



# Association of VA Surgeons

## 46th Annual Surgical Symposium

April 23-25, 2023 (The Edgewater Hotel, Madison, WI)

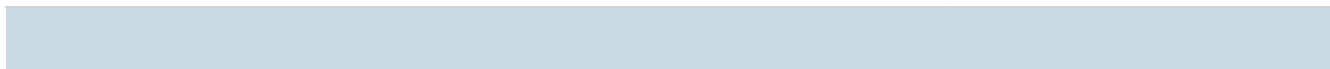
### Program Agenda

#### Saturday, April 22, 2023

Times	Event	Location
3:00 - 5:00 PM	AVAS Executive Committee Meeting	
5:00 - 9:00 PM	Exhibitor Setup	

#### Sunday, April 23, 2023

Times	Event	Location
7:00 - 5:00 PM	Registration	
7:00 - 5:00 PM	Exhibit Displays	
7:00 - 8:30 AM	Breakfast	
7:30 - 8:00 AM	Opening Remarks/Welcome	
8:00 - 10:00 AM	Scientific Session I	
10:00 - 10:30 AM	Break/Visit Exhibits	
10:30 - 12:00 PM	Quickshot Session I	
12:00 - 1:30 PM	Lunch/ Research Award Presentations	
1:30 - 3:00 PM	Panel Session I: FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR VA SURGEONS	
3:00 - 3:30 PM	Break/Visit Exhibits	
3:30 - 4:30 PM	AVAS Business Meeting (Members Only)	
4:30 - 5:30 PM	Council of Chiefs Meeting	
5:00 - 6:30 PM	Madison VAMC/UW Lab Tours	
7:00 - 10:00 PM	Welcome Reception	Memorial Union



## Monday, April 24, 2023

<b>Times</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
6:00 - 5:00 PM	Registration	
6:00 - 7:30 AM	Breakfast	
7:00 - 5:00 PM	Exhibit Displays	
7:00 - 7:45 AM	Non-CME Symposia	
8:00 - 9:30 AM	Quickshot Session II	
9:30 - 10:00 AM	Break/Visit Exhibits	
10:00 - 11:30 AM	Quickshot Session III	
11:30 - 1:30 PM	Lunch/Panel Session II: LEADING FROM THE FRONT-VA CRITICAL CARE TEAMS AND SOLUTIONS FOR VETERANS IN ALL SETTINGS	
1:30 - 3:00 PM	Scientific Session II	
3:00 - 3:30 PM	Break/Visit Exhibits	
3:30 - 5:00 PM	Panel Session III: HOW ANESTHESIOLOGISTS IMPROVE VALUE-BASED CARE IN THE VA	
6:30 - 9:30 PM	Welcome Reception/Annual Banquet	Memorial Union
9:30 - 10:30 PM	Presidential After-Dinner Reception	

## Tuesday, April 25, 2023

<b>Times</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
6:00 - 12:00 PM	Registration	
6:00 - 7:30 AM	Breakfast	
7:00 - 12:00 PM	Exhibit Displays	
7:00 - 7:45 AM	Non-CME Symposia	
8:00 - 10:00 AM	Scientific Session III	
10:00 - 10:30 AM	Break/Visit Exhibits	
10:30 - 12:00 PM	Quickshot Session IV	

12:00 PM	Adjourn
12:00 - 1:00 PM	AVAS EC Post-Meeting

## Program Schedule

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023	
7:30 - 8:00 AM	<b>WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS</b>
	George Sarosi, MD - President James Maloney, MD - Local Chair Luke Brewster, MD - Program Chair
8:00 - 10:00 AM	<b>SCIENTIFIC SESSION I</b> Moderators: Jacquelyn Quin, MD and Naixin Kang, MD
	* resident/medical student competition
#01	<b>BURN PIT TOXINS INDUCE CANCER-ASSOCIATED EPIGENETIC CHANGES IN PULMONARY MACROPHAGES</b> Dhupar R <sup>1,2,3</sup> , Powers AA <sup>1</sup> , Eisenberg SH <sup>1</sup> , Bao R <sup>2,4</sup> , Rigatti LH <sup>2,5</sup> , LaRue AC <sup>6,7</sup> , <u>Soloff AC</u> <sup>2</sup> 1 Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Pittsburgh, PA, USA. 2 UPMC Hillman Cancer Center, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, USA. 3 Surgical Services Division, VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System, Pittsburgh, PA
#02	<b>INCIDENCE AND RISKS OF RENAL AND LOWER EXTREMITY COMPLICATIONS ON IN-HOSPITAL MORTALITY AFTER AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT</b> <u>Faridmoayer E</u> *, Shemtov R, Sharath S, Salami AC, Robinson J, Jagtiani P, Daviú Molinari T, Kougias P Downstate Health Sciences University, University of Minnesota
#03	<b>RELIABILITY OF CASE SAMPLING IN NATIONAL SURGICAL QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS FOR IDENTIFYING HOSPITALS WITH EXCESS PERIOPERATIVE MORBIDITY</b> <u>Chen V</u> *, Richardson P, Massarweh N Center for Innovations in Quality, Effectiveness and Safety, Michael E DeBakey VA Medical Center; Michael E DeBakey Department of Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine; Surgical and Perioperative Care, Atlanta VA Health Care System

#04 **RESULTS OF A NOVEL INTERVENTION TO INCREASE RATES OF DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF PRIMARY HYPERPARATHYROIDISM**

Lunardi N\*, Meier J, Stevens A, Milburn J, Oo Y, Hathiramani S, Soe K, Balentine C

Veterans Affairs North Texas Health Care, University of Texas Southwestern, University of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Surgical Outcomes Research Program

#05 **THE RISK ANALYSIS INDEX UNDERESTIMATES MORBIDITY AFTER LUNG VOLUME REDUCTION SURGERY**

Hall D\*, Varley P, Lushaj E, Angeles C, Guenther T, McCarthy D, DeCamp M, Maloney J

William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital, Madison, WI, USA; University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, Madison, WI, USA

#06 **EMULATED TARGET TRIAL OF PREOPERATIVE URINE CULTURE PERFORMANCE AND TREATMENT FOR PREVENTION OF POSTOPERATIVE INFECTION**

O'Brien WJ, Schweizer M, Beck B, Au V, Strymish J, Suh D, Dukes K, Walhof J, Itani KMF, Gupta K

VA Boston CHOIR; VA Boston Depts. of Medicine & Surgery; Dept. of Medicine, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Iowa City VA; Madison VA

#07 **VASCULAR COMMUNITY CARE REFERRAL COST VARIATION IN IN THE VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM**

Costanza M, Kiang S, Tang G, Mouawad N, Halpern V, Summers K, Feghali A, Shirling T, Alabi O, Carlson S, Beavers F, Morgan C, White P, Arya S

Syracuse VA Medical Center, Loma Linda VA Medical Center, Phoenix VA Medical Center, Houston VA Medical Center, Atlanta VA Medical Center, Boston VA Medical Center, Washington DC VA Medical Center

#08 **INCREASING OCCLUSIVE DISEASE IN THE CIRCLE OF WILLIS CORRELATES WITH WORSE COGNITIVE FUNCTION IN PATIENTS WITH HIGH-GRADE ASYMPTOMATIC CAROTID STENOSIS**

Desikan D, Brahmabhatt B, Patel J, Kankaria A, Dux M, Beach K, Gray V, BarthD, McDonald T, Sikdar S, Sorkin J, Lal B

University of Maryland School of Medicine, George Mason University, Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center Baltimore, MD, University of Washington

10:00 - 10:30 AM BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS

10:30 - 12:00 PM **QUICKSHOT SESSION I**

Moderators: Sunil Tholpady, MD and Jean Marie Ruddy, MD

#09 **ANALYSIS OF THE DECLINE OF SURGICAL RESIDENT OPERATIVE AUTONOMY BY VA MEDICAL CENTER: ALL TEACHING HOSPITALS ARE NOT CREATED EQUAL**

Tsui G\*, Oliver J, Kunac A, Mehra S, Anjaria D  
Rutgers NJMS; VA New Jersey Healthcare

#10 **FACTORS PERPETUATING DISPARITIES IN VETERANS COMPLETING PREOPERATIVE LIFE SUSTAINING TREATMENT DOCUMENTATION**

Wu A\*, Giannitrapani KF, Garcia A, Bozkurt S, Boothroyd D, Adams AS, Kim, KM, Van Cleve R, McCaa MD, Morris A, Aslakson R, Shreve S, Lorenz K  
Stanford University; VA Palo Alto Health Care System; The University of Vermont; Lebanon VA Medical Center; Penn State College of Medicine

#11 **IN-HOSPITAL MORTALITY RISK AFTER ENDOVASCULAR AND OPEN AORTIC ANEURYSM REPAIRS FOR RUPTURED ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSMS**

Daviú Molinari T\*, Sharath S, Faridmoayer E, Kougias P  
State University of New York (SUNY) Downstate Health Sciences University

#12 **LATEX INFUSED PORCINE ABDOMINAL MODEL: A NOVEL MICROSURGERY SIMULATOR FOR DEEP INFERIOR EPIGASTRIC PERFORATOR DISSECTION**

Shaffrey E\*, Zeng W, Nicksic P, Eftekari S, Frank J, Dingle A, Poore S  
Division of Plastic Surgery, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, Madison, Wisconsin; UW-Madison CALS Department of Animal and Dairy Sciences

#13 **LIPID PEROXIDATION AS A MECHANISM OF PHARMACOLOGIC ASCORBATE IN ADJUNCT TO RADIATION**

Chen G\*, Du J, O'Leary B, Stolwijk J, Cullen J  
Iowa City VAMC; Departments of Surgery and Radiation Oncology, University of Iowa College of Medicine

#14 **MINIMIZING DELAYS TO HEMODIALYSIS ACCESS MATURATION – A QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ANALYSIS**

Warren A\*, Wolf H, Hillenbrand C, Tang G  
University of Washington, Seattle, WA

#15 **NO OPIOIDS AFTER INGUINAL HERNIA REPAIR - COMPLIANCE & OUTCOMES**

Ricciardelli A\*, Nichols A, Lee D, Becker N, Kuy S, Bramos A, Chiu L, Makris K, Erstad D, Choi E, Camp R, Awad S, Chai C  
1. Michael E DeBakey VA Medical Center, 2. Baylor College of Medicine

**#16 SURGICAL SITE INFECTIONS: DEVELOPMENT OF A PREDICTIVE MODEL IN THE VETERAN POPULATION**

Perkins L\*, Ardill W, Owens E, Potenza B  
San Diego VA Medical Center, University of California San Diego

**#17 THE SUSTAINED IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON VASCULAR SURGICAL CARE DELIVERY**

Krafcik B\*, Gladders B, Stone D, Suckow B, Beach J, Goodney P, Columbo J  
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Department of Vascular Surgery

**#18 VOLUMETRIC ULTRASOUND ANALYSIS OF THE ABDOMINAL AORTA ENHANCES STRAIN ASSESSMENT IN HYPERTENSIVE MICE**

Gedney R\*, Figueroa M, Mattia V, Xiong Y, Mukherjee R, Jones JA, Ruddy JM  
Medical University of South Carolina

**#19 EVALUATION OF A FULL-TIME MICROSURGEON ON RESIDENT TRAINING, RESEARCH COLLABORATION, AND GRANT FUNDING**

Donnelly DT, Nicksic PJ, Zeng W, Dingle AM, Poore SO  
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

**#20 MORE ISN'T ALWAYS BETTER: LONGER DURATIONS OF ANTIBIOTICS DO NOT RESULT IN BETTER OUTCOMES IN PATIENTS WITH PLEURAL EMPYEMA AFTER DECORTICATION**

Scheese D\*, Freudenberger D, Wolfe L, Ramamoorthy B, Puig C, Shah R, Julliard W  
Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine

**#21 PREDICTORS OF PROLONGED AIR LEAKS AFTER SURGICAL DECORTICATION FOR PLEURAL EMPYEMA**

Scheese D\*, Freudenberger D, Wolfe L, Ramamoorthy B, Puig C, Shah R, Julliard W  
Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine

**#22 EDUCATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS OF A JUST IN TIME COURSE ON VENTILATOR EDUCATION FOR NON-INTENSIVIST TRAINING (VENT) IN ARDS PATIENTS BLENDING REMOTE ASYNCHRONOUS STANDARDIZED VIDEO DIDACTICS WITH LIVE SIMULATION: A PILOT STUDY**

Trainer B, Feinleib J, Miller P, Lavelle J, Nguyen J  
Richmond VA Medical Center; West Haven VA Medical Center; SimLEARN National Simulation Center; Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center; Palo Alto VA Health Care System

11:45 - 12:45 PM **LUNCH/RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS**

Moderator:

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**AVAS FACULTY RESEARCH AWARD (2020)**  
**MRI PREDICTION AND EVALUATION FOR COMPLETE RESPONSE TO  
NEOADJUVANT THERAPY IN RECTAL CANCER**  
Timothy Ridolfi, MD  
Zablocki VA Medical Center, Milwaukee, WI

**AVAS RESIDENT RESEARCH AWARD (2021)**  
**ELUCIDATING MECHANISMS BY WHICH GUT MICROBIOME  
PROMOTES TUMOR GROWTH**  
Macie Enman, MD  
Valley Health Systems, Las Vegas, NV

**AVAS FACULTY RESEARCH AWARD (2021)**  
**TISSUE ENGINEERING AND CELL THERAPY APPROACHES FOR  
VASCULAR DISEASE**  
Clay Quint, MD  
South Texas Veterans Health Care System, San Antonio, TX

**AVAS RESIDENT RESEARCH AWARD (2021)**  
**USING AUTOMATED PUPILLOMETRY FOR PREDICTION OF  
INTRACRANIAL HYPERTENSION IN SEVERE TRAUMATIC BRAIN  
INJURY**  
Madeline Greil, MD  
University of Washington, Seattle, WA

1:30 - 3:00 PM

**PANEL SESSION I: FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR VA SURGEONS:  
FOSTERING A DIVERSE AND SUSTAINABLE WORKFORCE FOR  
VETERAN RESEARCH AND CUTTING EDGE CARE**

Moderators: Luke Brewster, MD, Samuel Moore, MD and Gale Tang, MD

**CDA, VISN, AND DEI FUNDING**  
Shayna Brathwaite, MD  
Assistant Professor, Morehouse School of Medicine

**BUILDING THE ENTERPRISE FOR SUCCESS - GETTING THE “SOFT  
MONEY” BEFORE THE BIG GRANT**

Jean Marie Ruddy, MD  
Medical University of South Carolina

**BUILDING THE CAREER DEVELOPMENT PLAN - PREPARING TO  
COMPETE AS A PROFESSIONAL SCIENTIST/INVESTIGATOR**

Luke Funk, MD  
University of Wisconsin

**FUNDING PILLARS FOR VA SURGEONS AND UNIQUE RFA'S THAT  
YOU NEED TO KNOW: OVERVIEW OF BLRD, CSRD, HSRD, AND RRD**

Kimberlee Potter, PhD  
VHA/Dean/ORD/BLRD



**BRINGING FUNDING HOME - CSP FUNDING TO CHANGE  
CLINICAL PRACTICE: LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE TOP TRIAL**

Panos Kougias, MD  
SUNY Downstate

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3:30 - 4:30 PM	AVAS Business Meeting (Members Only)
4:30 - 5:30 PM	AVAS Council of Chiefs Meeting
5:00 - 6:30 PM	Madison VAMC/UW Lab Tours
7:00 - 10:00 PM	<b>WELCOME RECEPTION (MEMORIAL UNION)</b> (Shuttle service to/from venue will be provided)

**MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023**

7:00 - 7:45 AM

**NON-CME SYMPOSIA**

**BIOFABRICATION: FINDING SOLUTIONS FOR A BETTER FUTURE**

Kimberlee Potter, PhD  
VHA/DEAN/ORD/BLRD (14RD)

8:00 - 9:30 AM **QUICKSHOT SESSION II**  
Moderators:

- #23 **A QUALITATIVE STUDY OF BARRIERS TO ANAL CANCER SCREENINGS IN VETERANS LIVING WITH HIV**  
Sanger C, Kalbfell E, Cherney-Stafford L, Striker R, Alagoz E  
William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans' Hospital and The University of Wisconsin- Madison
- #24 **ALVEOLAR EPITHELIAL CELL TYPE II POPULATIONS IN NON-SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER PROGRESSION FROM LOCALIZED TO METASTATIC DISEASE**  
Suvilesh K, Nussbaum Y, Manjunath Y, Staveley-O'Carroll K, Kimchi E, Li G, Warren W, Shyu C, Mitchem J, Kaifi J  
Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital, Columbia, MO;  
Department of Surgery, Ellis Fischel Cancer Center, Institute for Data Science and Informatics, Bond Life Sciences Center, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

**#25 FEASIBILITY OF SAME DAY DISCHARGE FOR ELECTIVE OPEN ARTERIAL RECONSTRUCTION**

Durbin S\*, Azarbal A, Jung E, Nguyen K, Koopmann M  
Portland VA Medical Center , Oregon Health & Science University

**#26 GENERAL SURGERY TELEHEALTH CONVERSION: COMPLICATIONS AND EFFICIENCY**

Abbitt D\*, Castle R, Cotton J, Choy K, Jones T, Wikiel K, Barnett C, Moore J, Robinson T, Jones E  
Department of Surgery, University of Colorado, Aurora, CO; Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center, Aurora, CO

**#27 GOING THE DISTANCE: AN ASSESSMENT OF DONOR HEART ACCEPTANCE RADIUS**

Karra H, Seadler B\*, Zelten J, Rein Linsky PL, Kamalia M, Kohmoto T, Joyce L, Durham L, Joyce D  
Medical College of Wisconsin

**#28 LOWER EXTREMITY AMPUTATION TRENDS DURING COVID: A SINGLE-CENTER EXPERIENCE**

Hovey L\*, Chow, W, Tang G  
University of Washington School of Medicine, Department of Surgery; VA Puget Sound Medical Center

**#29 NICOTINE EXPOSURE IMPAIRS MITOCHONDRIAL FUNCTION OF PATIENT MESENCHYMAL STEM CELLS**

McLaughlin D, Teichmann M, Brewster LP, Hekman KE  
Atlanta VA Healthcare System

**#30 OUTCOMES AFTER DOUBLE STAPLED VERSUS SINGLE POSTERIOR STAPLED ANASTOMOTIC TECHNIQUE IN ESOPHAGECTOMY**

\*Godfrey C<sup>1</sup>, Grogan E<sup>2,1</sup>, Marmor H<sup>1</sup>, Lambright E<sup>1</sup>, Johannesen S<sup>1</sup>, Wolf Horrell E<sup>1</sup>, Gillaspie E<sup>1</sup>, Demarest C<sup>1,2</sup>, Deppen S<sup>1</sup>, Nesbitt J<sup>1,2</sup>  
<sup>1</sup> Vanderbilt University Medical Center, <sup>2</sup> Tennessee Valley Healthcare System Veterans Affairs Hospital

**#31 OUTCOMES OF LAMINECTOMY ALONE VERSUS LAMINECTOMY AND FUSION IN PATIENTS WITH DEGENERATIVE CERVICAL SPINE PATHOLOGY: A RETROSPECTIVE SINGLE SURGEON VA EXPERIENCE**

\*Tsiang J, Pecoraro N, Frazzetta J, Germanwala A, Serrone J  
Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital, Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine

**#32 THE LEARNING CURVE AND PROVIDER PROCEDURE VOLUME STANDARDS FOR OPTIMUM IMPLANT SUCCESS OF IMPELLA 5.5**

Soltesz EG, Daly A, Sheils C, Bakaeen FG  
Cleveland Clinic (Cleveland, OH); Abiomed (Danvers, MA)

**#33 COMBINED CENTRAL AND PERIPHERAL NERVE STIMULATION IMPROVES FUNCTIONAL RECOVERY OF MIXED NERVE INJURY IN A RAT FORELIMB PERIPHERAL NERVE INJURY MODEL**

\*Eftekari S, Nicksic P, Donnelly D, Jesch A, Suminski A, Poore S, Dingle A  
University of Wisconsin-Madison

**#34 ASSOCIATION BETWEEN RACE AND MORTALITY AMONG VETERANS INITIATING DIALYSIS WITH CATHETER**

Brathwaite S, Alabi O, Cui X, Johnson S, Saati A, Massarweh N  
Morehouse School of Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta VA Healthcare System

**#35 EFFECTS OF CONCOMITANT CABG ON OUTCOMES IN VETERANS WHO REQUIRE SURGERY FOR ENDOCARDITIS**

Duggan J, Peters A, Halbert S, Arnott S, LaPiano J, Antevil J, Trachiotis G  
Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Washington, DC, USA; Walter Reed National Military Medical Center; George Washington University Hospital; MedStar Georgetown University Hospital

**#36 ASCENDING THORACIC AORTA GROWTH RATES IN RELATION TO DATE OF IDENTIFICATION**

\*Pace W, Smith K, Gamboa A, Zamirpour S, Ge L, Tseng E  
University of California San Francisco; San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center

**#37 DECREASING RESIDENT INVOLVEMENT IN OPEN AND ENDOVASCULAR ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM REPAIRS (EVAR) AT VETERANS AFFAIRS HOSPITALS**

\*Yu Y, Padberg FT, Oliver JB, Kunac A, Anjaria DJ  
Veteran Affairs New Jersey Healthcare System, East Orange, New Jersey

**#38 THEY KNOW ABOUT 3D PRINTING BUT DO THEY KNOW THE LIMITATIONS? AN ANALYSIS OF AN UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL STUDENT POPULATION PERCEPTIONS OF UTILIZATION OF THIS TECHNOLOGY IN HUMAN ANATOMICAL EDUCATION IN MEDICAL STUDENT EDUCATION**

\*Otoya D (1,3,5) Ervin K (2) Amendola M (2,3,5) Levin D (4,5) Ripley B (4,5)  
1. Virginia Commonwealth University Health System, Richmond Virginia 2. Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine, Richmond Virginia 3. Central Virginia VA Health Care System, Richmond Virginia 4. Puget Sound VA Health Care System, Seattle Wa

9:30 - 10:00 AM

BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS

10:00 - 11:30 AM

### QUICKSHOT SESSION III

Moderators:

#39 **SIZE OF ANAL DYSPLASIA TISSUE SAMPLE DOES NOT IMPACT PERFORMANCE OF dPCR ASSAY**

\*Johnson H, Dennison K, Nkadori E, McGregor SM, Murtaza M, Carchman E  
University of Wisconsin - Madison

#40 **“THE DOCTOR MAKES THOSE CHOICES.” EXPLORING HOW MILITARY CULTURE SHAPES VETERANS’ APPROACH TO AORTIC ANEURYSM CARE**

\*Banks CA, Slay Williams B, Sargent ER, A Spangler EL, Alabi O  
University of Alabama at Birmingham; Birmingham Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Emory University

#41 **ANTICOAGULANTS AND ELECTIVE HAND SURGERY**

Coady-Fariborzian L, Vonu P, Anstead C  
Malcom Randall VA Medical Center, Gainesville, FL

#42 **DOES IT MATTER WHERE THEY LIVE? SOCIOECONOMIC OUTCOMES ANALYSIS OF VETERANS UNDERGOING LOWER EXTREMITY AMPUTATIONS**

\*Lele S, (1) Otoy D, (2) Dittman J (3), Lavingia K (1,4), Fong K (1,4), Amendola MF (1,4)  
1. VCU School of Medicine, Richmond, VA. 2. VCU Health System, Richmond, VA 3. University of Washington Medical Center, Seattle, WA. 4. Central Virginia VA Health System, Richmond, VA

#43 **DOES STUDENT MENTORSHIP MATTER? A SIX YEAR RETROSPECTIVE ANALYSIS OF ACADEMIC OUTPUTS FROM AN ESTABLISHED VASCULAR SURGERY INTEREST GROUP**

Amendola M (1,2), Lavingia K (1,2)  
1. Virginia Commonwealth School of Medicine, Richmond, VA; 2. Central Virginia Veterans Affairs Health System, Richmond, VA

#44 **INCIDENTAL THYROID DUPLEX FINDINGS: WHAT IS THE FATE OF THESE PATIENTS WITH THE VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM?**

Luo A (1), Otoy D (2,3), \*Fong K(1,3), Lavingia K (1,3) Amendola M (1,3)  
1. Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine, Richmond, VA 2. Virginia Commonwealth University Healthcare System, Richmond, VA 3. Central Virginia VA Healthcare System, Richmond, VA

- #45 **MAPPING THE DISCHARGE PATHWAY FOR A SURGICAL PATIENT**  
Graham LA, Illarmo S, Gray C, Sox-Harris AH, Wagner TW, Hawn MT, Wren SM  
1.HERC, VAPAHCS; Ci2i, VAPAHCS 2.Stanford-Surgery Policy Improvement Research and Education Center (S-SPIRE), Department of Surgery, Stanford University 3.Department of General Surgery, VAPAHCS 4.Department of Surgery, Stanford University
- #46 **PRIORITIZING INFORMED CONSENT: IMPROVING COMFORT AND CONFIDENCE OF SURGICAL TRAINEES WITH OBTAINING INFORMED CONSENT**  
Miller S, \*Morton C, Yoo P, Oliveira K, Rosenthal R, Kodadek L  
Yale Department of Surgery
- #47 **RECTUS SHEATH CATHETERS SIGNIFICANTLY DECREASE OPIOID CONSUMPTION IN THE ICU FOLLOWING OPEN ABDOMINAL AORTIC SURGERY**  
Jarzebowski M, Osborne N, Dorsey M, Lake T, Lahidji S  
Departments of Anesthesiology, Pain, and Surgery, VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System; University of Michigan
- #48 **RISK FACTORS FOR INCISIONAL HERNIA DEVELOPMENT AFTER AORTIC ANEURYSM REPAIR**  
Yi J, \*Kawahara M, Hurley L, Bennet K, Freischlag J, Kyriakides T, Strupe K, Matsumura J  
University of Colorado/Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center; University of Hawaii; Yale University School of Public Health; University of Wisconsin; Wake University School of Medicine; VA Connecticut Health Care System; VA Hines Health Care System
- #49 **ROBOTIC BRONCHOSCOPY FOR LUNG NODULE LOCALIZATION TO FACILITATE MINIMALLY INVASIVE RESECTION**  
Vercauteren MS, Youngmark M, Levesque R, Dhupar R  
VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System; University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
- #50 **SOCIOECONOMIC DISPARITIES AND SURGICAL OUTCOMES: CAN A NATIONAL HEALTHCARE MODEL EVEN THE PLAYING FIELD?**  
\*Perkins L, Ardill W, Owens E, Potenza B  
San Diego VA Medical Center, University of California San Diego
- #51 **THE RISKS OF FAILED NONOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT OF APPENDICITIS IN OLDER ADULTS**  
\*Lunardi N, Marten E, Sharath S, Kougas P, Pham T, Balentine C  
Veterans Affairs North Texas Health Care, University of Texas Southwestern, University of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Surgical Outcomes Research Program, SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University

#52 **INITIAL EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A SURGICAL REMOTE TELEPRESENCE MENTORING PROGRAM IN KIGALI, RWANDA**  
Mekkonen H, Musoni M, Adera S, Wood D, Maloney G, Tefera G, [Maloney J](#)  
University of Wisconsin SMPH, King Faisal Hospital Kigali Rwanda, University of Washington

#53 **MULTI-DISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION BETWEEN ASSOCIATION OF VA SURGEONS AND ASSOCIATION OF VA ANESTHESIOLOGISTS TO OPTIMIZE VIRTUAL, PRE-OPERATIVE EVALUATIONS OF VETERANS UNDERGOING EYE SURGERIES**  
\*[Shah D](#), Trainer B, Bhatia P, Shanahan J, Munir W, Turner D, John P  
VA Maryland Healthcare System, Central Virginia VA Health Care System, VA St. Louis Healthcare System, VA Boston Healthcare System

11:30 - 1:30 PM

**LUNCH/PANEL SESSION II: LEADING FROM THE FRONT – VA CRITICAL CARE TEAMS AND SOLUTIONS FOR VETERANS IN ALL SETTINGS**

Moderators: Melissa Perkal, MD

**VISION/ROLE OF SURGEONS IN THE SICU'S ACROSS THE SPECTRUM**

Mitch Sally, MD, Portland VA Medical Center, Portland, OR

**TELE-ICU: BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING AND HELPING**

Josh Rubenfeld, MD

**PERI-OPERATIVE SERVICES AND ANESTHESIA STAFFING: A NEW MODEL**

Ann Walia, MD

**PERSPECTIVES FROM A CLOSED UNIT WITH MIXED STAFFING**

Louisa Chiu, MD  
SICU Director, Houston

**CARDIAC PERSPECTIVE**

Jacquelyn Quin, MD

1:30 - 3:00 PM

**SCIENTIFIC SESSION II**

Moderators:

#54 **TRIGEMINAL AND PERIPHERAL NERVE STIMULATION IMPROVES OUTCOMES OF OF MIXED NERVE TRANSECTION AND GAP REPAIR IN A RODENT FORELIMB MODEL**  
\*[Nicksic P](#), Donnelly D, Zeng W, Seitz A, Poore S, Suminski A, Dingle A  
University of Wisconsin

**#55 OUTCOMES OF COMORBID MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS IN CARDIOVASCULAR SURGERY PATIENTS**

\*Soltesz G, Weiss A, Dewan K, Zhou G, Koroukian S, Bakaeen F  
Cleveland Clinic

**#56 A COMPARISON OF THE SURGEON'S ESTIMATED LENGTH OF SURGERY AND HISTORICAL LENGTH OF SURGERY DATA ON OR UTILIZATION IN THE VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION**

Leissner KB, Carlson SJ, Shanahan S, Merritt-O'Toole K, Heath MA, Schumann R  
VA Boston Healthcare System

**#57 A TIME-DEPENDENT INCREASE IN WAIT TIMES FOR VETERANS REFERRED TO ONCOLOGY PROVIDERS**

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**#58 ALTERNATIVE TRUTHS: POSTOPERATIVE OUTCOMES ASSOCIATED WITH THE TIMING OF SURGERY AFTER COVID-19**

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**#59 COMPARING PERI-OPERATIVE OUTCOMES AFTER CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS GRAFTING PERFORMED AT A LEVEL 1A VA MEDICAL CENTER VERSUS THE COMMUNITY: A PILOT STUDY**

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**#60 IMPACT OF TRACHEOSTOMY TIMING**

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**#61 INITIATION OF A MULTIDISCIPLINARY SURGICAL PREHABILITATION CLINIC FOR FRAIL PATIENTS LEADS TO IMPROVED SURGICAL OUTCOMES**

Schmit BM, Tyson A, Galvao J, Donahoo J, Engels L, Tillman J, Shorr R, Solberg L, Soberon J, Hegland D, Zaragoza A, Goldstein L  
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#62 **PILOT RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED TRIAL OF THE TOTAL (TEACHING OBESITY TREATMENT OPTIONS TO ADULT LEARNERS) INTERVENTION: 18-MONTH FOLLOW-UP OUTCOMES**

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#63 **THE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN PREOPERATIVE DIABETES CONTROL AND POSTOPERATIVE ADVERSE EVENTS IN ELECTIVE AMBULATORY HERNIA SURGERIES IN THE VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION**

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#64 **PERIOPERATIVE OUTCOMES OF WOMEN UNDERGOING NONCARDIAC SURGERY IN THE VA COMPARED TO NON-VA CARE SETTINGS**

[George E](#), Reitz K, Jacobs M, Massarweh N, Youk A, Arya S, Hall D VA Palo Alto Healthcare System; Stanford University; Atlanta VA Healthcare System; Emory University; Pittsburgh VA Healthcare System; University of Pittsburgh, PA

3:00 - 3:30 PM

BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS

3:30 - 5:00 PM

**PANEL SESSION III: HOW ANESTHESIOLOGISTS IMPROVE VALUE-BASED CARE IN THE VA**

Moderators: Mary Hawn, MD and Brooke Trainer, MD

**ACHIEVING HIGH RELIABILITY: PREOPERATIVE SCREENING, RISK STRATIFICATION, AND EDUCATION**

[Ann Walia](#), MD

**FLEXIBILITY TO INCREASE THROUGHPUT: COLLABORATION ACROSS SITE**

[Kay Leissner](#), MD

**OR SCHEDULING AGILITY: IMPORTANCE OF TEAM TO PATIENT VALUE**

[Jessica Shanahan](#), MD

6:30 - 9:30 PM

RECEPTION/ANNUAL BANQUET



9:30 - 10:30 PM

AFTER-DINNER PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION

**TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023**

7:00 - 7:45 AM

**NON-CME SYMPOSIA**

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8:00 - 10:00 AM

**SCIENTIFIC SESSION III**

Moderators:

#65 **“IS EVERYONE BEATING AROUND THE BUSH?”: A QUALITATIVE STUDY EXAMINING THE STATUS OF SHARED DECISION MAKING BETWEEN VETERANS AFFAIRS PROVIDERS AND SURGICAL PATIENTS IN THE ICU**

Millis MA, Vitous CA, Ferguson C, Suwanabol PA

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#66 **ASSOCIATION BETWEEN INDEX COMPLICATIONS AND OUTCOMES AFTER NONCARDIAC SURGERY**

Chen V, Portuondo J, Massarweh N

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#67 **ASSOCIATION BETWEEN SOCIAL VULNERABILITY AND PRE-AMPUTATION VASCULAR ASSESSMENT WITHIN THE VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION**

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Charleston VAMC, Northwestern University, Morehouse School of

Medicine

**#68 ASSOCIATION OF 30-DAY SURGICAL MORTALITY WITH RACE/ETHNICITY, RURALITY, AREA DEPRIVATION, AND PREOPERATIVE VA CARE AMONG OLDER VETERANS**

Jacobs MA\*, Duncan CA\*, Gao Y, Davila H, Schmidt S, Hadlandsmyth, K, Shireman, PK, Sarrazin, MV\*\*, Hall, DE\*\* (\* indicates co-first authors, \*\* indicates co-senior authors)  
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**#69 GENDER BIAS IN CLINICAL TRIAL ENROLLMENT: FEMALE AUTHORSHIP MATTERS**

Chhaya V1, Binion C1, Mulles S, Tannhauser P1, Aziz D1, Greenwood, J1, Barlek, M2, Rouan, J2, Wyatt, T2, Kibbe, M1,3  
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**#70 OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVING END OF LIFE CARE AMONG VETERANS AFTER SURGERY**

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**#71 SOME OLDER ADULTS HAVE PROLONGED INABILITY TO RETURN HOME AFTER SURGERY**

Zhang L, Peters X\*, Rosenthal R, Ko C, Russell M  
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**#72 VETERANS CHOOSE VA SURGICAL CARE WHEN INITIALLY SEEN IN CLINIC WITHIN AN HOUR OF THEIR HOME**

Marderstein EL, Wong RK, McDonald AB, Kelly K  
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**#73 INTRAOPERATIVE SURGICAL STRATEGY CHANGES IN PATIENTS WITH DIABETES UNDERGOING CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS GRAFTING**

Duggan J, Peters A, Halbert S, Rosenfeld E, Antevil J, Taggart D, Trachiotis G  
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**#74 IS THERE A BIAS AGAINST THOSE WITH A DISABILITY STATUS? ARTERIOVENOUS GRAFT OUTCOMES IN A VA ACCESS POPULATION**

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10:00 - 10:30 AM Break/Visit Exhibits

**10:30 - 11:30 AM QUICKSHOT SESSION IV**

Moderators:

**#75 A MODEL FOR DELIVERY OF EXTRACORPOREAL LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES IN A STAND-ALONE VETERANS AFFAIRS HOSPITAL**

Seadler B, Melamed J, Rogers A, Sow M, Syed A, Linsky P, Ubert A, Schena S, Durham L, Almassi GH

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**#76 COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING RATES IMPROVE IN VETERANS PREPARING FOR BARIATRIC SURGERY: A NATIONAL VA STUDY**

Liebert C, Arnow K, Eisenberg D

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**#77 EXPANDING TRANSCAROTID REVASCUARIZATION ELIGIBILITY WITH A DACRON CONDUIT AT A VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER**

Loanzon R, Cui C, Lagoo-Deenadayalan S, Williams Z

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**#78 PORTAL VENOUS THROMBOSIS AFTER TRANSARTERIAL CHEMOEMBOLIZATION (TACE) FOR HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA**

Schwab M, Decker H, Monto A, Sawhney R, Huo E, Stewart L, Corvera C

San Francisco VAMC

**#79 ROLE OF END STAGE RENAL DISEASE ON REVISION OPERATIONS AFTER TRANSTIBIAL AMPUTATION**

Baraka A1,5, Teichmann M2,4, Irizarry L A3, Alabi O1, Brewster L1

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	<p>#80 <b>EXAMINING THE ASSOCIATION OF HOUSING STATUS WITH STAGE AT DIAGNOSIS AND OUTCOMES FOR COLORECTAL AND LUNG CANCER IN A NATIONAL SAMPLE OF VETERANS</b>  <u>Decker H</u>, Graham L, Titan A, Kanzaria H, Kushel M, Hawn M, Wick E  UCSF, Stanford, Palo Alto VA</p>
	<p>#81 <b>TRACHEOSTOMY OUTCOMES IN COVID-19 POSITIVE PATIENTS IN THE VETERAN ADULT POPULATION</b>  Blackwell T, <u>Alvi S</u>, Mehta, Germanwala A  University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine, Jesse Brown VA</p>
	<p>#82 <b>EFFECTIVENESS OF VESSEL-SEALANT DEVICE USE DURING THYROIDECTOMY: AN INSTRUMENTAL VARIABLE ANALYSIS OF REAL-WORLD DATA</b>  <u>Memeh K</u>, Vaghaiwalla T, Pandit V  Methodist University Hospital, Memphis; University of Tennessee Medical Center-Knoxville; US Department of Veterans Affairs-Fresno CA</p>
	<p>#83 <b>INITIATION OF A ROBOTIC PANCREAS SURGERY PROGRAM</b>  <u>Tomlinson J</u>, Girgis M  Greater Los Angeles VA Medical Center</p>
	<p>#84 <b>OUTCOMES OF PROPHYLACTIC URETERAL STENTING IN RECTAL CANCER SURGERY</b>  <u>Cisneros W</u>, Gutman M, Bahna H, Ray J, Koppel D  West Palm Beach VA Medical Center; HCA Florida/JFK Hospital</p>
	<p>#85 <b>PERI-OPERATIVE VENOUS THROMBOEMBOLISM (VTE) RISK FOR ABOVE KNEE AMPUTATIONS</b>  <u>Nguyen KP</u>, Gruber J, Mertz M, Malibiran CC, Ngu D, Madison C, Reid Thompson, Gundle K, and Sanfillipo K.  Oregon Health &amp; Science University, Portland VA Health Care System, Washington University St. Louis</p>
	<p>#86 <b>FISSURE-FISTULA MAY BE ANAL MANIFESTATION OF HIDRADENITIS SUPPURATIVA / ACNE INVERSA SYNDROME</b>  Alderette L, Farajzadeh M, <u>Cosman B</u>  VA San Diego</p>
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