



**ASSOCIATION OF VA SURGEONS  
37TH ANNUAL MEETING  
APRIL 21—23, 2013**



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Dear Colleagues,

It is a pleasure to welcome the Association of VA Surgeons to Milwaukee for its 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Surgical Symposium April 21-23, 2013.

The venue for this year's meeting, the Hotel Intercontinental Milwaukee, is in the heart of downtown Milwaukee near the Milwaukee Art Museum and the shores of Lake Michigan. The hotel is in the center of the theatre and entertainment district. The historic Pabst Theatre is a short walk away, as is the Milwaukee Public Museum. Be sure to plan a walk along the RiverWalk that meanders through downtown Milwaukee.

The Welcome Reception on Sunday evening will be at the Harley-Davidson Museum, which is both an educational and fun experience. The museum features motorcycles from the entire 110 year history of the company. You'll even get a chance to see what it's like to sit on a full sized Harley.

Dr. Berger has awarded the 2013 AVAS Presidential Citation to Dr. Julie Freischlag, the William Halsted Professor and Chair of Surgery at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. She will be giving the luncheon address on Monday, April 22. Dr. Freischlag's talk is entitled "Leadership During Times of Change".

The Program Committee, chaired by Faisal Bakaeen, has arranged an excellent and varied program. The program starts on Sunday morning with a symposium on controversies in surgical management of cancer patients. The program will continue Sunday afternoon through Tuesday, with oral presentations, Quickshot presentations, and videos.

Please come to Milwaukee to enjoy the meeting, the exhibits, the Harley Museum, and the chance to relax with friends.

Sincerely,

Gordon Telford, MD, FACS  
Local Arrangements Chair

## PROGRAM AGENDA

### SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2013

4:30 pm—6:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting
6:30 pm—9:00 pm	Executive Committee Dinner
5:00 pm—9:00 pm	Exhibitor Set-Up

### SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2013

7:00 am—5:00 pm	Registration
7:00 am—5:00 pm	Exhibit Displays
7:00 am—8:30 am	Breakfast
7:45 am—8:00 am	Opening Remarks
8:00 am—12:00 pm	Cancer Symposium
9:40 am—10:00 am	Coffee Break
12:00 pm—1:00 pm	Lunch
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	Quickshot Session A (#Q1-15)
5:00 pm—6:30 pm	AVAS Council of Chiefs Meeting
6:30 pm—9:30 pm	Welcome Reception (Harley Davidson Museum)

### MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2013

7:00 am—5:00 pm	Registration
7:00 am—5:00 pm	Exhibit Displays
7:00 am—8:30 am	Breakfast
7:45 am—8:00 am	Welcome New Members
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	Quickshot Session B (#Q16-25)

11:30 am — 11:45 am	VA Distinguished Award: Frederick Grover
11:45 am — 1:00 pm	Lunch Program: Julie Freischlag
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	Quickshot Session C (#Q26-35)
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 — 11:00 pm	Presidential Reception

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013**

7:00 am — 12:00 pm	Registration
7:00 am — 12:00 pm	Exhibit Displays
7:00 am — 8:30 am	Breakfast
8:00 am — 10:00 am	Scientific Oral Session IV (#31-40)
10:00 am — 10:30 am	Break/Visit Exhibits
10:30 am — 11:30 am	Quickshot Session D (#Q36-45)
11:30 am	Meeting Adjourn
11:30 am — 1:00 pm	Executive Council Meeting/Lunch

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2013**

7:45 am **OPENING REMARKS**  
Gordon Telford, MD, Local Arrangements Chair

### **CANCER SYMPOSIUM**

#### **"Controversies in the Surgical Management of Cancer Patients"** **8:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

7:55 am **WELCOME**  
Session Chairs: Susan Tsai, MD, MHS and T. Clark Gamblin, MD, MS

8:00 am **UPDATE ON RECTAL CANCER**  
Peter Wu, MD, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

8:25 am Discussion

8:30 am **SURGICAL THERAPY OF LUNG CANCER-2013 AND BEYOND**  
Andrew Chang, MD, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

8:55 am Discussion

9:00 am **UPDATE ON GASTRIC CANCER**  
Scott Hundahl, MD, University of California Davis, Sacramento, CA

9:25 am Discussion

9:30 am **TREATMENT SEQUENCING FOR PANCREATIC CANCER**  
Susan Tsai, MD, MHS, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI

9:55 am Discussion

10:00 am **BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITORS**

10:30 am **UPDATE ON MELANOMA**  
Doug Tyler, MD, Duke University, Durham, NC

10:55 am Discussion

11:00 am **INCORPORATING PALLIATIVE CARE FOR ONCOLOGY PATIENTS**  
Robert Krouse, MD, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

11:25 am Discussion

11:30 am **QUALITY ASSESSMENTS IN ONCOLOGY**  
David Berger, MD, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

11:55 am Discussion

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

12:55 pm **WELCOME**  
David H. Berger, MD, President, Association of VA Surgeons

### ORAL SESSION I 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Moderators: David H. Berger, MD and James Maloney, MD

\* denotes resident/medical student presenter

- 1:00 pm #1 **IN VIVO CHARACTERIZATION OF A TARGETED SELF-ASSEMBLING NANOFIBER FOR THE PREVENTION OF ARTERIAL RESTENOSIS**  
Kassam HA, Moreira ES, Moyer TJ, Chew TL, Stupp SI, Kibbe MR  
Northwestern University, Chicago, IL
- 1:12 pm #2 **APRV PREVENTS VENTILATOR INDUCED LUNG INJURY IN NORMAL LUNGS**  
Emr B<sup>1</sup>, Gatto L<sup>2</sup>, Roy S<sup>1</sup>, Satalin J<sup>1</sup>, Ghosh BS<sup>1</sup>, Snyder K<sup>1</sup>, Andrews P<sup>3</sup>, Habashi N<sup>3</sup>, Marx W<sup>1</sup>, Ge L<sup>1</sup>, Wang G<sup>1</sup>, Nieman G<sup>1</sup>  
1. SUNY Upstate, Syracuse, NY, 2. SUNY Cortland, Cortland, NY, 3. Shock Trauma Center, Baltimore, MD
- 1:24 pm #3 **EFFECT OF MESENCHYMAL STEM CELLS ON THE INFLAMMATORY RESPONSE FOLLOWING TRAUMA**  
Cook KM, Pasulpuleti L, Fallon WF, Alzate W, Mohr AM, Livingston DH, Sifri, ZC  
UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School; East Orange VA, NJ
- 1:36 pm #4 **CARBON MONOXIDE PROMOTES PROLIFERATION AND ANGIOGENIC BEHAVIOR IN ENDOTHELIAL CELLS - A POTENTIAL ROLE IN WOUND HEALING**  
Shukla A, Washington C, Sachdev U, Hong G, Edith Tzeng E  
VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System, University of Pittsburgh, PA
- 1:48 pm #5 **COMPARISON OF PROCEDURAL CHARACTERISTICS AND EARLY OUTCOMES BETWEEN TRADITIONAL AND PERCUTANEOUS ENDOVASCULAR ANEURYSM REPAIR**  
Gonzalez L, Pisimisis G, Barshes NR, Kougias P, Bechara CF  
Micheal E. DeBakey VA Medical Center and Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- 2:00 pm #6 **REVASCLARIZATION PRIOR TO MAJOR AMPUTATION INFLUENCES MORTALITY IN THE VETERAN PATIENT POPULATION**  
Yamaguchi DJ, Patterson MA, Matthews TC, Passman MA  
University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL
- 2:12 pm #7 **RESIDENT COMFORT LEVEL WITH THE ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION (ACGME) CORE COMPETENCIES**  
Tapia NM, Milewicz AL, Whitney SE, Awad SS, Liang MK, Brandt ML, Berger DH, Braxton CC  
Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- 2:24 pm #8 **SENESCENCE BIOMARKER EXPRESSION IN GI CANCER PATIENTS**  
Grobman L<sup>\*</sup>, Wu D, Dong D, Wu P  
VA Puget Sound Health Care System, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

2:36 pm #9 **NEOADJUVANT FOLFIRINOX FOR BORDERLINE RESECTABLE PANCREAS CANCER – A NEW TREATMENT PARADIGM?**  
Christians KK<sup>1</sup>, Tsai S<sup>1</sup>, Mahmoud A<sup>1</sup>, Ritch P<sup>2</sup>, Thomas JP<sup>2</sup>, Wiebe L<sup>2</sup>, Kelly T<sup>3</sup>, Erickson B<sup>3</sup>, Evans DB<sup>1</sup> and George B<sup>2</sup>  
From the Departments of Surgery<sup>1</sup>, Medical Oncology<sup>2</sup> and Radiation Oncology<sup>3</sup>, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI

2:48 pm #10 **THE COMPLEXITY OF GENE EXPRESSION IN HUMAN SYSTEMS – A PILOT STUDY**  
Ferraris VA, Ferraris SP, Martin JT, Saha SP, Mahan A  
University of Kentucky

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

**QUICKSHOT SESSION A**  
**3:30 PM – 5:00 PM**

Moderators: Melina Kibbe, MD and Aaron Fink, MD

3:30 pm QS1 **WORLD EXPERIENCE WITH THE NELLIX DEVICE FOR EVAR: A NEW CONCEPT WITH POLYMER FILLED BAGS OBLITERATING THE AAA SAC AND MAINTAINING FLOW TIEH STENTS: ADVANTAGES, LIMITATIONS AND MIDTERM RESULTS**  
Buckley CJ  
Central Texas VA HCS, Temple, TX

3:36 pm QS2 **COMPARING OUTCOMES IN MESH VERSUS SUTURE REPAIR FOR ELECTIVE PRIMARY VENTRAL HERNIORRHAPHY: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND META-ANALYSIS**  
Berger RL, Hicks SC, Davila JA, Nguyen MT, Li LT, Berger DH, Liang MK  
Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Baylor College of Medicine, Rice University

3:42 pm QS3 **PREDICTORS OF AORTIC ANNULAR SIZE IN A VETERAN POPULATION**  
Villa M, Badhwar V, Wei LM, Morell VO, Bakaeen FG, Chu D  
Veterans Affairs Pittsburgh Healthcare System, UPMC Heart and Vascular Institute, Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Baylor College of Medicine

3:48 pm QS4 **MULTILAYER FLOW MODULATOR: DOES IT WORK?**  
Buckley CJ  
Central Texas VHCS, Temple, TX

3:54 pm QS5 **NEUTROPHIL-TO-LYMPHOCYTE RATIO AS A PREDICTOR OF OUTCOME FOR PATIENTS WITH HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA; A WESTERN PERSPECTIVE**  
Sullivan KM, Groeschl RT, Turaga KK, Pilgrim CHC, Gamblin TC  
Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI



- 4:01 pm QS6 **SELF-REPORTED CRBSI BUNDLE COMPLIANCE AND MANDATED AUDITING HAVE LOW CORRELATION WITH CATHETER RELATED BLOOD STREAM INFECTION RATES**  
Helmick RA, Knofsky ML, Braxton CC, Subramanian A, Byers P, Lan CKW, Levine GN, Awad SS  
 Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- 4:07 pm QS7 **CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE PREDICTS LONG TERM MORTALITY AFTER MAJOR LOWER EXTREMITY AMPUTATION**  
Assi R, Protack CD, Williams WT, Hall MR, Vasilas P, Dardik A  
 Department of Surgery, Yale University, New Haven and the VA Connecticut Healthcare System, West Haven, CT
- 4:13 pm QS8 **OUTCOMES OF BRIDGED REPAIRS OF OPEN VENTRAL HERNIA REPAIRS WITH MESH: A CASE CONTROLLED STUDY**  
Li LT\*, Hicks SC, Davila JA, Berger RL, Hodge K, Kao LS, Berger DH, Liang MK  
 Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Baylor College of Medicine, Rice University, University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Houston, TX
- 4:19 pm QS9 **INTERACTIONS BETWEEN RACE AND PRE-OPERATIVE CLINICAL CHARACTERISTICS IN ADJUSTABLE GASTRIC BANDING (AGB) FOR MORBID OBESITY – AN ANALYSIS OF 67,514 PATIENTS FROM THE BOLD DATABASE**  
Finley C, Slotman G, Adams M, Davis M, Diaz J  
 South Jersey Healthcare System, Vineland, NJ
- 4:25 pm QS10 **POST-LIVER TRANSPLANT HEART FAILURE**  
Nguyen JD, Atluri P, Hussain K  
 Michael E. Debakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Houston, TX
- 4:31 pm QS11 **A NEW INDICATION? THE FREY PROCEDURE FOR CHRONIC PANCREATITIS SECONDARY TO PANCREAS DIVISUM.**  
 Pappas SG, Pilgrim CHC, Keim R, Harris R, Wilson S, Turaga K, Tsai S, Dua K, Khan A, Oh Y, Gamblin TC, Christians K  
 Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI; St Peter's Hospital, Albany, NY
- 4:37 pm QS12 **DEVELOPMENT OF A SUCCESSFUL LIVER TRANSPLANT PROGRAM WITHIN THE MICHAEL E. DEBAKEY VETERAN AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER (MEDVAMC) DURING A PERIOD OF DECREASING ORGAN AVAILABILITY**  
Guiteau J, Cotton R, Awad SS, Berger DH, Goss J, O'Mahony C  
 Michael E DeBakey VA Medical Center, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston TX
- 4:43 pm QS13 **THE ROLE AND INCIDENCE OF LOW LYING PERONEUS BREVIS MUSCLE BELLY IN PATIENTS WITH PERONEAL TENDONOPATHY.**  
Squire C, Wassell D, Mirmiran R  
 Raymond G. Murphy New Mexico VA Health Care Systems

- 4:49 pm QS14 **TRANSANAL ENDOSCOPIC MICROSURGERY USING SINGLE-INCISION LAPAROSCOPIC/TRANSANAL PORTS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF RECTAL CANCER**  
Orcutt ST\*<sup>1</sup>, Albo D<sup>1</sup>, Anaya DA<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Awad SS<sup>1,2</sup>, Berger DH<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Artinyan A<sup>1,2</sup>  
 1 - Department of Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX; 2 - Operative Care Line, Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX; 3 - Houston VA Health Services Research & Development Center of Excellence, Houston, TX
- 4:54 pm QS15 **PUSHING THE LIMITS OF LOCAL EXCISION FOR RECTAL CANCER: TRANSANAL ENDOSCOPIC MICROSURGERY OF A HIGH UPPER RECTAL LESION (VIDEO)**  
Artinyan A, Anaya DA  
 Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- 5:00 pm AVAS Council of Chiefs Meeting
- 6:30 pm **WELCOME RECEPTION** (Harley Davidson Museum)

**MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2013**

7:45 am **NEW MEMBER WELCOME**

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

Moderators: Marc Basson, MD, PhD and Kathleen Raman, MD

- 8:00 am #11 **THE EFFECT OF POST-CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS SURGERY CLOPIDOGREL USE ON ONE-YEAR CLINICAL OUTCOMES- A SUB-ANALYSIS OF THE ROOBY TRIAL**  
Ebrahimi R, Bakaeen FG, Shroyer AL, Baltz JH, Hattler B, Gupta S, Wiseman AL, Ardehali A, Collins JF, Grover F  
 Greater Los Angeles VA Medical Center (R.E., A.U, A.A); The Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center and Baylor College of Medicine, Northport Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center, Northport, NY (A.L.S.); the Eastern Colorado Health Care System
- 8:12 am #12 **PROFICIENCY-BASED ROBOTIC SIMULATOR TRAINING RESULTS IN THE ACQUISITION OF ROBOTIC SURGICAL SKILLS IN MEDICAL STUDENTS**  
Connolly M, Pagé MP, Kastenmeier A, Goldblatt M, Gould JC  
 Medical College of Wisconsin, Department of Surgery, Division of General Surgery, Milwaukee, WI
- 8:24 am #13 **ENDBRONCHIAL ULTRASOUND-TRANSBRONCHIAL NEEDLE ASPIRATION (EBUS-TBNA) BIOPSY FOR PREOPERATIVE NODAL STAGING OF LUNG CANCER IN A VETERAN POPULATION**  
 Casal RF, Bakaeen FG, Lan C, Preventza O, Shuab O, Cornwell LD  
 Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center and Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

- 8:36 am #14 **WRONG-SIDE THORACENTESIS: LESSONS LEARNED FROM ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS (RCA)**  
Miller KE, [Mims M](#), Paull DE  
Department of Veterans Affairs, National Center for Patient Safety
- 8:48 am #15 **SPHINCTER PRESERVATION IN THE VETERAN POPULATION: PREDICTORS AND OUTCOMES**  
[Mohammed S](#), Anaya DA, Albo D, Awad SS, Berger DH, Artinyan A  
Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- 9:00 am #16 **HYDROPHILIC POLYMER THERAPY IMPROVES NERVE REPAIR WITH NERVE TUBES**  
[Sexton KW](#), Boyer RB, Rodriguez-Feo CL, Pollins AC, Cardwell NL, Shack RB, Thayer WP  
Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN
- 9:12 am #17 **MANDATED AUDITING AND SELF-REPORTED VAP BUNDLE COMPLIANCE DOES NOT IMPROVE NOR CORRELATE WITH VAP INFECTION RATES**  
[Helmick RA](#), Knofsky ML, Braxton CC, Subramanian A, Byers P, Lan CKW, Levine GN, Awad SS  
Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- 9:24 am #18 **EFFECTS OF AUTOLOGOUS PRIMING ON BLOOD CONSERVATION AFTER CARDIAC SURGERY**  
[Delavari N](#), Teman NR, Romano MA, Prager RL, Yang B, Haft JW  
Department of Cardiac Surgery, University of Michigan Health System
- 9:36 am #19 **LIMITED VA-BASED RESOURCES BEYOND SCREENING MAMMOGRAPHY CAUSES DELAY IN THE DEFINITIVE TREATMENT OF FEMALE VETERANS WITH BREAST CANCER**  
Kvasnovsky C, Kesmodel S, Gragasin J, Punnoose V, Johnson P, Turner D, Pierson RN, [Jain A](#)  
Baltimore VA Medical Center, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD
- 9:48 am #20 **A COMPARISON OF CARPAL TUNNEL RELEASE METHODS AND COMPLICATIONS IN A VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL POPULATION**  
[Coady-Fariborzian L](#), McGreane A  
Malcolm Randall VA Medical Center
- 10:00 am **BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITORS**

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**QUICKSHOT SESSION B**  
**10:30—11:30 am**

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Moderators: Seth Spector, MD and Mary Hawn, MD

- 10:30 am QS16 **DETERMINANTS OF PATIENT RADIATION EXPOSURE IN PATIENTS UNDERGOING ENDOVASCULAR INTERVENTIONS.**  
Gonzalez L, Bechara CF, Pisimisis G, Barshes NR, Kougias P  
 Michael E. DeBaakey VAMC, Houston, TX
- 10:36 am QS17 **COMPARING THE PREDICTIVE VALUE OF TWO MODEL SELECTION APPROACHES IN MULTIVARIATE LOGISTIC REGRESSION: A CASE STUDY ON RECURRENCE FOLLOWING OPEN VENTRAL HERNIA REPAIRS**  
Li LT, Hicks SC, Davila JA, Jafrani RJ, Kao LS, Berger DH, Liang MK  
 Michael E. DeBaakey VAMC, Baylor College of Medicine, Rice University, University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Houston, TX
- 10:42 am QS18 **HEPATECTOMY FOR HEPATIC HEMANGIOMA; SAFE BUT IS IT SUCCESSFUL?**  
Groeschl RT, Riggle KM, Quebbeman EJ, Christians KK, Turaga KK, Pappas SG, Gamblin TC  
 Medical College of Wisconsin; Milwaukee, WI
- 10:48 am QS19 **OUTCOMES OF UNDERLAY VERSUS ONLAY MESH REPAIR OF OPEN VENTRAL HERNIAS: A CASE CONTROLLED STUDY**  
Li LT, Hicks SC, Davila JA, Berger RL, Hodge K, Kao LS, Berger DH, Liang MK  
 Michael E. DeBaakey VAMC, Baylor College of Medicine, Rice University, University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Houston, TX
- 10:54 am QS20 **LARGE BOWEL DISEASE PRESENTING AS SMALL BOWEL OBSTRUCTION IS ASSOCIATED WITH A POOR PROGNOSIS**  
Barnett RE, Younga JR, Cheadle WG  
 Robley Rex VA Medical Center, Louisville KY and University of Louisville, KY
- 11:00 am QS21 **OUTCOMES OF LAPAROSCOPIC VERSUS OPEN REPAIR OF PRIMARY VENTRAL HERNIAS**  
Berger RL, Li LT, Jafrani R, Hicks SC, Leong M, Kao LS, Berger DH, Liang MK  
 Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, Michael E. DeBaakey VAMC, Baylor College of Medicine, Rice University, University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Houston, TX
- 11:06 am QS22 **TEACHING SURGERY RESIDENTS THE NON-CLINICAL ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION (ACGME) CORE COMPETENCIES: HOW WE ARE DOING IT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF AN 80-HOUR WORK WEEK**  
Tapia NM, Milewicz AL, Whitney SE, Awad SS, Liang MK, Brandt ML, Berger DH, Braxton CC  
 Michael E. DeBaakey VA Medical Center, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

- 11:12 am QS23 **HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL'S PERCEPTIONS OF EMR: PATHWAY TO SUCCESS?**  
Gonnering RS, Telford GL  
 Zablocki VA Medical Center; The University of Wisconsin School of Medicine & Public Health; The Medical College of Wisconsin
- 11:18 am QS24 **EVOLVING TRENDS IN BREAST SURGERY IN THE VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA) HEALTHCARE SYSTEM**  
Leong M, Li LT, Netscher DT, Awad S, Liang MK  
 Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center and Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- 11:24 am QS25 **LAPAROSCOPIC DISTAL PANCREATECTOMY AND SPLENECTOMY FOR PANCREATIC NEUROENDOCRINE TUMOR IN AN OBESE PATIENT (VIDEO)**  
Artinyan A, Anaya DA, Awad SS, Berger DH  
 Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- 11:30 am **AVAS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:** Frederick Grover, MD
- 11:45 am **LUNCH PROGRAM**  
 "LEADERSHIP DURING TIMES OF CHANGE"  
 Julie Freischlag, MD

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

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Moderators: Mark Wilson, MD and Lorraine Cornwell, MD

- 1:00 pm #21 **PERIOPERATIVE SAFETY OF NEO-ADJUVANT THERAPY PRIOR TO ESOPHAGECTOMY**  
 Ferraris VA, Martin JT, Saha SP, Martin A  
 University of Kentucky
- 1:12 pm #22 **FEASIBILITY AND YIELD OF A PREOPERATIVE COMPREHENSIVE GERIATRIC ASSESSMENT MODEL FOR THE ELDERLY CANCER POPULATION**  
Barden GM<sup>1,2</sup>, Stevenson AP<sup>2</sup>, Naik AD<sup>2,3</sup>, Artinyan A<sup>1,4</sup>, Petersen NJ<sup>2</sup>, Walder A<sup>2</sup>, Albo D<sup>1</sup>, Berger DH<sup>1,2,4</sup>, Anaya DA<sup>1,2,4</sup>  
<sup>1</sup>Michael E. DeBakey Dept of Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine, <sup>2</sup>Houston VA HSR&D Center of Excellence, <sup>3</sup>Dept of Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, <sup>4</sup>Operative Care Line, Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Houston, TX
- 1:24 pm #23 **SUCCESSFUL VENTRICULAR ASSIST DEVICE PROGRAM AT A VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER**  
Katlaps G, Quader M, Szentpetery S, Lewis N, Martin L  
 Hunter Holmes McGuire Richmond VA Medical Center
- 1:36 pm #24 **SURGERY RESIDENCY CURRICULUM EXAM SCORES PREDICT FUTURE ABSITE PERFORMANCE**  
Webb T, Jasmeet Paul J, Treat R, Codner P, Anderson R, Philip Redlich P  
 Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI

- 1:48 pm #25 **EXPRESSION OF DIFFERENTIATION MARKERS IN RAT INTESTINE CORRELATES WITH TRANSCRIPT LEVELS OF SCHLAFEN 3**  
Kovalenko PL, Basson MD  
 Department of Surgery, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- 2:00 pm #26 **EARLY EXPERIENCE OF A TRANSCATHETER AORTIC VALVE PROGRAM AT A VETERANS AFFAIRS FACILITY**  
Bakaeen FG, Kar B, Cornwell LD, Blaustein V, Levine GN, Omer S, Ali N, Jneid H, Paniagua D, Preventza O, Atluri P, Bechara C, Kougias P, Ruma M, Bozkurt B, Carabello BA  
 The Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Baylor College of Medicine, and the Texas Heart Institute, Houston, TX
- 2:12 pm #27 **PROMOTING ETHICAL ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTATION: USE OF A SURGICAL PROGRESS NOTE TEMPLATE IMPROVES THE QUALITY AND STRUCTURE OF MEDICAL RECORDS BY SURGICAL RESIDENTS**  
Nicksa GA, Davoren BJ, Stewart L  
 San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center, San Francisco, CA
- 2:24 pm #28 **SAFETY AND EFFICACY OF PORTAL VEIN EMBOLIZATION AS A BRIDGE TO HEPATECTOMY IN A HIGH-RISK VETERAN POPULATION**  
Vo E, Barden GM, Kobayashi K<sup>3</sup>, Orcutt ST, Poppelaars V, Walder A<sup>2</sup>, Artinyan A, Silberfein EJ, Albo DA, Awad SS, Berger DH, Anaya DA  
<sup>1</sup>Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine; <sup>2</sup>Houston VA HSR&D Center of Excellence; <sup>3</sup>Department of Radiology, Baylor College of Medicine; <sup>4</sup>Operative Care Line Michael E. DeBakey VAMC; Houston, TX
- 2:36 pm #29 **ELEVATED NEUTROPHIL TO LYMPHOCYTE RATIO (NLR) IS ASSOCIATED WITH REDUCED PROGRESSION-FREE SURVIVAL IN PANCREATIC CANCER**  
Mahmoud A<sup>1</sup>, Vikis H<sup>2</sup>, Gamblin TC<sup>1</sup>, Turaga K<sup>1</sup>, Pappas SG<sup>1</sup>, Christians KK<sup>1</sup>, Quebbeman EJ<sup>1</sup>, Evans DB<sup>1</sup>, Tsai S<sup>1</sup>,  
 Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI
- 2:48 pm #30 **USE OF PROSPECTIVE SSI SURVEILLANCE TO VALIDATE FINDINGS REPORTED BY THE RSSIC STUDY IN A HIGH-RISK CANCER POPULATION**  
 Barden GM<sup>1,2</sup>, Li LT<sup>1,2</sup>, Sangsiry S<sup>2</sup>, Petersen NJ<sup>2</sup>, Artinyan A<sup>1,3</sup>, Awad SS<sup>1,3</sup>, Berger DH<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Anaya DA<sup>1,2,3</sup>  
<sup>1</sup> Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX; <sup>2</sup> Houston VA Center of Innovation in Quality, Effectiveness and Safety, Houston, TX; <sup>3</sup> Operative Care Line Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX
- 3:00 pm **BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITORS**

**QUICKSHOT SESSION C**

**3:30 PM – 4:30 PM**

Moderators: Kamal Itani, MD and Jason Gold, MD

- 3:30 pm QS26 **THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SPECTRUM OF FOOT INFECTIONS**  
Barshes NR, Rodriguez-Barradas M, Garcia A, Bechara CF, Pisimisis G, Kougias P  
Michael E. DeBaakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Houston, TX
- 3:36 pm QS27 **PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF A HOSPITAL ACQUIRED PRESSURE ULCER (HAPU) PREVENTION BUNDLE IN SURGICAL PATIENTS**  
Lara-Smalling AA, Knofsky M, Helmick R, Awad SS  
Michael E. DeBaakey VAMC, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- 3:42 pm QS28 **IRRIGATION DURING LAPAROSCOPIC APPENDECTOMY AND INTRA-ABDOMINAL SURGICAL SITE INFECTION**  
Suliburk JW, Kao LS, Tran PC, Hicks SC, Li LT, Berger DH, Liang MK  
Michael E. DeBaakey VAMC, Ben Taub General Hospital, Baylor College of Medicine, Rice University, University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Houston, TX
- 3:48 pm QS29 **OR CRISIS MANAGEMENT: EFFECT OF HUMAN COGNITIVE ERRORS, SYSTEMS ROLE IN MITIGATION OF ERROR AND BENEFICIAL V.S. DETRIMENTAL SURGICAL TEAM RESPONSE TO A CRISIS.**  
Lipshy KA  
VISN 6, Hampton VAMC, Hampton, VA
- 3:54 pm QS30 **USING LEAN AND SIX SIGMA TO DEVELOP AND SUSTAIN EFFICIENCY IN A JOINT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**  
Gayed BN, Black SD, Munshi IA  
Richard L. Roudebush VAMC, Indianapolis IN
- 4:00 pm QS31 **TRENDS IN THE RELATIVE USE AND OUTCOMES OF ON-PUMP VERSUS OFF-PUMP CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS GRAFTING WITH TIME IN THE VA SYSTEM**  
Bakaeen FG, Kelly RF, Chu D, Jessen ME, Ward HB, Holman WL  
Baylor College of Medicine and the Michael E. DeBaakey VAMC, Minneapolis VA, Dallas VA, and Alabama VA
- 4:06 pm QS32 **IMPACT OF TYPE OF ANESTHESIA ON RESPIRATORY AND CARDIAC OUTCOMES AFTER OPERATIONS FOR PERIPHERAL ARTERIAL DISEASE (PAD)**  
Matos J, Bechara CF, Pisimisis G, Barshes NR, Kougias P  
Michael E. DeBaakey VAMC, Houston, TX
- 4:12 pm QS33 **POSTOPERATIVE DISPOSITION OF OSA PATIENTS, PATIENT SATISFACTION AND RELATED COST SAVINGS**  
Dara B  
Michael E DeBaakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX

- 4:18 pm QS34 **LAPAROSCOPIC APPROACH TO MORGAGNI DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA (VIDEO)**  
Cornwell LD, Anuradha Subramanian A  
 Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center and Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- 4:24 pm QS35 **ATTRIBUTES OF A SURGICAL CHAIRPERSON ASSOCIATED WITH EXTRA-MURAL FUNDING OF A DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY**  
Turaga KK, Green D, Jayakrishnan T, Hwang M, Gamblin TC  
 Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI
- 4:30 pm **BUSINESS MEETING (Members Only)**
- 6:30 pm **COCKTAIL RECEPTION**
- 7:30 pm **ANNUAL BANQUET/PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**
- 9:30 pm **PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013**

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

Moderators: George Sarosi, MD and Alan Dardik, MD, PhD

- 8:00 am #31 **THE GLUCAGON-LIKE PEPTIDE-2 (GLP-2) ANALOG TEDUGLUTIDE STIMULATES PROLIFERATION BUT REDUCES VILLIN EXPRESSION IN HUMAN CACO-2 INTESTINAL EPITHELIAL CELLS**  
Chaturvedi LS, Basson MD  
 Dept of Surgery, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI and John D Dingell VA medical center and Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
- 8:12 am #32 **EXTENDED VIABLE PRESERVATION OF HUMAN SAPHENOUS VEIN IN GALA SOLUTION**  
Haime M, Thatte H  
 Cardiothoracic Surgery Division, VA Boston Healthcare System, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA
- 8:24 am #33 **THE EFFECT OF INTRAOPERATIVE TIGHT GLYCEMIC CONTROL ON SURGICAL SITE INFECTION RATES IN PATIENTS UNDERGOING OPEN-HEART SURGERY**  
Gower S, Beckie TM, Jason W. Beckstead JW, Groer ME, Eichler DC, Jimenez E, Kokocki S, Bronleewe S, Kambam J  
 James A. Haley Veteran's Hospital & University of South Florida
- 8:36 am #34 **ANTIPLATELET THERAPY MANAGEMENT AMONG PATIENTS WITH DRUG-ELUTING STENTS UNDERGOING SURGERY**  
Graham LA, Maddox TM, Itani KMF, Hawn MT  
 C-SMART, Birmingham VAMC, Birmingham, AL; VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System, University of Colorado Denver, Denver, CO; VA Boston Healthcare System, Boston, MA; Department of Surgery, University of Alabama at Birmingham, AL



- 8:48 am #35 **THE BROAD SPECTRUM MMP INHIBITOR DOXYCYCLINE ATTENUATES BORDERZONE MYOFILAMENT DYSFUNCTION AFTER MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION**  
Takaba K, Shimkunas R, Khazalpour M, Bazargan M, Zhang Z, Baker A, Ratcliffe M  
Departments of Surgery of the University of California, San Francisco, California and the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, San Francisco, CA
- 9:00 am #36 **MULTICENTER PROSPECTIVE RANDOMIZED COMPARISON OF PAIN AND PERFORMANCE AFTER RADIAL ARTERY OR SAPHENOUS VEIN HARVEST**  
Holman W, Davies J, Lin J, Wang Y, Goldman S, Bakaeen F, Kelly R, Wagner T, Fremes S, Lee K, Sethi G  
Birmingham VA Medical Center; VA Palo Alto Healthcare System; Arizona Veteran's Healthcare System; Michael DeBakey VA Medical Center; Minneapolis VA Medical Center; Sunnybrook Health Sciences Center
- 9:12 am #37 **SERUM RESPONSE FACTOR REGULATES INTESTINAL EPITHELIAL GENE EXPRESSION AND MIGRATION**  
Belaguli NS, Berger DH  
Department of Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine and Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX
- 9:24 am #38 **THE USE OF A REAL TIME PATIENT TRACKING OR CONTROL SYSTEM (ORC) IMPROVES BLOCK UTILIZATION AND INCREASES OR CAPACITY**  
Awad SS, Biscone M, Anaya D, Berger DH  
Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- 9:36 am #39 **ENHANCED DENDRITIC CELL PERMEABILITY OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED MAGE-A3 WITH CELL PENETRATING DOMAIN (CPD) FOR THE GENERATION OF AN EFFICIENT THERAPEUTIC CANCER VACCINE**  
Batchu RB, Gruzdyn O, Kung ST, BS, Weaver D, Gruber SA  
John D. Dingell VA Medical Center, Detroit, MI and Department of Surgery, Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, MI
- 9:48 am #40 **NATIONWIDE TRENDS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSMS**  
Kougias P, Bechara CF, Pisimisis G, Barshes NR  
Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Houston, TX
- 10:00 am **BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS**

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**QUICKSHOT SESSION D**  
**10:30 AM – 11:40 AM**

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Moderators: Lawrence Kim, MD and George Machiedo, MD

- 10:30 am QS36 **OUTCOMES OF LAPAROSCOPIC PERITONEAL DIALYSIS (LPD) CATHETERS PLACEMENT FROM THE 2007-2008 AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS NATIONAL SURGICAL QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (ACS NSQIP)**  
Matos J, Barshes NR, Pisimisis G, Panos Kougias P, Bechara CF  
 Michael E DeBakey VA Medical Center, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston TX
- 10:36 am QS37 **THE BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE MASTER (MINIMAL-ACCESS SURGERY TRAINING, EDUCATION, AND RESEARCH) PROGRAM: IMPLEMENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF A MINIMALLY-INVASIVE SURGERY INTERN BOOTCAMP**  
Fernandez R, Pimpalwar AP, Taylor DJ, Scott BG, Mazziotti MV, Brandt ML, Rosengart TK, Artinyan A  
 Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- 10:42 am QS38 **THE VETERANS AFFAIRS COOPERATIVE STUDIES PROGRAM NETWORK OF DEDICATED ENROLLMENT SITES: IMPLICATIONS FOR SURGICAL TRIALS**  
Bakaeen FG, Cornwell LD, Gopaldas RR, Kougias P, Anaya D, Berger DH, Huang G  
 The Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center and Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- 10:48 am QS39 **PROGRESSION TO STAGE 3 AND 4 CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE AND RISK FACTOR STRATIFICATION FOLLOWING ENDOVASCULAR AORTIC ANEURYSM REPAIR**  
Pisimisis GT, Mohammed S, Daram SP, Barshes NR, Bechara CF, Lin PH, Kougias P  
 Baylor College of Medicine and Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX
- 10:54 am QS40 **ESTABLISHING AN INTEGRATED BIOSPECIMEN BANK AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY DATABASE FOR PANCREATIC CANCER**  
Tsai S, Gamblin TC, Turag K, Pappas SG, Christians KK, Quebbeman EJ, Evans DB  
 Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI
- 11:00 am QS41 **ESCALATION OF COMMITMENT BEHAVIOR IN THE SURGICAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT LEADS TO INCREASED COSTS WITHOUT AFFECTING OUTCOME**  
Awad SA, Becker N, Anaya DA, Berger DH, Bakaeen FG, Kougias P, Artinyan A, Bechera C, Cornwell L, Barshes N, Braxton CC  
 Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- 11:06 am QS42 **MANAGEMENT OF INADVERTENT CAROTID SHEATH INSERTION DURING CENTRAL VENOUS CATHETER PLACEMENT**  
Bechara CF, Barshes NR, Pisimisis G, Kougias P, Lin PH  
 Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center and Baylor College of Medicine, Houston TX

- 11:12 am QS43 **LIVER SURGERY AT THE JJP VAMC-REVIEW OF 12 YEARS EXPERIENCE**  
Heimann TM  
 James J Peters VAMC, Bronx, NY
- 11:18 am QS44 **EFFECT OF COMPLETENESS OF REVASCLARIZATION ON LONG-TERM SURVIVAL AFTER CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS SURGERY**  
Bakaeen FG, Kelly RF, Chu D, Jessen ME, Holman WL, Ward HB  
 Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Houston, TX; Minneapolis VAMC, Minneapolis, MN; University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX; The Birmingham VAMC, Birmingham, AL
- 11:24 am QS45 **SURGEON MODIFIED FENESTRATED ENDOGRAFT TO TREAT RUPTURED JUXTARENAL AORTIC ANEURYSM (VIDEO)**  
Pisimisis GT, Bechara CF, Barshes NR, Kougias P  
 Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX
- 11:30 am **ADJOURN**
- 11:30 am **Executive Committee Lunch**

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