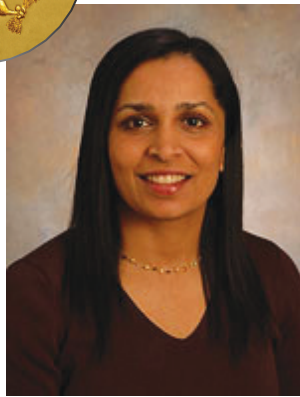


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President's Corner

Letter from Tina Desai, M.D.

Greetings Colleagues,

Following a productive Spring Meeting in San Diego this past June, which included our annual banquet highlighting the Mardi Gras roots of our recent past President Chip Sternbergh, the PVSS continues to move forward in its initiative to be **THE** voice for young vascular surgeons. The 2009 Winter Meeting will take place January 30-February 1 in Steamboat Springs, CO. Our new "Challenging Cases" Session, along with our regular Scientific Session, will provide ample opportunity for camaraderie, education, and lively debate. Be sure to register at the hotel and for the meeting asap.

In terms of the PVSS organization, we have recently expanded our complement of committees and initiatives. Under the leadership of Sean Lyden, the *Scholarship Committee* will undertake the task of incorporating several new grant awards. We have recently formed two new committees—our *Membership Committee* headed by Darrin Clouse and our *Military Liaison Committee* (striving to strengthen our collaborations with our military colleagues) headed by Todd Rasmussen. Additionally, the *Web Design Committee* continues to improve the site interface. Next on their agenda is an image library designed to assist all of us in our continued growth as surgeons. Please be sure to stay in touch at www.pvss.org.

As our Society continues to grow and develop, we continue to seek additional member involvement in the organization. Please email Carol Long at carol@dmccompanies.com if you are interested in becoming more involved. See you in Steamboat!

SAVE THE DATE

PVSS 19th Annual Winter Meeting

January 30 – February 1 in Steamboat Springs, Colorado

- Academic presentations
- Exciting ***NEW*** challenging case report section
- Network with vascular surgeons from around the country and world
- Ski-in, Ski-out luncheon
- Stay at the exquisite Steamboat Grand Hotel
- Skiing and winter activities for the entire family
- Online registration is available

Reminders

- **Grant Deadline Jan 9, 2009**
Two \$14,500 grants are available for research:
 - One **"Faculty Award"** will be awarded to a PVSS member holding a faculty position at the time of grant activation. 2nd year vascular fellows and 5th year vascular residents are eligible for this award.
 - A **"Fellow, Resident, and Student Award"** will be awarded to a committed trainee with the support of a faculty mentor. Awards will be presented at the June 2009 meeting in Denver, Colorado. Application information is available online at www.pvss.org.
- **34th Annual Spring Meeting** will be held in conjunction with the SVS Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado June 11-13, 2009. Of special note this year will be **"The Norman M. Rich Military Vascular Presentation"** which promises to be a memorable address.
- Start planning now to submit abstracts for the **Spring Meeting**. **Abstract deadline is March 13, 2009.**

Invitation to Membership

Today we celebrate the inaugural issue the Peripheral Vascular Surgery Society Newsletter. It has been over 22 years since the inception of our organization. The spirit of the “**Peripheral Vascular Surgery Club**” as it was created in 1976 was one of development: A stage for the vascular surgeon in the early stages of their career to thrive and interact on a national level. Although the road has not always been clear or easy, the society’s place in the lives of young vascular and endovascular surgeons has been invaluable and continues to mature. The PVSS offers robust biannual academic meetings, a forum for publication in both the *Annals of Vascular Surgery* and the *Journal of Vascular Surgery*, rich incorporation into the national vascular meeting, and an unwavering devotion to facilitation, support, collaboration, friendship and fellowship. We should take this moment to celebrate where we have been, what we are doing, and where we are going. If you are a PVSS member, enjoy it! Participate. Draw benefit from your Society. If you are not, we want you to be. We want you to experience our enthusiasm surrounding the science, art, research, and education in peripheral vascular and endovascular surgery, in a forum where personal and professional growth is emphasized in an environment where each individual is vital. Join now!



• *What is a Candidate Member?*

Applicants should be in, or have completed, an accredited Vascular Surgery Fellowship or Residency. No dues are required for candidate members. Upon obtaining the Vascular Surgery Certificate (or equivalent), candidate members are eligible for promotion to active membership.

• *What is an Active Member?*

Applicants should be within 12 years of completing an accredited Vascular Surgery Fellowship or Residency with Board Certification in Vascular Surgery.

Applications are currently being accepted online at www.pvss.org.

2009 PVSS Winter Meeting Update

Thanks to all of you who submitted abstracts for the 2009 PVSS winter meeting in Steamboat Springs. The program received 189 abstracts to review despite the interruptions created by this year’s active hurricane season. The topics covered were diverse and include reports of both open and endovascular procedures. There was good representation from around the US and from a number of programs in Europe. Because of the enthusiastic response for the new case presentation program (88 abstracts), the session has been increased from 6 presentations to 12. We hope that the new format will continue in the future.

We encourage the membership to attend all the sessions to provide the lively discussion typical to the PVSS winter meeting.

On behalf of the program committee, I thank you for your continued support of this important meeting. We look forward to seeing you all in January.

Regards,

Murray

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“NAME THIS NEWSLETTER” COMPETITION

Submit your ideas for catchy titles for this PVSS newsletter. The selected title will be used in future editions of this newsletter. The winner will receive a free year of PVSS dues! Submit suggestions to suzanne@dmccompanies.com. The winner will be notified via email by Jan 1, 2009.



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