ASSOCIATION OF VA SURGEONS
2018 Annual Meeting – May 5-8, 2018
Miami, FL

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018

10:00 – 5:00 pm  Registration
12:00 – 5:00 pm  Exhibit Display
12:00 – 12:30 pm  Opening Remarks/Welcome New Members

| SCIENTIFIC SESSION I  
| (12:30 – 2:30 PM) |
| Moderators: Danny Chu, MD and Antonio Robles, MD |

* Resident/student competition

1. **DIFFERENCE IN VENOUS THROMBOEMBOLISM RISK AFTER NONOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT OF BLUNT SPLEEN VS. LIVER TRAUMA**  
Ryder Trauma Center, Dewitt Daughtry Family Department of Surgery, University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine, Miami, Florida

2. **ORAL CAVITY AND PHARYNGEAL CANCER INCIDENCE, TRENDS AND SURGICAL THERAPY IN THE UNITED STATES: 2000-2014**  
Mundra LS*, AlQattan HT, Rubio, GA, Spector SA, Thaller SR  
Division of Plastic, Aesthetic, and Reconstructive Surgery, DeWitt Daughtry Family Department of Surgery, University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine

3. **IN THE SUPER-OBESE, BILIOPANCREATIC DIVERSION/DUODENAL SWITCH (BPD/DS) ELIMINATES VARIATION BY SEX OF OBESITY CO-MORBIDITY RESOLUTION BUT NOT WEIGHT AND BMI: ANALYSIS OF 1,673 PATIENTS**  
Lyon M*, Tamburrini D, Slotman G  
Inspira Health Network

4. **USE OF NON-PLEDGETED SUTURE TECHNIQUE IS SAFE AND FEASIBLE FOR HEART VALVE REPLACEMENT**  
Chan PG*, Chan EG, Seese LM, Sultan I, Kilic A, Gleason TG, Chu D  
Division of Cardiac Surgery, Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine; Section of Cardiac Surgery, Surgery Service Line, Veterans Affairs Pittsburgh Healthcare System
5. FEMALE GENITAL CANCER INCIDENCE, TRENDS AND SURGICAL THERAPY IN THE UNITED STATES: 2000-2014
   AlQattan HT*, Mundra LS, Rubio, GA, Spector S, Thaller SR
   Division of Plastic, Aesthetic, and Reconstructive Surgery, DeWitt Daughtry Family
   Department of Surgery, University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine

6. MULTI-INSTITUTIONAL ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT OF RISK PREDICTION ON OPERATIVE DECISION MAKING
   Healy JM*, Luo-Owen, Turay D, Pei KP
   West Haven Veterans Affairs Medical Center, West Haven, CT Yale School of Medicine,
   Department of Surgery, New Haven, CT Loma Linda University Medical Center, Loma Linda,
   CA

7. READMISSION RATE AND COST COMPARISON OF LAPAROSCOPIC CHOLECYSTECTOMY VERSUS PERCUTANEOUS CHOLECYSTOSTOMY: A PROPENSITY SCORE MATCHED ASSESSMENT OF THE NATIONAL READMISSION DATABASE
   Fleming MM1*, DeWane MP1, Luo J2, Zhang Y2, Pei KY1
   1 Yale School of Medicine, Department of Surgery, New Haven, CT; 2 Section of Surgical
   Outcomes and Epidemiology, Department of Surgery, Yale School of Medicine, New Haven,
   CT

8. TEN YEAR VA EXPERIENCE OF COMMON FEMORAL ENDARTERECTOMY AND COMBINED ILIAC STENTING FOR LIMB SALVAGE: 2007 TO 2017
   Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Division of Vascular Surgery; Corporal Michael J.
   Crescenz VA Medical Center

9. FLOW RATE AND PRESSURE ESTIMATION TOOLBOX FOR TEVAR PATIENTS
   Tricarico R*, Yong H, Beck AW, Scali S, Berceli SA
   North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health Service and the University of Florida, FL,
   University of Alabama School of Medicine, Birmingham, AL, USA

10. VOOGLE NOTES: A NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING (NLP) APPLICATION THAT LEVERAGES TEXT REPORTS IN THE VA CORPORATE DATA WAREHOUSE (CDW) TO SUPPORT PROVIDER DECISION-MAKING FOR PATIENT CARE
    Turano A, Eibling D
    VA OI&T (AT) VA Pittsburgh (DE) University of Pittsburgh (AT & DE)

2:30 – 3:00 pm BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS
11. COMPARISON OF REPEAT FALLS, INTRACRANIAL HEMORRHAGE, AND STROKE RATE IN THE NATIONAL READMISSION DATABASE
Fleming MM*, DeWane MP, Chiu AS, Pei KY
Department of Surgery, Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, CT

12. RETROSPECTIVE ANALYSIS OF COMPLEX ABDOMINAL WALL RECONSTRUCTION USING REPRIZA: A NOVEL ACELLULAR DERMAL MATRIX
Joseph WJ*, Egro FM, Foglio A, Kenny EM, Manders EK, Zuckerbraun BS
VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System & University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Departments of Surgery and Plastic Surgery

13. INTERIM ANALYSIS OF A PROSPECTIVE RANDOMIZED, DOUBLE-BLINDED CLINICAL TRIAL TO ASSESS THE IMPACT OF INJECTION PRESSURE ON SPREAD OF LOCAL ANESTHETIC DURING ADDUCTOR CANAL BLOCK AND POSTOPERATIVE REHAB
Lin JD, Jaramillo Aƚ, Gebhard REƚ, Missair Aƚ
*Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, †University of Miami School of Medicine

14. EFFECTS OF PACKED RED BLOOD CELLS AND FRESH FROZEN PLASMA TRANSFUSION ON VENOUS THROMBOEMBOLISM RISK AFTER TRAUMA
Karcutskie CA*, Mundra LS, Meizoso JP, Ray JJ, Eidelson SA, Schulman CI, Ginzburg E, Namias N, Proctor KG
Ryder Trauma Center, Dewitt Daughtry Family Department of Surgery, University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine, Miami, Florida

15. PREDICTORS OF UNPLANNED RE-OPERATION AFTER ABOVE-KNEE AMPUTATION
Edwards JB*, Wooster MD, Tran T, Armstrong PA, Moudgill N, Shames ML, Brooks JD
Department of Vascular Surgery, University of South Florida; Department of Vascular Surgery, James A Haley Veterans Affairs Hospital

16. NEUROPHYSIOLOGICAL CHANGES IMPACTING HAND FUNCTION AFTER ARTERIOVENOUS HEMODIALYSIS FISTULA PLACEMENT
Staton K*, Berceli S, Kubilis P, Barbey S, Hall A, Huber T, Scali S*
Malcolm Randall VAMC, Gainesville, FL; University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

17. THE LEARNING CURVE FOR MULTI-PARAMETRIC MRI/US FUSION GUIDED PROSTATE BIOPSY: A SINGLE CENTER EXPERIENCE
Leung CP, Syed JS*, Pan S, Neville TB, Sprenkle PC
Yale University, West Haven Veterans Affairs Hospital

18. POSTOPERATIVE NARCOTIC PRESCRIPTIONS: HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH?
Doroshenko M*, Hudson L, Giquel J, Spector S
Miami VA Medical Center, Miami, FL
19. COMPARISON OF COSTS AND OUTCOMES FOR IN-OFFICE AND OPERATING ROOM EXCISION OF CUTANEOUS MALIGNANCIES
Ovadia SA*,1,3 Spector SA, 2,3 Thaller SR1,3
Division of Plastic Aesthetic and Reconstructive Surgery University of Miami1, Department of Surgery Bruce W. Carter Department of Veterans Affairs2, DeWitt Daughtry Family Department of Surgery, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine 3

20. POTENTIAL NEW VARIABLES TO QUANTITATE STRESS IN FORWARD SURGICAL TEAMS
Dewitt Daughtry Dept of Surgery and Army Trauma Training Department, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL; Battlefield Health & Trauma Center for Human Integrative Physiology, US Army Institute of Surgical Research, Fort Sam Houston, TX

21. PREDICTING FACTORS TO POSTOPERATIVE HYPOTENSION FOLLOWING CAROTID ARTERY STENTING
Rubio GA*, Karwowski J, DeAmorim H, Goldstein LJ, Bornak A
Division of Vascular & Endovascular Surgery, DeWitt Daughtry Family Department of Surgery, University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine and Bruce W. Carter Miami Veterans Affairs Medical Center

22. ENDOTOXEMIA AFTER PENETRATING OR BURN TRAUMA
University of Miami/Ryder Trauma Center

23. PLASTIC SURGERY RESIDENCY TRAINING AND THE PROBLEMATIC RESIDENT, A SURVEY OF PROGRAM DIRECTORS
Ovadia SA*1,3, Gishen KE1,3, Spector SA2,3, Thaller SR1,3
Division of Plastic Aesthetic and Reconstructive Surgery University of Miami1, Department of Surgery Bruce W. Carter Department of Veterans Affairs2, DeWitt Daughtry Family Department of Surgery, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine 3

24. COMPARISON OF FLOW-VOLUME CHART PARAMETERS BETWEEN CAUCASIAN AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEN WITH NOCTURIA
SUNY Downstate College of Medicine; VA NY Harbor Healthcare System Brooklyn Campus

25. WALKING IS RARE AND HOSPITALIZATION IS COMMON AFTER MAJOR AMPUTATIONS
Nakahara H*,1, Upchurch MW1, Alabi O1,2, Salam A1,2, Brewster L1,2,3
1) Emory University SOM, Department of Surgery 2) Atlanta VA Medical Center, Surgery and Research Services 3) Georgia Institute of Technology, Institute for Bioengineering and Bioscience
26. ROUTINE POSTOPERATIVE GASTROGRAFIN UGI FOLLOWING SLEEVE GASTRECTOMY SHOULD BE ABANDONED
Vitello DJ*, Vitello JM, Beach-Bachmann J, Bentrem D
Jesse Brown VA Medical Center

27. REDUCING BENIGN LUNG RESECTIONS BY INTEGRATING AN INTERVENTIONAL PULMONOLOGY PROGRAM WITH A THORACIC SURGERY DEPARTMENT
Vanderbilt University Medical Center

28. FEASIBILITY AND EFFICIENCY OF A DECISION AID TO HELP VETERANS CHOOSE BETWEEN OPEN AND ENDOVASCULAR REPAIR OF ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM
From the Department of Surgery and VA Outcomes Group, White River Junction VA Medical Center (JC, RK, KN, PG, DS, BS), The Birmingham VA (ES), the Salt Lake City VA (BB), the Buffalo VAMC (HD), the Sacramento VAMC (EL), the West Roxbury VA (JR), the Ann Arbor VAMC (PH), the Seattle VAMC (GT), the Durham VAMC (LM), the Houston VAMC (PK), the Omaha VAMC (JJ), the Atlanta VAMC (SA), the Gainesville VAMC (SS), the West Haven VAMC (KO), the Phoenix VAMC (VH), the Los Angeles VA (JO), the Minneapolis VAMC (DI), the Tampa VAMC (PN), the Pittsburgh VAMC (ET), the Tuscon VAMC (WZ), the Massachusetts General Hospital for Shared Decision Making (MB)

4:30 – 5:00 PM

KARL STORZ RESEARCH PRESENTATION
ROLE OF GRAM NEGATIVE BACTERIAL LIPOPOLYSACCHARIDE IN CXCR4-MEDIATED PANCREATIC CARCINOGENESIS
Ryan M. Thomas, MD, FACS
Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery
Malcom Randall VAMC/University of Florida College of Medicine
Gainesville, FL
29. USE OF INTRAOPERATIVE INHALED EPOPROSTENOL AND CONTINUOUS MECHANICAL VENTILATION DURING OPEN HEART SURGERY FOR HIGH RISK MULTIVALVE INFECTIVE ENDOCARDITIS
Cleveland Clinic

30. PENETRANCE AND MORTALITY OF VATS LUNG RESECTIONS WITHIN THE VA
Maiga AW*, Deppen SA, Denton J, Matheny ME, Gillaspie EA, Nesbitt JC, Grogan EL
Tennessee Valley Healthcare System, Nashville, TN; Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN

31. DOES ISCHEMIC TIME MATTER IN THE ERA OF THE LUNG ALLOCATION SCORE: THE PITTSBURGH EXPERIENCE
Schaheen LW*, Tuft M, Pilewski J, Morrell M, D'Cunha J
Division of Lung Transplantation/Lung Failure, Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, University of Pittsburgh

32. NATIONWIDE TRENDS AND OUTCOMES OF CARDIOVASCULAR SURGERY IN PATIENTS WITH OPIOID USE DISORDERS
Department of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH; Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Case Western University School of Medicine, Cleveland, OH; Pittsburgh VAMC, Pittsburgh, PA

33. TRANSCATHETER VS. SURGICAL AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT AFTER PRIOR CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS GRAFTING: A PROPENSITY-MATCHED ANALYSIS
Cleveland Clinic

34. ACCESS TO LUNG TRANSPLANTATION IN THE US: THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THE ACCESS TO A HIGH VOLUME CENTER
Schaheen L*, Chan EG, Tuft M, D'Cunha J
Division of Lung Transplantation/Lung Failure, Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, University of Pittsburgh
35. FIRST EXPERIENCE OF TRILEAFLET AORTIC VALVE RECONSTRUCTION WITH AUTOLOGOUS PERICARDIUM IN U.S.
Seese LM*, Chin H, Chan PG, Sultan I, Kilic A, Gleason TG, Chu D
Division of Cardiac Surgery, Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine; Section of Cardiac Surgery, Surgery Service Line, Veterans Affairs Pittsburgh Healthcare System

36. SINGLE DOSE DEL NIDO CARDIOPLEGIA: CABG OUTCOMES IN AN ACADEMIC VETERANS TEACHING HOSPITAL
Reidy MR*, Jimenez E, Omer S, Cornwell LD, Chen S, Preventza O, Rosengart TK, Coselli JS
Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center

37. IMPACT OF PRIOR PERCUTANEOUS CORONARY INTERVENTION ON CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS GRAFTING (CABG) OUTCOMES AND SURVIVAL IN A U.S. MILITARY VETERAN POPULATION
Omer S1,2, Marcano JE*1,2, Jimenez E1,2,3, Cornwell LD1,2, Preventza O1,3, De la Cruz K1,3, Rosengart TD1,2,3, Coselli JS1,2,3
1. Baylor College of Medicine, 2. Michael E DeBakey VA Medical Center, 3. Texas Heart Institute

38. COST OF SURGICAL AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT AND ASSOCIATED COMPLICATIONS
Department of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, Heart and Vascular Institute, Cleveland Clinic (Cleveland, Ohio, USA), and Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine (Cleveland, Ohio, USA)

10:00 – 10:30 am BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS

PANEL SESSION I: VETERANS CHOICE PROGRAM (VCP) AND VALUE-BASED CARE IN VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (VHA): HOW CAN VHA COMPETE WITH PRIVATE SECTOR?
(10:30 – 12:00 PM)
Moderators: Jason Johanning, MD and Ronnie Rosenthal, MD

10:30 AM TURNING CHALLENGES INTO OPPORTUNITIES (2018)
Carolyn Clancy, MD
Executive in Charge, Veterans Health Administration

10:50 AM HOW DO YOU BALANCE VCP VS MAINTAIN KEEPING IN-HOUSE SURGICAL VOLUME?
Vince DeGennaro, MD

11:10 AM VETERAN/PATIENT PERSPECTIVE, WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO HAVE SURGERY AT VA?
Edward Young, MD

11:30 AM AUDIENCE Q&A
12:00 PM       **AVAS BUSINESS MEETING** (Members only)

1:00 PM          Afternoon at leisure

6:30 – 9:30 PM   **WELCOME RECEPTION**
39. THE OPTIMAL TIMING OF COLOSTOMY REVERSAL FOLLOWING DIVERTICULITIS
Resio BJ*, Jean R, Chiu A, Pei KY
Yale New Haven Hospital

40. WOUND SEVERITY SCORE IN PATIENTS WITH CRITICAL LIMB ISCHEMIA AND TISSUE LOSS UNDERGOING TIBIAL REVASCULARIZATION WITH CORONARY DRUG-ELUTING STENTS
Huntress LA*, Crystal D, Liu S, Dardik A, Nassiri N
Yale University School of Medicine, VA Connecticut Healthcare System, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital

41. THE IMPACT OF A STANDARDIZED MINIMALLY INVASIVE ADVANCED COLECTOMY TRAINING (ACT) PROGRAM ON OPERATIVE APPROACH FOR PATIENTS UNDERGOING ELECTIVE BENIGN COLORECTAL SURGERY
Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Baylor College of Medicine

42. NODAL DOWNSTAGING FOR LOCALIZED PANCREATIC CANCER WITH NEOADJUVANT THERAPY – HOW TO GET THERE AND WHY IT MATTERS
Portuondo J*, Massarweh NN, Zhang Q, Chai C, Tran Cao HS
Baylor College of Medicine

43. IMPROVING TREATMENT DECISIONS IN ADVANCED PROSTATE CANCER USING NOVEL WHOLE-BODY IMAGING
Indiana University School of Medicine & VAMC

44. PRESENTATION OF PARATHYROID CARCINOMA WITHIN A NATIONAL VETERAN POPULATION
Alore EA*, Suliburk JW, Tran Cao HS, Chai CY, Ramsey DJ, Makris KI
Baylor College of Medicine, Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center

45. RECALIBRATION OF THE RISK ANALYSIS INDEX OF FRAILTY SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVES PREDICTIVE PERFORMANCE AMONG SURGICAL PATIENTS
Varley P*, Arya S5,6, Youk A1,2, Schmid KK4, Johanning JM3,4, Hall DE1,2
(1) VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System, (2) University of Pittsburgh, Department of Biostatistics, (3) Nebraska Western Iowa VA Health System, (4) University of Nebraska Medical Center, (5) Atlanta VA Medical Center

* Resident/student competition
46. **PRESENCE OF CORONARY ARTERY CALCIFICATIONS ON STAGING CT IMAGING MAY PREDICT HIGHER MORTALITY IN PATIENTS WITH EARLY-STAGE LUNG CANCER**
Maiga AW*, Pinkerman R, Smith GT, Deppen SA, Grogan EL
Tennessee Valley Healthcare System Veterans Hospital, Nashville, TN; Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN

47. **GRIP STRENGTH AND WALK SPEED BUT NOT TIMED UP AND GO CORRELATE WITH TOTAL PSOAS AREA**
University of Nebraska Medical Center

48. **DIASTOLIC BLOOD PRESSURE VARIABILITY IS AN INDEPENDENT RISK FACTOR FOR ADVERSE OUTCOMES AFTER CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS GRAFTING**
Benz C*, Dyke C, Klug M, Taggart C, Basson M
The University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences

10:00 – 10:30 am BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS

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**Moderators:** Lindsay Goldstein, MD and Preeti John, MD

49. **CONSCIOUS SEDATION CAN SAFELY REPLACE GENERAL ANESTHESIA FOR TRANSCATHETER AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT IN A VETERANS AFFAIRS POPULATION**
San Francisco VA Medical Center

50. **RECENT TRENDS IN MINIMALLY INVASIVE APPROACHES TO THE INGUINAL HERNIA REPAIR**
Navarro SM*, Becker NS, Gillory LA, Lee DS, Makris KI, Chiu LW, Massarweh NN, Tran Cao HS, Awad SS, Chai CY
Michael E DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center / Baylor College of Medicine

51. **SERIOUS COMPLICATION RATES AFTER EGD WITH BIOPSY IN A COMMUNITY SETTING**
Johnson B*, Basson M
University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences

52. **PATIENT-REPORTED OUTCOMES AFTER SURGICAL TREATMENT OF FACIAL NON-MELANOMA SKIN CANCER**
Sasor SE*, Cook JA, Loewenstein SN, Wooden WA, Cohen A, Munshi IA, Chu MW, Tholpady SS
RL Roudebush VA Medical Center

53. **EFFICACY OF E-CONSULTS FOR PATIENTS WITH VASCULAR DISEASE**
54. ANALYSIS OF PROFESSIONALISM ON SOCIAL MEDIA FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS PLASTIC SURGEONS
   Castaneda PR*, Andraska EA, Baerg TN, Stevens J, Osborne NH, Henke PK
   University of Michigan, VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System

55. IMPACT OF INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE ON COLORECTAL CANCER STAGE OF DISEASE AND SURVIVAL
   Millien V*, Hou JK, Taylor C, Massarweh NN
   Michael E DeBakey VA Medical Center; Baylor College of Medicine

56. THE IMPACT OF SMOKING ON SURGICAL SITE INFECTIONS (SSIS) IN SMOKERS UNDERGOING ELECTIVE COLORECTAL SURGERY
   Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Baylor College of Medicine

57. COMPARISON OF MINIMALLY INVASIVE THERAPIES FOR ISOLATED AORTIC VALVULAR DISEASE: SURGICAL AND TRANSCATHETER AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT AT A VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER
   San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center, University of California San Francisco

58. MANAGEMENT OF THE PRESSURE INJURY PATIENT WITH OSTEOMYELITIS: AN ALGORITHM
   Nicksic PJ* Sasor SE, Stholpady S, Wooden WA, Gutwein LG
   Indiana University

59. THE COMBINATION OF RADIOFREQUENCY ABLATION WITH TRANSCATHETER ARTERIAL CHEMOEMBOLIZATION IMPROVES SURVIVAL FOR HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA IN SUBOPTIMAL LOCATIONS
   University of Colorado School of Medicine Department of Surgery; Eastern Colorado VA Healthcare System, Surgery

60. PERICARDIAL CYST: AN UNCOMMON CAUSE OF HEART FAILURE. CASE REPORT AND THORACOSCOPIC MANAGEMENT
   Marcano J*, Reidy M, Omer S, Jimenez E, Cornwell L
   Micheal E. DeBakey VA Hospital, Baylor College of Medicine

61. WHAT SKILLS DO CLINICAL EVALUATORS VALUE MOST IN AN ORAL CASE PRESENTATION?
   Lancaster I*, Basson M, Van Eck R
   University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences

62. INFLUENCE OF SMOKING, CO-MORBIDITY, AND SURGICAL APPROACH ON PATIENT OUTCOMES FOLLOWING ESOPHAGECTOMY: A NSQIP ANALYSIS OF 8,956 PATIENTS
Moghadamyeghaneh Z*, Stewart L
UCSF Dept of Surgery and SF VAMC

63. ROUX-EN-Y GASTRIC BYPASS IS A SAFE AND EFFECTIVE OPTION THAT IMPROVES MAJOR CO-MORBIDITIES ASSOCIATED WITH OBESITY IN ELDERLY AND VETERAN POPULATIONS
Lyoo V*, Schafer A, Stewart L
Department of Surgery, UCSF and San Francisco VA Medical Center

LUNCH/PANEL SESSION II: NUTS AND BOLTS OF VHA DATA WAREHOUSE OUTCOMES RESEARCH: WHAT DO I NEED TO BE SUCCESSFUL?
(12:00 – 1:30 PM)
Moderators: Panos Kougias, MD and George Sarosi, MD

12:00 – 12:20 PM  MEDICATION/PHARMACY DATABASE
Laura Graham, PhD

12:20 – 12:40 PM  WORKING WITH LOCAL AND NATIONAL VASQIP DATA FOR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT
Daniel E Hall, MD, MDiv, MHSc, FACS
Associate Professor of Surgery, University of Pittsburgh
Staff Surgeon and Core Investigator, Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion, VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System

12:40 – 1:00 PM  THERE IS NO PERFECT DATASET—OPTIMIZING YOUR RESEARCH BY LINKING VA DATA SOURCES
Nader Massarweh, MD, MPH
Michael DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX

1:00 – 1:30 PM  AUDIENCE Q&A
64. **NON-CIRRHOtic HEPATOCellular CARCINOMA IN THE VETERAN POPULATION: A NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE OF TRENDS AND RISK FACTORS**
Hester C*, Chansard M, Huerta S, Jorge Lopez J, Mortensen E, Polanco PM
Dallas VA Medical Center, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

65. **LIPOSOMAL BUPIVACAINE EFFECTS ON OPIOID USAGE AFTER WIDE AWAKE CARPAL TUNNEL RELEASE IN VETERAN POPULATION**
Indiana University Division of Plastic Surgery, Richard L. Roudebush VAMC

66. **SYSTEM THEORETIC PROCESS ANALYSIS (STPA) OF TEAM COORDINATION IN CARDIAC SURGERY**
Scarinci A, Dias RD, Gabany JM, Quin JA, Yule S, Leveson N, Zenati MA
Veterans Affairs Boston Healthcare System, West Roxbury, MA, STRATUS Simulation Center, Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston, MA, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

67. **POSTOPERATIVE SURVEILLANCE FOR VETERANS WITH GASTROINTESTINAL CANCER—CAN WE DO BETTER?**
Department of Surgery, William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital and Department of Surgery, University of Wisconsin. Madison, Wisconsin

68. **RISK FACTORS FOR DELAYED SYMPTOMATIC IMPROVEMENT IN WIDE-AWAKE CARPAL TUNNEL RELEASE**
Sasor SE*, Cook JA, Evans TA, Cohen AC, Wooden WA, Munshi IA, Tholpady SS, Chu MW
RL Roudebush VA Medical Center

69. **VEIN DIAMETER INCREASES INTRAOPERATIVELY DURING ARTERIOVENOUS FISTULA CREATION**
Osofsky RB*, Herrera LM, Danczyk RC, Ketteler ER
New Mexico VA Health Care System

70. **HIGH REPAIR RATE IN A LOW VOLUME MITRAL VALVE SURGERY CENTER: A QUALITY PARADOX?**
Cardiac Surgery, Cardiology and Anesthesiology, Veterans Affairs Boston Healthcare System
71. EXPANDING PLEURAL INFILTRATING T-CELLS FROM MALIGNANT PLEURAL EFFUSIONS AS A SOURCE OF TUMOR SPECIFIC IMMUNE CELLS IN ADVANCED CANCER
Dhupar R, Donnenberg AD, Kammula US, Luketich JD, Gambotto A, Wilson MA, Donnenberg VS
Surgical Services Division, Veterans Affairs Pittsburgh Health System, Pittsburgh, PA, USA; Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Pittsburgh, PA, USA

72. REVERSE PHASE PROTEOMIC ARRAY (RPPA) ASSESSMENT OF DIABETIC FOOT ULCER CELLULAR SIGNALING
Boykin J, Klumb I, Rivers JF, Dharmaraj BS, Hoke GD
1. McGuire Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Richmond, VA; 2. Virginia Commonwealth University Health System, Richmond, VA

73. BENEFIT OF PRONE POSITIONING IN PATIENT WITH SEVERE ARDS FOLLOWING LAPAROTOMY
John P, Jacob T
Baltimore VA Medical Center

74. BATTLE OF THE LEFT VENTRICULAR ASSIST DEVICES: WHAT THE MAUDE DATABASE IS TELLING US
Dharmaraj BS1, Katlaps G1,2 Amendola MF1,2
1. McGuire Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Richmond, VA, 2. Virginia Commonwealth University Health System, Richmond, VA

75. UNDERSTANDING REAL-TIME CHANGES IN SURGEON’S COGNITIVE WORKLOAD. FEASIBILITY STUDY IN CARDIAC SURGERY
Zenati MA, Dias RD, Yule S, Gabany J, Quin JA, Haime M
Veterans Affairs Boston Healthcare System

2:30 – 3:00 pm BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS

PANEL SESSION III: DEBUNKING THE MYTH: VHA AND INNOVATION-IS IT POSSIBLE?
(3:00 – 4:30 PM)
Moderators: Walter Longo, MD and Mark Wilson, MD, PhD

3:00 PM INNOVATION FROM INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVE. HOW MAY VA PARTNER WITH INDUSTRY TO ACHIEVE INNOVATION?
Joseph Amaral, M.D., FACS
Vice President, Surgical Science, Ethicon

3:20 PM INNOVATION FROM PRIVATE SECTOR PERSPECTIVE. HOW MAY VA PARTNER WITH PRIVATE SECTOR TO ACHIEVE INNOVATION?
David Berger, MD
3:40 PM INNOVATION FROM VHA PERSPECTIVE. PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE OF VHA INNOVATIONS
Bill Gunnar, MD

4:00 PM AUDIENCE Q&A

4:30 – 6:00 pm AVAS COUNCIL OF CHIEFS MEETING

6:30 – 9:30 pm WELCOME RECEPTION/ANNUAL BANQUET

9:30 – 11:00 pm PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION
76. TRANSLATING CLINICAL TRIAL EVIDENCE INTO VA PRACTICE: THE CASE OF CAROTID REVASCULARIZATION
San Francisco VA/UCSF, Los Angeles VA/UCLA, Indianapolis VA, UT Southwestern, Nebraska VA/University of Nebraska

77. ASSOCIATION BETWEEN NON-INVASIVE FIBROSIS MARKERS AND PERIOPERATIVE MORTALITY AFTER HEPATECTOMY FOR HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA AMONG US VETERANS
Maegawa FB, Shehorn L, Kettelle J, Riall TS
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System; University of Arizona

78. IMPACT OF PREOPERATIVE ANEMIA AND PERIOPERATIVE TRANSFUSION ON POSTOPERATIVE OUTCOMES COLECTOMY IN 35,863 COLON CANCER PATIENTS
Liu Z1,2, Luo J2, Pei K2,3, Khan S2, Zhao Z1, Wang X2, Johnson C4, Wang X1, Zhang Y2,4
1 Cancer Hospital, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences; 2 Department of Surgery, Yale School of Medicine; 3 Department of Surgery, Veterans Affairs Medical Center; 4 Department of Environmental Health Sciences, Yale School of Public Health

79. PROCESS REDESIGN RESULTS IN IMPROVED CLINIC ACCESS, PATIENT THROUGHPUT AND NET REVENUE FOR ROUDEBUSH VAMC UROLOGY CLINIC
Gardner T1,2, Slack R1, Munshi I1, Spear J1, Western O1, Balazs P1, Tatikonda M2
Roudebush VAMC1 and Indiana University Kelley School of Bussiness2, Indianapolis, IN

80. ANTITHROMBOTIC USE AFTER BIOPROSTHETIC AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT IN THE VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM
Bravata DM1,2,3, Coffing JM1, Kansagara D5, Myers J1,2, Murphy L2, Homoya B1,2, Snow K1, Ying Z2,3, Quin J2, Myers L1,3
(1) VA HSR&D Cntr for Health Info and Communication; (2) VA HSR&D QUERI; (3) Indiana University School of Medicine; (4) VA Boston Healthcare System; (5) Oregon Health and Science University; VA HSR&D Cntr for Involvment of Veterans in their Care

81. UTILIZATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE INPATIENT NUTRITIONAL SCREENING PROGRAM TO DETECT MALNUTRITION AMONG 1,454 VETERANS ADMITTED TO SURGICAL SERVICES AT A MAJOR QUATERNARY CARE CENTER
Probstfeld L, Johnson AB, Massarweh NN, Chai CY, Taylor JM, Naik A, Awad SS, Tran Cao HS
Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Baylor College of Medicine
82. **PREVENTING URINARY CATHETER REINSERTION (PUCR) IN VETERANS UNDERGOING VASCULAR SURGERY**  
Danczyk RC, James EW, Hinzman JA, Ketteler ER  
New Mexico VA Health Care System

83. **AGE IS NOT A CONTRAINDICATION TO COLORECTAL RESECTION IN OCTOGENARIANS**  
Swaminathan S, Chao L, Stephens D, Heimann TM  
JJP VAMC, the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY

84. **INHIBITION OF TGF-B IN TUMOR MICROENVIRONMENT CAN RESTORE MESOTHELIN CHIMERIC ANTIGEN RECEPTOR (CAR) T-CELL ACTIVITY IN PANCREATIC CANCER**  
Batchu RB, Gruzdyn OV, Mahmud EM, Dachepalli R, Tavva PS, Puttagunta US, Mostafa G, Weaver DW, Gruber SA  
Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, MI 48201; John D. Dingell VA Medical Center, Detroit, MI 48201; Med Manor Organics Pvt. Ltd., Dilsukhnagar, Hyderabad, 500036, India; Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar, Guntur 522510, India

85. **CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS GRAFTING: THE INFLUENCE OF TRANSIT TIME FLOW PROBES ON GRAFT REVISION IN THE REGROUP TRIAL**  
Quin JA¹,², Gabany J¹,², Phillips A¹, Stock E³, Biswas K³, Haime M¹,², MacCallum G¹, Zenati M¹,²  
(1) VA Boston Healthcare System, West Roxbury, MA; (2) Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA (3); VA Cooperative Studies Program, Perry Point, Maryland, MD

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| **NECROTIZING INFECTION OF THE UPPER EXTREMITY**  
Coady-Fariborzian L, Anstead C  
Malcom Randall VA Medical Center, Gainesville, FL |

| **POSTOPERATIVE CASTING OF BELOW THE KNEE AMPUTATION REDUCES STUMP RELATED COMPLICATIONS**  
Bikk A, Snider D, Lopez MN, Wille GA, Navaran P  
VA-Central California Health Care System Department of Surgery |

| **COMPARING ANTITHROMBOTIC STRATEGIES AFTER BIOPROSTHETIC AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW**  
Papak J¹,², Chiovaro J¹,², Noelck N¹,², Healy L³, Freeman M¹,², Paynter R¹,², Low A¹,², Kondo K¹,², McCarty O², Quin J³, Kansagara D¹,²  
1. VA Portland Health Care System, 2. Oregon Health and Science University, 3. VA Boston Healthcare System |
| 89. | IS INGUINAL HERNIA SURGERY MORE DIFFICULT UNDER LOCAL ANESTHESIA COMPARED TO GENERAL ANESTHESIA? | Balentine C, Phung T, Pham T, Huerta S  
Dallas VA Hospital |
| 90. | SURGEON WELLNESS AND JOB SATISFACTION WITHIN THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION | Bahadursingh AM, Longo WE  
Kansas City VA Medical Center |
| 91. | POST-ACUTE CARE AMONG OLDER ADULTS TREATED FOR STAGE I-III COLORECTAL CANCER COMPARED TO THE GENERAL POPULATION | Kenzik K, Williams G, Bhatia S, Balentine C  
University of Alabama at Birmingham; University of Texas Southwestern; Dallas VA Hospital |
| 92. | LAPAROSCOPIC REPAIR OF A GIANT PARAESOPHAGEAL HERNIA WITH SHORT ESOPHAGUS | Chai CY, Makris KI, Rubio F, Arita N  
Michael E DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center / Baylor College of Medicine |
| 93. | ADVANCED COLECTOMY TRAINING (ACT): A STANDARDIZED APPROACH FOR TEACHING MINIMALLY INVASIVE (MIS) COLORECTAL SURGERY | Awad SS, Chiu L, Gillory L, Makris K, Becker NS, Lee DS, Tran-Cao HS, Massarweh NN, Chai CY  
MED VAMC/Baylor College of Medicine |
West Haven Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Yale School of Medicine |
Vascular Biology and Therapeutics Program, Yale School of Medicine |
| 96. | TRANSFORMING GROWTH FACTOR-Β–ACTIVATED KINASE 1 IS REQUIRED FOR ARTERIOVENOUS FISTULA MATURATION | Haidi Hu, Toshihiko Isaji, Hualong Bai, Tun Wang, Katherine Wolf, Xiangjiang Guo, Takuya Hashimoto, Jianming Guo, Bogdan Yatsula, Alan Dardik  
1Department of Surgery, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT, USA  2 Vascular Biology and Therapeutics Program, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT, USA  3 Veterans Affairs Connecticut Healthcare Systems, West Haven, CT, USA |
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