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Vascular & Endovascular
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President's Corner by Vik Kashyap, MD

Welcome to the Vascular and Endovascular Surgery Society!



This Society (formerly Peripheral Vascular Surgery Society) is entering its 40th year and continues to be dedicated to advancing the care of vascular surgery through education and research. As an organization mainly dedicated to young vascular surgeons, VESS offers a wide variety of leadership and networking opportunities for career growth for academic and community practice surgeons alike.

The organization offers membership to vascular surgeons and other providers including our allied health professional partners. We also invite all vascular residents and fellows, as well as interested medical students, to become candidate members. We have two important scientific meetings yearly.

The Spring meeting will be held in conjunction with the SVS Vascular Annual Meeting, June 4-7, 2014 at the Hynes Convention Center, Boston, MA. The joint SVS/VESS program committee partnership is strong and ensures a high quality scientific program with expected Journal of Vascular Surgery manuscript submission

The Annual meeting is a highlight for both new and old members. These meetings are a special time to share research, contribute ideas, learn new technologies and make life-long friends. The Annual meeting will take place January 28 – February 1, 2015 at the beautiful Vail Cascade in Vail, CO. The meeting will feature numerous educational sessions, speakers, and social events. I encourage you to take advantage of the unique setting the Annual meeting offers. Don't miss the best vascular meeting of the year!!! Presentations selected for the scientific sessions are coupled with manuscript submission to the Annals of Vascular Surgery.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings and encourage you to get involved in this terrific Society!

Sincerely,
Vik Kashyap, MD
VESS President

SAVE THE DATE! The VESS Spring Meeting will take place on June 4, 2014 at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston. This is held in conjunction with the Society for Vascular Surgery's Vascular Annual Meeting (VAM) held June 5-7. We look forward to another successful meeting with participation from our new and active vascular surgery members as well as trainees in vascular surgery residency and fellowship programs. The schedule at a glance is available at www.vascularweb.org website.

Annual (Winter) Meeting Re-Cap

The Winter Meeting was held in the beautiful Steamboat Resort in Colorado. For those of you ski buffs, this was the place to ski in 2013-14. The snow was wonderful and the meeting was amazing.

With a full house, **Dr. Veeraswamy** kicked off the Thursday morning meeting with the Fellows Luminaries session. This outstanding program was made possible through a generous grant provided by Cook Medical, Inc.

Dr. Zachary Arthurs chaired the scientific session of the Society of Military Vascular Surgery. The session consisted of 14 great talks from leaders in military healthcare. **Dr. Veeraswamy** followed with the well-received technology forum.

Dr. Mark Conrad and the Scientific Program Committee selected outstanding papers which led to morning and afternoon sessions which were standing room only with informative presentations and interactive discussions.

President **Darrin Clouse's** presidential address, "**Evolve: The Aura of Change**", was motivating and filled with humor. His beautiful family was present for the event. His stories were captivating and entertaining.

The President's dinner was held at on the mountain. Once you exited the gondola, the fun began. The event was a Western BBQ themed dinner with dancing and entertainment for the whole family. A rock and country band filled the air with toe stomping music. In the meeting, the PVSS announced the official name change to VESS. The reason for the change was to promote a more encompassing description of the organization. Along with the name change, came a new logo and look. **Dr. Kashyap** was officially announced as the 40th president.

The winter meeting was officially brought to a close, and the next meeting will be the spring meeting, in conjunction with the Society for Vascular Surgery, in Boston, Massachusetts.



40th President and new society name



Passing the Gavel - Darrin Clouse & Vik Kashyap



Ravi Veeraswamy, MD
Chair, Inaugural Tech Exchange

The 2014 VESS Annual Meeting featured the inaugural Tech Exchange, spearheaded and chaired by **Ravi Veeraswamy**. The event was free to all registrants of the meeting. This was an interactive, "hands-on" session focused on abdominal aortic aneurysms. After an introduction by **Dr. Matt Eagleton**, the latest in imaging technology and hybrid rooms assisting with EVAR were presented by Toshiba and Phillips. Working in small groups, participants had the opportunity to utilize simulators and perform planning and sizing to treat aortic aneurysms. Most importantly, the event provided a truly unique opportunity to gain exposure to all commercially available aortic endografts in one setting. Gore, Cook, Medtronic, Trivascular, Endologix and Lombard technologies all graciously shared the strengths of their technologies with expert insights and demonstrations. VESS will continue to feature the **Tech Exchange** at the 2015 Annual Meeting where the focus will be on lower extremity arterial disease.

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2014 NEW MEMBERS

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP (22)

Name

Affiliation

Jason Alexander	Minneapolis Heart Institute
Marvin Atkins	Scott & White Hospital & Clinic
Leo Daab	Madigan Army Medical Center
Jodi Gerdes	Louisiana State University
London Guidry	Vascular Clinic
Jade Hiramoto	University of California San Francisco
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Russell Iam	Advanced Vascular & Vein Center of Texas
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Marvin Morris	Mercy St. Vincents Medical Center
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Tapash Palit	LSU Health Sciences Center - New Orleans
Mun Jye Poi	Baylor College Of Medicine
Brandon Propper	San Antonio Military Medical Center
Reagan Quan	Madigan Army Medical Center
Susan Shafii	Emory University School of Medicine
Malachi Sheahan	LSU School of Medicine
Claudie Sheahan	LSU School of Medicine
Matthew Smeds	University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Gale Tang	VA Puget Sound Health Care System/U. Washington
Brandi Upton	Mercy Clinic

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (2)

Karl Bjellum	Mayo Clinic
KarenMensink	Mayo Clinic

CANDIDATE MEMBERSHIP (40)

Naveen Balasundaram	Cleveland Clinic Foundation
Benjamin Brooke	Univ. of Utah School of Medicine
Avianne Bunnell	University of Central Florida College of Medicine
Laura Drudi	McGill University
Young Erben	Mayo Clinic
John Eun	Univeristy of Colorado Denver
Edgar Luis Galinanes	Baylor College of Medicine
Brandon Garland	University of Washington
Shaun Gifford	Mayo Clinic
Roan Glocker	University of Alabama at Birmingham
Ahmad Hussain	Scott & White Memorial Hospital
Sina Iranmanesh	Washington Hospital Center
Arjun Jayaraj	Mayo Clinic
Jill Johnstone	Mayo Clinic
Jennifer Kaplan	UCSF
Kelly Kempe	Wake Forest Baptist Health
Melissa Loja	UC Davis
Tony Lu	Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Med.
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Rafael Malgor	Stony Brook University Medical Center
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Bernardo Mendes	Mayo Clinic
Nicolas Mouawad	The Ohio State University
Shardul Nagre	University of Alabama at Birmingham
Sandip Nandhra	Hull-York Medical School
Derek Nathan	University of Washington
David Ramoncito	Mayo Clinic
Nanette Reed	Mayo Clinic
April Rodriguez	University of Washington
Melanie Rose	University of Alabama at Birmingham
Jean Marie Ruddy	Emory University
Sajid Shah	Baylor College of Medicine
Richard Teed	Carolinas Medical Center
Eric Trestman	Albert Einstein College of Medicine at Montefiore
Sam Tyagi	Beth Israel Medical Center
Brant Ullery	Stanford University
Jessica Wallaert	Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center
Erik Wayne	Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center
Emily Wood	Mayo Clinic
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Formerly the PVSS, the VESS inaugurates a new name at their Annual Meeting

Nearing 40 years of continued service to its membership, the Peripheral Vascular Surgery Society at its annual meeting has elected a change in the society name to reflect the modern practice of its 1000+ active and senior members. Originally founded in 1976, the society was designated as the Peripheral Vascular Surgery Club and later on, invoked the PVSS. Now outdated, "peripheral" was used to differentiate the emerging field of vascular surgery from "central" cardiovascular surgery. As evidenced by hundreds of VESS registrants at the most recent meeting and plenary sessions in Steamboat Springs January 29-February 2, 2014, the membership has actively engaged and researched projects and outcomes across the spectrum of all vascular territories using the best of modern vascular and endovascular techniques.

Indeed, the VESS reflects our appropriate American Board Certifications, many Division and practice names, as well as common journals in which the membership are often published and contribute. General knowledge of the role of vascular surgery in public health is increasing through a variety of mechanisms, and the importance of the marriage of endovascular surgery to traditional perceptions of vascular surgery has both timely and strategic implications for the VESS going forward. The process of the VESS name was researched since 2008 and carried forth with support of the past 26 PVSS Presidents. An opinion poll was taken from the membership, and among respondents, the Vascular and Endovascular Surgery Society was the leading choice by an overwhelming margin. At our recent winter meeting, the membership voted overwhelmingly for the VESS moniker.