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VESS Scientific Program at the VAM

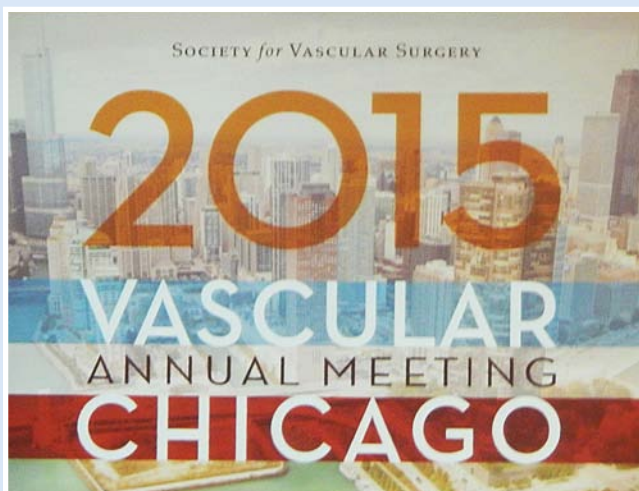
As seen in previous years, we had yet another successful spring meeting in Chicago this past June.

One of the key features of the presentations was the large number of multi-institutional research efforts. The topics for discussion included outcomes of AAA repair, complications of ruptured AAA, endovascular management of thoracic aortic pathology, timing of carotid endarterectomy, re-interventions for hemodialysis access procedures, open and endovascular management of PAD, and treatment of venous thromboembolic events. This outstanding scientific meeting was a result of the hard work of the VESS Program Committee.

The VESS Session was standing room only for most of the day with over 300 in attendance.



"Early Career Award" Sean Roddy, VESS president, Ryan McEnaney, University of Pittsburgh – 2015 Early Career Faculty Research Award Winner, Dawn Coleman, Chair – Grants and Awards Committee and 2014 Early Career Award winner.





Grants: W. L. GORE & ASSOCIATES TRAVEL AWARD AWARD GUIDELINES

The primary purpose of the VESS / WL Gore & Associates Travel Award is to provide the recipient with the opportunity to visit one (or more) vascular surgery centers of excellence. The visit is intended to stimulate academic inspiration and to foster the development of fraternal fellowship in vascular surgery. Achievement of these objectives will enhance the vascular surgery career of a VESS member recipient. This award is not intended to support specific research interests but rather to assist the award recipient in a unique opportunity for travel and professional exchange.

Eligibility for Selection

1. Be an active member of the Vascular and Endovascular Surgery Society within the first ten years of practice after completing vascular surgery training.
2. Be committed to an academic career in vascular surgery and have obtained an academic appointment in a medical school or freestanding clinic devoted to excellence in medical education.

Requirements for Consideration

A candidate submitting documentation for consideration for selection must furnish:

1. An up-to-date curriculum vitae
2. A 1000-word (no more than 2 pages) essay describing the travel plan objectives and how these link with the candidate's career goals.
3. One letter of recommendation. This may be sent from the freestanding clinic or division head, or the chairman of the department of surgery of the institution in which the candidate holds a faculty appointment.

Report to Committee

A 500-1500 word report covering your experience should be prepared and forwarded to the Chairman of the VESS Grants & Scholarships Committee within 3 months of completion of your travel dates. You will be required to present this report at the VESS Annual Winter Meeting (2017, Steamboat Springs, CO).

Financial Support

The generosity of W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc., has facilitated the establishment of this VESS Travel Award. Their graciousness ensures the noncommercial nature of the award and its continuation in years to come. The award will cover up to \$5,000 for expenses of travel, research and clerical help. The award monies may not be used for any other purpose.

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APPLICATION
DEADLINE
NOVEMBER 20 2015

Application

The required materials as indicated above in "Requirements for Consideration" should be sent to the VESS Administrative Office, and may be sent electronically to vess@administrare.com.

The deadline for receiving applications is **November 20, 2015**. The award will be announced at the upcoming winter business meeting (2016, Park City, Utah). It is expected that the winning candidate will be present to accept the award from a representative from W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc.

Letters of intent (essay) CV and recommendation should be directed to:

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Phone: 978-927-7800
Fax: 978-927-7872
Or to: vess@administrare.com

VESS CALL FOR ABSTRACTS 2016

2016 Call For Abstracts

The Vascular and Endovascular Surgery Society (VESS) is now accepting abstracts for their 26th Annual Meeting to be held **February 4-7, 2016** at **The Canyons** in **Park City, UT**. Abstracts should have the following characteristics:

- Original, significant scientific work
- Major updates and/or significant follow-up on established procedures and/or research
- Additional definition of previous studies that modify, in a major way, an understanding of techniques or technologies

Submission Categories

Abstracts accepted for presentation will be allotted 7-minutes for presentation, followed by 4-minutes for audience questions and discussion. Case reports and rapid fire presentations are allowed 4-minutes, followed by 3-minutes of Q & A. Please Note: Time allotments are subject to change based on the final program. The VESS accepts the following papers:

- Standard Papers
- Case Reports
- Rapid Fire Presentations

Submission Instructions

Abstracts must be submitted electronically via the VESS website (www.vesurgery.org). **All online submissions must be completed by Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 11:59 pm (EDT)**. Abstracts must be authored, co-authored or sponsored by a member of the VESS. Work must not have been previously presented or published elsewhere.

MAXIMUM WORD COUNT: 300 words

MINIMUM WORD COUNT: 50 words

LANGUAGE: English only

IMAGES/TABLES: 25 word penalty – maximum of three (3) images/tables/graphs

CONTENT: No reference can be made to authors or institution within the abstract body; title should be Title Case; do not bold or underline words; after acceptance, only changes to the title and author block will be accepted (if made by the given deadline)

FORMAT: Introduction/Objectives
Methods
Results
Conclusion

Manuscript Submission Requirements

Acceptance of a standard paper by the Program Committee for presentation at the Annual Meeting signifies the author(s) acknowledges the requirement to submit a full manuscript for consideration to the Annals of Vascular Surgery and will comply. Authors who indicate at the time of submission that they plan to submit to Annals of Vascular Surgery and fail to do so will be prevented from presenting at future VESS meetings for a period of two years. Case reports and rapid fire presentations are exempt from this requirement, but are encouraged to submit manuscripts for consideration. Presentation at the VESS Annual Meeting does not guarantee acceptance by the journal.

Disclosure Requirements

One of the founding principles of the VESS is the acknowledgment of interaction between industry and surgeons to facilitate rapid development of technology for vascular surgery and the treatment of vascular disease. VESS does not object to that relationship, but requires that all those submitting abstracts and presenting papers disclose financial or consulting relationships. The need for disclosure extends to unrestricted laboratory grants. In addition, off-label use of an FDA-approved product or any use of a non-FDA approved device must be disclosed. When you submit an abstract, you will be required to provide disclosure information for all authors.

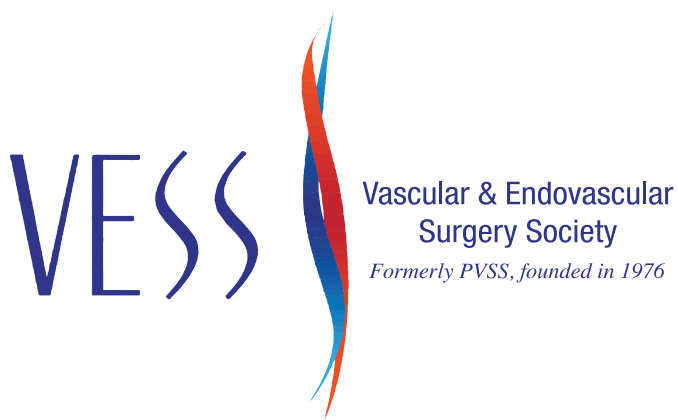
About VESS

The Vascular and Endovascular Surgery Society (VESS) – formerly the Peripheral Vascular Surgery Society, founded 1976 – is a national society with over 1,000 members and a nearly 40-year history dedicated to issues most germane to the young vascular surgeon. The mission of the VESS is to improve the science and art of vascular surgery and endovascular therapies and to provide interchange of medical knowledge and information. Active membership is limited to the first 15 years after fellowship training. Members strive to promote basic and clinical research that directly improves outcomes for our patients. The structure of the Society and the meetings are conducive to developing long-term relationships. Relationships are built and grown with colleagues, friends, mentors, trainees and our industry partners.

The Annual Meeting is the leading forum for face-to-face interaction with young vascular surgeons who represent the future of our specialty. Senior leaders in vascular surgery have the opportunity to mentor junior partners and trainees. Many VESS members are already key opinion leaders. The atmosphere at the Annual Meeting recognizes the extraordinary contribution industry provides to the ever changing field of vascular surgery with new devices, technologies and therapies.

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The Vascular and Endovascular Surgery Society (VESS) Spring Meeting:

The VESS has two important scientific meetings yearly. The spring meeting was recently held in conjunction with the Vascular Annual Meeting in Chicago. We had a very successful meeting with great participation from our members. The abstracts presented highlighted multi-institutional research efforts. We also had international presenters. Manuscripts from these presentations were submitted to the *Journal of Vascular Surgery*.

The annual meeting of the VESS is held in the winter and 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. Our meetings have been a testament to the outstanding research of our members. Furthermore, the meetings have highlighted our commitment to resident/fellow education. The next Annual Winter meeting will be held **February 4-7, 2016 at the Canyons in Park City, Utah**. The abstract submission deadline is **September 15, 2015**. Abstracts must be authored, co-authored or sponsored by a member of VESS. We welcome original research papers, major updates on previous research, or studies on understanding techniques or technologies. Manuscripts for accepted research are submitted to the *Annals of Vascular Surgery*. For further information, please contact us at 978-927-7800 or email us at vess@administrare.com.

