ASSOCIATION OF VA SURGEONS
2019 Annual Meeting – April 27-30, 2019
Seattle, WA

FINAL PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019

10:00 – 5:00 pm  Registration
12:00 – 5:00 pm  Exhibit Display
12:30 – 1:00 pm  Opening Remarks/Welome New Members
                 Faisal Bakaeen, MD, President
                 Nader Massarweh, MD, Program Chair

SCIENTIFIC SESSION I
(1:00 – 3:00 PM)
Moderators: Kathleen Raman, MD, MPH and Jacqueline Quin, MD
* Resident/student competition

1. PERIOPERATIVE MORTALITY, MORBIDITY, AND RISK FACTORS IN 7075 PATIENTS WITH CIRRHOSIS UNDERGOING NON-EMERGENT ABDOMINAL SURGERY IN THE VETERAN’S ADMINISTRATION HEALTH SYSTEM
   1Department of Medicine, University of Washington, Seattle, WA; 2Department of Medicine, VA Puget Sound, Seattle, WA; 3Department of Surgery, VA Puget Sound, Seattle, WA

2. LESSONS LEARNED FROM A CLUSTER RANDOMIZED TRIAL OF A DECISION AID FOR VETERANS FACING ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM REPAIR
   The PROVE-AAA Study Team

3. INFLUENCE OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AND CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE ON LONG-TERM MORTALITY FOLLOWING MAJOR OPERATIONS IN A NATIONAL COHORT OF VETERANS
   Zamani N, Sharath SE, Kougius P
   Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center; Baylor College of Medicine

4. POSTOPERATIVE INFECTION AND INCREASED RISK OF LONG-TERM INFECTION
   O’Brien WJ, Gupta K, Itani K
   Dept. of Surgery, VA Boston Healthcare System; VA Boston Center for Healthcare Organization and Implementation Research; Dept. of Medicine, VA Boston Healthcare System
5. **CARDIO METABOLIC SYNDROME IS ASSOCIATED WITH INCREASED SHORT-TERM COMPLICATIONS AND DECREASED LONG-TERM SURVIVAL IN POST-CABG PATIENTS**
   Zapata D, Halkos M, Puskas J, Guyton R, Lattouf O
   Emory University

6. **ELEVATED CARDIOPULMONARY COMPLICATIONS AFTER REVASCULARIZATION IN PATIENTS WITH SEVERE MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS**
   Bunnell AP, Bunnell BE, Ruddy JM
   Medical University of South Carolina

7. **THE USE OF LEAN MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES RESULTS IN SUSTAINED DECREASED SURGICAL SITE INFECTIONS (SSIS) AFTER IMPLEMENTATION OF A PREOPERATIVE DECONTAMINATION PROTOCOL (DECON) IN SURGICAL PATIENTS**
   Awad SS, Vo E, Logan N, Lara-Smalling A
   Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Baylor College of Medicine

8. **THE IMPACT OF A PREOPERATIVE DECONTAMINATION PROTOCOL ON SURGICAL SITE INFECTION RATES (SSIS) WITHIN A VA INTEGRATED SERVICE NETWORK (VISN)**
   Awad SS, Vo E, Logan N, Lara-Smalling A
   Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Baylor College of Medicine

9. **IMPACT OF PRE-OPERATIVE HEALTH-RELATED QUALITY OF LIFE UPON 5-YEAR SURVIVAL AFTER CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS SURGERY**
   Bishawi M1,2, Hattler B3,4, Hossein Almassi G5,6, Quin JA7, Grover FL3,8, Collins JF9, Ebrahimi R10,11, Shroyer AL1, for the Veterans Affairs Randomized On/Off Bypass
   1Northport Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Research and Development Office, Northport, NY; 2Duke University, Department of Surgery, Durham, NC; 3Rocky Mountain Regional Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Aurora, CO; 4Division of Cardiology, University of

10. **DIVERSITY OF GERMLINE VARIANTS AMONG PATIENTS WITH LOCALIZED PANCREATIC CANCER**
    Krepline AN, Geurts J, Akinola I, Christians KK, George B, Ritch PS, Hall W, Erickson BA, Evans DB, Tsai S
    Medical College of Wisconsin

11. **SUPPRESSION OF TUMOR-REACTIVE T-CELL RESPONSES BY THE MALIGNANT PLEURAL EFFUSION MICROENVIRONMENT**
    Dhupar R, Ekeke C, Luketich JD, Wilson MA, Kammula U, Lotze MT, Soloff AC
    VA Pittsburgh Health System; University of Pittsburgh

3:00 – 3:30 pm BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS
QUICKSHOT SESSION A
(3:30 – 5:00 PM)
Moderators: Danny Chu, MD and Nader Massarweh, MD

* Resident/student competition

12. EVALUATION OF VA HIGH RISK CARDIAC SURGERY USING SOCIETY OF THORACIC SURGEONS SCORES
   Chan PG, Seese L, Afflu D, Sciortino C, Kilic A, Sultan I, Gleason TG, Chu D
   Veterans Affairs Pittsburgh Healthcare System; University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

13. VA DIALYSIS ACCESS QUALITY REVIEW
   Jayakumar L, Bae E, Covella C, Pounds L
   UTHSCSA, ALM VA

14. OUTCOMES FOLLOWING POSITIVE MARGINS IN NONMELANOMA SKIN CANCER EXCISION
   Indiana University, Richard L. Roudebush VAMC

15. DOES PATHOLOGIC SUBTYPE PREDICT ABSENCE OF RESIDUAL SQUAMOUS CELL SKIN CANCER ON SURGICAL EXCISION?
   Danforth R, Spera L, Cook J, Thomas B, Munshi I, Katona T, Tholpady S
   Indiana University, Richard L. Roudebush Indianapolis VAMC

16. POST-OPERATIVE URINARY RETENTION (POUR): A COMMON AND COSTLY COMPLICATION
   Tse W1,2, McNulty M1, Amendola M1,2, Rivers J1,2
   1Department of Surgery-Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center, Richmond Virginia
   2Department of Surgery-Virginia Commonwealth University Health System, Richmond Virginia

17. SEPSIS IS THE STRONGEST DRIVER OF AVOIDABLE INDEX ADMISSION COST IN PATIENTS UNDERGOING PANCREATICODUODENECTOMY
   Eguia E, Sweigert P, Nelson M, Luchette F, Afshar M, Baker MS
   Loyola University Medical Center

18. FUNCTIONAL EVALUATION OF THE MICROVASCULAR DYSFUNCTION AFTER SUCCESSFUL CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS SURGERY
   Honda K, Nishimura Y
   Wakayama Medical University

19. ROBOTIC ASSISTED HEPATIC METASTASECTOMY FOR SQUAMOUS CELL CARCINOMA
   Davis R, Massarweh N, Cao HT, Awad S, Chai C
   Michael E DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center / Baylor College of Medicine
20. USING MACHINE LEARNING TO DEVELOP AND VALIDATE A METHOD TO PREDICT ONE-YEAR IMPROVEMENTS IN PAIN AND FUNCTIONING FOLLOWING ELECTIVE TOTAL KNEE AND HIP ARTHROPLASTY IN VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (VA) PATIENTS
Sox-Harris A, Kuo A, Bowe T, Gupta S, Manfredi L, Lalani N, Nordin D, Giori N
VA Palo Alto, VA San Francisco, VA Minneapolis

21. IMPROVING ACCESS FOR SUPERFICIAL VENOUS DISEASE TREATMENT UTILIZING NON-THERMAL NON-TUMESCENT VENOUS ABLATION WITH CYANOACRYLATE GLUE IN A CLINIC SETTING
Bae E, Jayakumar L, Covella C, Murley J, Watkins T, Pounds L
Audie L. Murphy VAH

22. PREOPERATIVE EVALUATION WITH VIRTUAL ANESTHESIA REVIEW; SAFE, EFFICIENT, COST-EFFECTIVE
Slininger KA, Taylor LJ, Kurtz JL, Thliveris AT, Tefera G, Maloney JD
University of Wisconsin SMPH, Middleton Memorial VAH

23. ANALYSIS OF ENDOSCOPIC VEIN HARVESTER EXPERIENCE IN THE REGROUP TRIAL.
Quin J1, Stock E2, Taylor K1, Biswas K2, Bitondo J3, Philips A1, Haime M1, Zenati MA1
1VA Boston Healthcare System; 2Cooperative Studies Program, Perry Point VAMC; 3Massachusetts General Hospital

24. FAMILIARITY AS A FACTOR IN RESIDENCY SELECTION
Geib ME, Das NA, Stasik CN, Sako EY
Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

25. A CASE SERIES OF CENTRAL AIRWAY OBSTRUCTION TREATED WITH RIGID BRONCHOSCOPY
Panting-Crespo J, Lee KB, Chen S, Maximos R, Trachiotis G
Veterans Affairs Medical Center Washington DC

26. OUTCOMES OF TRADITIONAL SURGICAL EXCISION FOR TRUNCAL AND EXTREMITY BASAL CELL CARCINOMA
Spera LJ, Danforth RM, Thomas B, Katona TM, Cohen A, Munshi I, Tholpady S
Indiana University, Richard L. Roudebush VAMC

27. CLINICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND OUTCOMES FOLLOWING ADJUSTABLE GASTRIC BAND (AGB) VARY BY AGE: ANALYSIS OF 67,214 PATIENTS
Radzevich J, Slotman GJ
Inspira Medical Center

5:00 – 5:30 PM KARL STORZ RESEARCH PRESENTATION
IL6 INITIATES INFRARENAL AORTIC REMODELING AND PROPAGATES ANEURYSM DEVELOPMENT
Jean Marie Ruddy, MD
(2017 Award Winner)
SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019

NON-CME SYMPOSIA
(7:00 – 7:45 AM)

UTILIZING TECHNOLOGY AND AI TO REDUCE VARIATION OF CARE IN THE OPERATING ROOM
Sean O’Connor

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PANEL SESSION I: TO STAY IN VA OR NOT TO STAY? THAT IS THE QUESTION
(8:00 – 9:30 AM)
Moderators: George Sarosi, MD and Seth Spector, MD

8:00 AM    WHY I STAYED IN VA
Kamal Itani, MD
Chief of Surgery
VA Boston Healthcare System, West Roxbury, MA

8:20 AM    HOW AND WHY I SPLIT TIME IN VA
Melanie Morris, MD
Associate Professor and Vice Chair, Perioperative Services
Chief of General Surgery, Birmingham VA Hospital, Birmingham, AL

8:40 AM    WHY I LEFT THE VA
Leigh Neumayer, MD
Professor and Chair, Department of Surgery
University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

9:00 AM    HOW ACADEMIC AFFILIATE CAN SUPPORT VA SURGEONS
Todd Rosengart, MD FACS
Professor and Chairman
Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery, Houston, TX

9:20 AM    Q & A

9:30 – 10:00 am BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS
28. IMPACT OF LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING ARTERY SIZE AND QUALITY UPON CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS GRAFTING OUTCOMES
Hawkins RB¹,², Hattler B³, Collins JF¹, Shroyer AL³,⁵, Grover, FL³,⁶, for the Veterans Affairs Randomized On/Off Bypass (ROOBY) Study Group
¹Salem VAMC, Roanoke, VA ²University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA ³Denver VAMC, Denver, CO; ⁴Cooperative Studies Program Coordinating Center, VAMC, Perry Point, MD; ⁵Northport VAMC, Northport, NY; ⁶University of Colorado, Aurora, CO

29. FUTILE SURGERY? AN ANALYSIS OF EXTREMELY HIGH-RISK SURGERY AT NSQIP HOSPITALS
Resio BJ, Chiu AS, Shaughnessy M, Pei KY
Yale New Haven Hospital/ Yale School of Medicine, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

30. INDUCED PLURIPOTENT STEM CELL DERIVED SMOOTH MUSCLE CELLS ACCELERATE DIABETIC WOUND HEALING
Department of Surgery, Yale School of Medicine, Yale University; VA Connecticut Healthcare System, West Haven, CT

31. EFFECTS OF TREATMENT INEQUITY AND ANCESTRY ON PANCREATIC DUCTAL ADENOCARCINOMA OUTCOMES
Heller DR, Nicolson NG, Ahuja N, Khan SA, Kunstman JW
Yale University, School of Medicine

32. DOES FIBRINOLYSIS SHUTDOWN INCREASE MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY IN ADULTS WITH POLYTRAUMA AND BRAIN INJURY?
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Dewitt Daughtry Family Department of Surgery, Division of Trauma, Critical Care, and Burn Surgery, Miami Fl

33. PERCEPTIONS ON GENDER DISPARITY IN SURGERY: A MULTICENTER QUALITATIVE STUDY
McGovern Medical School at UTH, Houston Methodist Research Institute, University of South Florida- James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, Baylor College of Medicine
34. OPERATING ROOM PERFORMANCE IS INFLUENCED BY SURGICAL CASE COMPLEXITY, TEAMWORK, AND DELAYS, BUT NOT OPERATIVE TIME OF DAY – A MULTIVARIATE ANALYSIS OF 11,100 CASES
   Goering W, Stewart L
   University of California San Francisco Veteran Affairs Medical Center

35. IMPACT OF BOWEL PREPARATION IN ELECTIVE COLECTOMY FOR DIVERTICULITIS: ANALYSIS OF THE NSQIP DATABASE
   Department of Surgery, Yale School of Medicine; National Cancer Center of China; Yale School of Public Health

36. VARIATIONS IN PRIMARY HYPERPARATHYROIDISM MANAGEMENT IN THE VA HEALTHCARE SYSTEM
   Alore EA, Massarweh NN, Ramsey DJ, Chen L, Chai CY, Makris KI
   Michael E DeBakey VA Medical Center- Baylor College of Medicine

37. HIDDEN BURDEN OF READMISSION AFTER ADRENALECTOMY: A NATIONAL ANALYSIS
   Mulder MB, Lew JI, Parreco JP, Buicko J, Spector SA, Rattan R
   University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Dewitt Daughtry Family Department of Surgery, Division of Trauma, Critical Care, and Burn Surgery, Miami Fl

12:00 PM AVAS BUSINESS MEETING (Members only)
1:00 PM AFTERNOON AT LEISURE
6:30 – 9:30 PM WELCOME RECEPTION
   Museum of Flight
   (Bus transportation provided – Meet in the Lobby)

Monday, APRIL 29, 2019

NON-CME SYMPOSIA
(7:00 – 7:45 AM)

   REINVENTING AMPUTATION IN THE ERA OF FUNCTIONAL LIMB RESTORATION
   Matthew J Carty, MD
   Staff Surgeon, BWH Division of Plastic Surgery. Associate Professor of Surgery, Harvard Medical School. Research Scientist, MIT Media Lab Center for Extreme Bionics
38. IMPACT OF ALBUMIN-BILIRUBIN GRADE ON POSTOPERATIVE MORTALITY AFTER HEPATECTOMY FOR HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA AMONG US VETERANS
   Sohail S, Dauch J, Martinez C, Kettelle J, Jie T, Maegawa FB
   Southern Arizona VA Health Care System; University of Arizona

39. CLINICAL PREDICTORS FOR CARDIAC SURGERY READMISSIONS WITHIN A VA HOSPITAL.
   Juan M, Ernesto J, Shuab O, Lorraine C, Orania P, Hani J
   Michael E. DeBakey VA Hospital Houston / Baylor College of Medicine

40. A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF OUTCOMES OF OPEN, LAPAROSCOPIC, AND ROBOTIC ELECTIVE (PROTO-) COLECTOMIES FOR BENIGN AND MALIGNANT DISEASE
   Emuakhatgben VS, Meier J, Argo M, Pham T, Huerta S
   VA North Texas Health Care System

41. ROUTINE AAA SCREENING ULTRASOUND DOES NOT DETECT MOST ILIAC ARTERY ANEURYSMS
   Danczyk RC, Price R, Ketteler E, Goff J
   Albuquerque VA Medical Center

42. DISTINCT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RIGHT SIDE AND LEFT SIDE COLORECTAL CANCER IN VETERANS
   Nguyen PS, Ahn NJ, Backer JV, Le M
   Department of Surgery, Albany Medical Center, Albany, NY 12208, Department of Surgery, Samuel S. Stratton Veterans Administration Medical Center, Albany, NY 12208

43. A COMPARISON OF READMISSION AND COST OF LAPAROSCOPIC VERSUS OPEN SUBTOTAL CHolecystectomy IN A NATIONAL SAMPLE
   Pei KY, FACS, Luo J, Zheng Liu Z, Zhang Y
   Texas Tech University Health Sciences Yale University School of Medicine

44. SPONTANEOUS CLEARANCE OF RESIDUAL CARCINOMA HISTOLOGICALLY: A PREDICTION MODEL
   Cook JA1, Han J2, Soleimani T3, Cohen A4, Munshi I4, Chu MW5, Tholpady SS1,4
   1Indiana University; 2Mount Carmel Medical Education; 3Michigan State University; 4R.L. Roudebush VA Medical Center; 5Kaiser Permanente Medical Group

45. AN ANALYSIS OF ANALGESIA AND OPIOID PRESCRIBING FOR VETERANS AFTER THORACIC SURGERY
   University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC)
46. EVALUATION OF MODEL FOR END-STAGE LIVER DISEASE AS A PROGNOSTIC SCORE AFTER HEPATECTOMY FOR HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA
Dauch J, Sohail S, Martinez C, Kettelle J, Jie T, Maegawa FB
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System; University of Arizona

47. ROBOTIC ASSISTED RESECTION OF HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA
Trujillo L, Cao HT, Massarweh N, Awad S, Chai C
Michael E DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center / Baylor College of Medicine

48. MESOTHELIN-CHIMERIC ANTIGEN RECEPTOR CELL LINE ENGINEERED TO Secrete IL-2 REDUCES INHIBITION BY THE PANCREATIC TUMOR MICROENVIRONMENT
Batchu RB, Gruzdyn OV, Mostafa G, Weaver DW, Gruber SA
John D. Dingell VA Medical Center, Detroit, MI 48201; Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, MI 48201

49. ENHANCED RECOVERY AFTER CARDIAC SURGERY PROTOCOLS UTILIZING MULTIMODAL ANALGESIA AND REGIONAL ANESTHESIA TECHNIQUES SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCES THE NEED FOR INTRAOPERATIVE OPIOID ANALGESIA IN CARDIAC SURGERY
Leissner KB, Zenati MA, Shapeton A, Zorca S, Haim M, Quin JA, Amirfarzan H
Anesthesiology and Cardiac Surgical Services, Veteran Affairs Boston Healthcare System

50. ROBOTIC ASSISTED TRANSANAL MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY FOR RECTAL CANCER
Rachlin E, Awad S, Massarweh N, Cao HT, Chai C
Michael E DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center / Baylor College of Medicine

51. EFFECT OF A CANCER CARE COORDINATOR ON TIMELINESS OF RECTAL CANCER CARE
Hu K, Ehlen C, Ridolfi T
Medical College of Wisconsin

52. REDO ROBOTIC URETERO-NEOVESICAL ANASTOMOSIS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF URETERAL STRICTURE
Mouzannar A, Sinha, Kava, Spector S, Deane
Miami VA Medical Center

53. REDUCTION OF WAITING ROOM TIMES IN VA SURGICAL CLINICS: A QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PILOT PROJECT
Medvecz AJ, Baker DA, Terhune KP
VA Tennessee Valley Healthcare System, Nashville, TN; Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN

9:30 – 10:00 am BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS
TEMPORAL TRENDS IN MORTALITY, MORBIDITY AND FAILURE TO RESCUE FOR PANCREATICODUODENECTOMY FROM 2006-2016: AN ACS-NSQIP DATABASE ANALYSIS.
VA Boston Healthcare System, Boston, Massachusetts; Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts; Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts; Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts

LONG-TERM OUTCOMES OF CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS GRAFTING IN VETERANS WITH ISCHEMIC CARDIOMYOPATHY
Lee KB, Chen SW, Sparks AD, Panting-Crespo J, Amdur RL, Trachiotis GD
Washington D.C. Veterans Affairs Medical Center, George Washington University

IMPACT OF PLATELET COUNT IN THE ABILITY OF CHILD-PUGH CLASSIFICATION AND MELD SCORE IN PREDICTING POSTOPERATIVE MORTALITY AFTER HEPATECTOMY FOR HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA
Martinez C, Dauch J, Sohail S, Kettelle J, Jie T, Maegawa FB
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System; University of Arizona

BILIARY ENTERIC RECONSTRUCTION FOLLOWING BILE DUCT INJURY: EARLY REPAIR IS MORE COST EFFECTIVE THAN DELAYED REPAIR
Sweigert PJ, Eguia E, Nelson MH, Nassoiv SP, Luchette FA, Baker MS
Department of Surgery, Loyola University Medical Center; Department of Surgery, Edward Hines Jr. VA Medical Center

THE IMPACT OF VISCERAL ADIPOSITY ON OUTCOMES AFTER MINIMALLY INVASIVE ESOPHAGECTOMY FOR ESOPHAGEAL CANCER
Mpamaugo C, Luketich J, Gooding W, Pennathur A
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

THE LONG-TERM RISK OF VENOUS THROMBOEMBOLISM AFTER BLUNT SPLENIC INJURY MANAGED BY EMBOLIZATION IS HIGHER THAN EXPECTED
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Dewitt Daughtry Family Department of Surgery, Division of Trauma, Critical Care, and Burn Surgery
60. **CHOOSE YOUR INSTRUMENTS WISELY! THE EFFECT OF SURGICAL TRAY REDUCTION ON STERILE PROCESSING EFFORTS AND ESTIMATED COST**

Tse W^{1,2}, Rivers J^{1,2}, Amendola M^{1,2}

^{1}Department of Surgery - Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center, Richmond Virginia

^{2}Department of Surgery - Virginia Commonwealth University Health System, Richmond Virginia

61. **OUTCOMES OF ELECTIVE RIGHT VS. LEFT COLECTOMY FOR COLON CANCER IN VETERANS**

Shahait AD, Girten K, Padela MT, Farooqi A, Saleh K, Weaver D, Gruber SA, Mostafa G

John D. Dingell VA Medical Center and Wayne State University School of Medicine

62. **OUTCOMES OF BALLOON-EXPANDABLE VS. SELF-EXPANDING TRANSCATHETER AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT AT A VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER**

Ponna M, Liang NE, Wisneski AD, Yang J, Zimmet J, Shunk KA, Xuan Y, Wang Z, Ge L, Tseng EE

San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center/University of California San Francisco

63. **NATIONAL TRENDS IN POSTOPERATIVE SURVEILLANCE FOR VETERANS WITH GASTROINTESTINAL CANCER**


William S Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital and Department of Surgery at the University of Wisconsin

64. **INCREASED RISK OF HEAD AND NECK CANCER IN AGENT ORANGE EXPOSED VIETNAM ERA VETERANS**

Mowery A, Clayburgh D

Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR; Portland Veterans Affairs Health Care System, Portland, OR

65. **HIGH-DOSE FOLIC ACID – A PROMISING CLINICAL STRATEGY FOR THE TREATMENT OF VETERANS WITH CHRONIC LOWER EXTREMITY WOUNDS**

Driscoll C, Klumb I, River J, Dharmaraj B, Hoke G, Boykin JV

Hunter Holmes McGuire VAMC

66. **PALLIATIVE CARE IS UNDERUTILIZED AND IMPACTS HEALTHCARE COSTS IN RUPTURED ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSMS**

Heller DR*, Liu S*, Jean RA, Chiu AS, Khan SA, Dardik A. *Authors contributed equally to the manuscript.

Yale University, School of Medicine

67. **EARLY RECOGNITION OF SERIOUS GASTROINTESTINAL COMPLICATIONS AFTER CARDIAC SURGERY TO PREVENT LETHAL OUTCOMES**


Cleveland Clinic Foundation & Case Western Reserve University at Cleveland OH
68. **BURNOUT LEADS TO PREMATURE SURGEON RETIREMENT: A NATIONWIDE SURVEY**
Cimbak N\(^1,2\), Moseley JM\(^1\), Stolarski A\(^1,2\), O’Neal P1,2, Whang E\(^1,3\), Itani K\(^1,2,3\), Kristo G\(^1,3\)
\(^1\)Department of Surgery, Veterans Affairs Boston Healthcare System, Boston, MA; 
\(^2\)Department of Surgery, Boston Medical Center, Boston, MA; 
\(^3\)Department of Surgery, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, MA

69. **CLINICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND OUTCOMES WITH TUNNELED INDWELLING PLEURAL CATHETERS (TIPC) FOR RECURRENT PLEURAL EFFUSIONS**
Tamburrini D, Connors C*, Antinori C, Slotman GJ
Department of Surgery, Inspira Health Network, 1505 West Sherman Avenue, Vineland, NJ

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**LUNCH/PANEL SESSION II: INSPIRATION SESSION**
(11:30 – 1:30 PM)
Moderators: Faisal Bakaeen, MD and Gosta Pettersson, MD

11:45 PM **HOW TO INSPIRE THE VA AND HAVE THE VA INSPIRE YOU**
Fred Grover, MD
Emeritus Chair, Department of Surgery
University of Colorado

12:00 PM **A PATH TO THE SURGICAL SUMMIT THROUGH THE VA**
Melina Kibbe, MD
Chair, Department of Surgery
University of North Carolina

12:15 PM **FROM PERSPIRATION TO INSPIRATION: THE AORTIC LEGEND**
Joseph Coselli, MD
Chief, Cardiothoracic Surgery
Baylor College of Medicine

12:30 PM **RESEARCH THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE**
Rachel Ramoni, DMD, ScD
Chief, Research and Development Officer (CRADO)
Department of Veterans Affairs

12:45 PM **A VETERAN SURGEON WHO INSPIRED A GENERATION**
Kenneth Mattox, MD
Professor, Baylor College of Medicine
Chief of Surgery and Chief of Staff, Harris County Hospital

1:00 PM **Q&A**
70. WORKPLACE BULLYING AMONG US SURGEONS – A NATIONAL SURVEY OF THE SOCIETY OF SURGICAL CHAIRS
Pei KY, Alseidi A, Cochran A
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Virginia Mason Medical Center Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center

71. IMPACT OF ORAL ANTICOAGULATION ON CLINICAL OUTCOMES IN POSTOPERATIVE ATRIAL FIBRILLATION
Almassi H, Zenati M, Stock E, Hattler B
Clement J. Zablocki Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center, Milwaukee, WI, VA Boston Healthcare System, Boston, MA, Cooperative Studies Program Coordinating Center, VA Medical, Perry Point, MD, Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center, Aurora, CO

72. ASSOCIATION BETWEEN VERY LOW LEFT VENTRICULAR EJECTION FRACTION, COMPLICATION RESCUE, AND LONG-TERM SURVIVAL AFTER ISOLATED CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS GRAFTING
Omer S1,2, Adeseye A1,2, Jimenez E1,2, Cornwell LD1,2, Hani J1,2, Preventza O2,3, Bakaen FG4, Massarweh NN1,2
1Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, 2Baylor College of Medicine, 3Texas Heart Institute, 4Cleveland Clinic

73. BARRIERS TO BARIATRIC SURGERY WITHIN THE VA
Funk LM, Jolles SA, Alagoz E, Shea GE, Gunter RL, Raffa SD, Voils CI
William S. Middleton VA, Madison, WI; VHA National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Durham, NC

74. AN INJECTABLE TISSUE-FACTOR TARGETED NANOFIBER TO SLOW NON-COMPRESSIBLE TORSO HEMORRHAGE
University of North Carolina, University of Cincinnati, Northwestern University

75. EFFECT OF PREVIOUS MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION ON LONG TERM SURVIVAL AFTER CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS GRAFTING.
Adeseye A1,2, Bakshi A1,2, Jimenez E1,2, Cornwell LD1,2, Preventza O2,3, Jneid H1,2, Bakaen FG4, Massarweh NN1,2, Omer S1,2
1Micheal E DeBakey VA Medical Center, 2Baylor College of Medicine, 3The Texas Heart Institute, 4The Cleveland Clinic

76. PALLIATIVE CARE AND END OF LIFE OUTCOMES FOLLOWING HIGH RISK SURGERY
INTEGRATING FUNGAL AND CANCER BIOMARKERS IN THE EVALUATION OF INDETERMINATE PULMONARY NODULES
Shipe ME, Deppen SA, Crockett J, Chen H, Aldrich MC, Kammer M, Kussrow A, Antic S, Bornhop DJ, Massion PP, Grogan EL
1Vanderbilt University Medical Center; 2Tennessee Valley Healthcare System; 3Department of Chemistry, Vanderbilt University and The Vanderbilt Institute for Chemical Biology

POSTOPERATIVE OPIATE PRESCRIBING AFTER ROUTINE GENERAL SURGERY: A STRIKING LACK OF CONSISTENCY
Sheldon RR1, Kemp-Bohan P2, Galusha AD3, Caddell E4, Mecham KA5, Clifton GT5, Cromer RS, Sohn VY1
1Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma, WA; 2San Antonio Military Medical Center, San Antonio, TX; 3Wright Patterson Medical Center, Dayton, OH; 4Dwight D Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Fort Gordon, GA; 5Keesler Medical Center, Biloxi, MS

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY HIGH-RISK SURGERY COMMITTEE REDUCES PERI-OPERATIVE MORTALITY
Jones TS, Jones EL, Barnett C, Milstead P, Wikiel K, Moore JT, Robinson TN
Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center; Department of Surgery, University of Colorado

3:00 – 3:30 pm BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS

PANEL SESSION III: MEASURING ACADEMIC PRODUCTIVITY IN VA
(3:30 – 5:00 PM)
Moderators: David Berger, MD and Jason Johanning, MD

3:30 PM CAN VA MAINTAIN ITS TRADITIONAL ACADEMIC MODEL IN THIS DAY AND AGE?
Carolyn M. Clancy, MD
Deputy Undersecretary for Health, Discovery, Education and Affiliated Networks Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC

3:50 PM IS STANDARIZED MEASUREMENT OF SURGEON PRODUCTIVITY ACROSS ALL VA’S THE RIGHT APPROACH?
Brian R. Smith, MD
VISN 22 Chief Surgical Consultant

4:10 PM MEASURING VA SURGEON PRODUCTIVITY NOW AND IN THE FUTURE
Eileen Moran, MD
4:30 PM

PRODUCTIVITY AND PERFORMANCE, DO THEY CORRELATE?
Mark Wilson, MD, PhD
Acting Director of Surgery, National Surgery Office

5:00 – 6:00 pm

AVAS COUNCIL OF CHIEFS MEETING

6:30 – 9:30 pm

WELCOME RECEPTION/ANNUAL BANQUET/PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

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TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2019

NON-CME SYMPOSIA
(7:00 – 7:45 AM)

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SCIENTIFIC SESSION IV
(8:00 – 10:00 AM)
Moderators: Roger Tatum, MD and Alan Dardik, MD, PhD

80. VOLUME TO OUTCOME RELATIONSHIP IN VALVULAR PROCEDURES: ANNUAL VOLUME OR CUMULATIVE VOLUME?
Weill Cornell Medicine/New York-Presbyterian Hospital

81. IMPACT OF ANGIOGRAPHICALLY CONFIRMED EFFECTIVE REVASCULARIZATION AFTER CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS SURGERY UPON LONG-TERM MAJOR ADVERSE CARDIOVASCULAR EVENTS
Hattler B*1,2, Grover FL*1,3, Wagner T4,5, Hawkins R86,7, Quin JA8, Collins JF9, Bishawi M10,11, Almassi GH12,13, Shroyer AL1,10, for the Veterans Affair
Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center, Aurora, CO

82. ADHERENCE TO GUIDELINE-DIRECTED MEDICAL THERAPY IN THE REGROUP CABG RANDOMIZED TRIAL (CSP 588)
Veterans Affairs Boston Healthcare System and Harvard Medical School; Brigham and Women's Hospital, Cooperative Studies Program Coordinating Center, Perry Point, MD
83. ONE YEAR CABG OUTCOMES ARE INSENSITIVE TO SYNTAX SCORE IN THE REGROUP TRIAL
Zenati MA, Stock E, Biswas K, Ramadan R, Kinlay S, Quin JA, Haime M
Cardiac Surgery and Cardiology, Veterans Affairs Boston Healthcare System

84. EFFECTIVENESS OF CLASSIC VERSUS MODIFIED MORROW SEPTAL MYECTOMY IN HYPERTROPHIC CARDIOMYOPATHY WITH MIDVENTRICULAR OBSTRUCTION
Hongchang G
Beijing Anzhen Hospital

85. PREDICTORS OF MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION AFTER MAJOR VASCULAR SURGERY
Beaulieu RJ, Sutzko DC, Osborne NH, Henke PK
University of Michigan

86. PREVALENCE OF USE OF EPIAORTIC ULTRASOUND IN THE REGROUP TRIAL
Cardiac Surgery and Anesthesiology, Veterans Affairs Boston Healthcare System

87. INTENSIVE NUTRITIONAL PATHWAY IMPROVES OUTCOMES FOR ESOPHAGEAL CANCER PATIENTS
Marquardt D, Wing N, Langdale L, Wu P
VA Puget Sound Healthcare System

88. NATIONWIDE ANALYSIS OF TRENDS IN LONG-TERM MORTALITY AND 30-DAY OUTCOMES AFTER MAJOR VASCULAR AND GENERAL SURGERIES IN THE VETERANS AFFAIRS HEALTH SYSTEM
Sharath SE, Zamani N, Kougias P
Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center; Baylor College of Medicine

10:00 – 10:30 am     BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS

QUICKSHOT SESSION D
(10:30 – 11:45 AM)
Moderators: Gale Tang, MD and Deborah Marquardt, MD

89. DIFFERENTIAL IMPACT OF AGING ON CARDIOVASCULAR RISK IN WOMEN MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS
Jeon-Slaughter H, Chen X, Ramanan B, Modrall JG, Tsai S
Dallas VA Medical Center; University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

90. OLDER AGE, LOW INCOME, OR LARGE DISTANCE SHOULD NOT BE BARRIERS TO ACCESS BARIATRIC SURGERY IN THE VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (VHA): INDEPENDENT PREDICTORS OF LONG-TERM WEIGHT LOSS OUTCOMES
Kitamura R^1, Chen R^2, Trickey A^2, Eisenberg D^{1,2}
1Surgical Services, Palo Alto VA Health Care System; 2Department of Surgery and Stanford-Surgery Policy Improvement Research and Education (S-SPIRE) Center, Stanford University School of Medicine

91. EARLY REMOVAL OF URINARY CATHETERS CAN BE DONE SAFELY IN PATIENTS WITH THORACIC EPIDURAL ANALGESIA UNDERGOING THORACIC SURGERY
Boston VA

92. MEDICINE INTERACTIONS ARE A MAJOR DRIVER OF VETERAN EXCLUSION FOR VA-INTREPID TRIAL-SINGLE SITE EXPERIENCE
Brewster L, Alabi O, Sancheti M, Moanna A, Salvo N
Atlanta VAMC; Emory University

93. MULTIDISCIPLINARY PAIN MANAGEMENT: AN EFFECTIVE STRATEGY FOR VETERANS UNDERGOING ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY
George E. Wahlen Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Salt Lake City, UT

94. TEAM WORKLOAD ASSESSMENT USING THE SURG-TLX INDEX IN CARDIAC SURGERY
Wolfe HL, Dias RD, Yule SJ, Kennedy-Metz LR, Zenati MA
Division of Cardiac Surgery, Veterans Affairs Boston Healthcare System, West Roxbury, MA; 2Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA; 3STRATUS Center for Medical Simulation, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, MA

95. EFFECT OF SHORT-TERM RIGHT VENTRICULAR ASSISTED TREATMENT ON ACUTE RIGHT HEART FAILURE AFTER HEART TRANSPLANTATION IN PATIENTS WITH SEVERE PULMONARY HYPERTENSION
Wu M, Mai M, Wu Y, Lin Z, Huang J
Guangdong General Hospital

96. PREOPERATIVE DAY TO DAY OUTPATIENT BLOOD PRESSURE VARIABILITY PREDICTS POSTOPERATIVE MORTALITY, READMISSION, AND MORBIDITY FOR HIGH RISK SURGERY
Basson MD, Klug M, Newman W, Dyke C
University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences and the Fargo VAMC

97. CXCR5-CXCL13 SIGNALING AXIS PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN ANTI-TUMOR IMMUNITY IN COLORECTAL CANCER
Guan Y, Shen D, Kraus S, Shyu C, Mitchem JB
Harry S. Truman Memorial Veteran’s Hospital, University of Missouri School of Medicine, University of Missouri Informatics Institute

98. COMPARING METHODS TO DETERMINE THE MINIMAL CLINICALLY IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES (MCIDS) FOR ELECTIVE TOTAL KNEE AND HIP ARTHROPLASTY IN VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION PATIENTS
Kuo A, Giori N, Bowe T, Gupta S, Manfredi L, Lalani N, Nordin D, Sox-Harris A
VA Palo Alto, VA San Francisco, VA Minneapolis
99. DEVELOPMENT OF A NOVEL FOLIC ACID WOUND DRESSING TO ENHANCE NITRIC OXIDE BIOACTIVITY REQUIRED FOR DIABETIC FOOT ULCER (DFU) WOUND HEALING
Driscoll C, Klumb I, Rivers J, Dharmara B, Hoke G, Boykin JV
Hunter Holmes Mcguire VAMC

100. CANCELLATION OF ELECTIVE SURGERIES: A SINGLE CENTER, SIX-MONTH SURVEY AT A VA HOSPITAL
Praveen S, John P
VA Maryland Health Care System

12:00 PM MEETING ADJOURN