoi RJ, Altom LK, Poston T, Richman J, Colli JL, Kerby JF, Hawn MT  
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- QS14 **IMPACT OF PERIOPERATIVE EVENTS ON MORTALITY AFTER MAJOR VASCULAR SURGERY**  
 \*Orcutt S, Bechara CF, Pisimisis G, Barshes NR, Kougiyas P  
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- QS15 **FASCIAL DEHISCENCE FOLLOWING STOMA REVERSAL**  
 \*Moffet JM<sup>1</sup>, Avellaneda AA<sup>1</sup>, Hicks SC<sup>2</sup>, Awad SS<sup>1</sup>, Subramanian A<sup>1</sup>, Liang MK<sup>1</sup>  
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- 5:30 pm AVAS Council of Chiefs Meeting
- 6:30 pm Welcome Reception

**MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012**

**SCIENTIFIC SESSION II  
 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM**

- 8:00 am #11 **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
- 8:12 am #12 **EVENTRATION FOLLOWING LAPAROSCOPIC VENTRAL HERNIA REPAIR**  
 \*Carter SA<sup>1</sup>, Clap ML<sup>1</sup>, Hicks SC<sup>3</sup>, Subramanian A<sup>1,2</sup>, Awad SS<sup>1,2</sup>, Liang MK<sup>1,2</sup>  
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- 8:24 am #13 **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  
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- 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**  
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- 9:48 am #20 **REGIONALIZATION AND THE INCIDENCE OF MAJOR LOWER EXTREMITY AMPUTATIONS AMONG DIABETIC VETERANS**  
Barshes NR, Kougiyas P, Naik AD, Kunik ME, Berger DH  
 Michael E. DeBaakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center / Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- 10:00 am **BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITORS**