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President's Message



As the 40th President of the Vascular and Endovascular Surgery Society, I am pleased to report that our Association is strong, secure and more vibrant than ever. The 26th Annual meeting of our society will take place February 4-7, 2016 at Park City Mountain Resort (previously known as The Canyons) in Park City, Utah. The program committee has finalized what looks to be another excellent academic session that includes 56 abstracts for presentation, with a mix of standard papers, rapid fire presentations and case reports. We will start Thursday morning with a program dedicated to vascular trainees. That afternoon, we will continue with another Technology Forum focusing this year on venous disease. Industry representatives will give several 5 minute updates on the future direction of their company's line up in the care of the venous patients followed by "hands-on" stations that will go into further detail in a more personalized format. The welcoming reception that evening will round out a full day. As always, early morning and late afternoon sessions allow for lots of free (or ski) time!

On Saturday evening, the president's dinner will be held at the Red Pine Lodge located at the top of the Flight of The Canyons gondola. We hope you and your entire family will join us for this event for good food, fun and entertainment with your friends and colleagues.

With over 7,300 skiable acres, and a great program, it will be an outstanding venue for both education and relaxation. Travel safe, stay warm, and I look forward to seeing you in February!

Sean Roddy, MD



Thursday, February 4, 2016

7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Fellows Breakfast
9:00 am – 12:30 pm	FELLOWS PROGRAM <i>(by invitation - Sponsored by Cook Medical)</i>
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Coffee Break
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Fellows Lunch
1:30 pm – 5:00 pm	TECHNOLOGY FORUM Venous and Emerging Technologies <i>All welcome to attend</i>
5:30 pm – 7:00 PM	WELCOME RECEPTION <i>All attendees, guests & exhibitors are welcome.</i>

Friday, February 5, 2016

6:00 am – 7:00 am	Continental Breakfast
6:00 am – 9:30 am	Registration
7:00 am – 9:15 am	SCIENTIFIC SESSION I
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Registration Re-Opens
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Coffee/Snacks – Visit Exhibits
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	SCIENTIFIC SESSION II
6:00 pm – 7:15 pm	VESS MEMBER BUSINESS MEETING
7:15 pm	Free Evening

Saturday, February 6, 2016

6:00 am – 7:00 am	Continental Breakfast
6:00 am – 9:30 am	Registration
7:00 am – 9:00 am	SCIENTIFIC SESSION III
8:50 am – 9:00 am	Introduction of the President
9:00 am – 9:45 am	PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS Sean Roddy, MD
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Registration Re-Opens
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Coffee/Snacks – Last Chance to Visit Exhibits
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	SCIENTIFIC SESSION IV
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	PRESIDENT'S DINNER <i>All registered attendees are welcome to attend.</i> <i>Separate Subscription required</i>

Sunday, February 7, 2016

6:30 am – 7:00 am	Continental Breakfast
6:30 am – 9:00 am	Registration
7:00 – 9:00 am	SCIENTIFIC SESSION V
9:15 am	Meeting Adjourns

2016 Fellows Program

Through a generous educational grant provided by Cook Medical, Inc., we are able to offer each qualified fellow a \$1,000 reimbursement stipend to help offset travel and accommodations to attend the Annual Meeting in Park City, Utah. The attendance will be initially limited to those in the 2nd year of a 5+2 fellowship or 5th year in a 0-5 program, with additional slots opened for those in earlier years of training if space is available. Participating fellows will be asked to submit an interesting or challenging case for review and possible inclusion in the Case Presentation session.

We invite you to consider sending a fellow or trainee to this outstanding program and to attend the 26th Annual Meeting. The Fellows Program (February 4th) is limited to 40 individuals and is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Contact the VESS Administrative Offices for an application.
Email: vess@administrare.com

The deadline for application is **December 18, 2015**. We encourage immediate response, as we expect the program slots to fill before the deadline.

Just a few slots
remain for the
**2016 Fellows
Program**



2016 WL GORE TRAVEL AWARD

**Deadline Extended to
December 10, 2015**

www.vesurgery.org (grants/awards)



RESEARCH CORNER

VESS encourages its members to be involved in research. To help facilitate that, from time to time we'll provide information about studies being conducted by VESS members in the Newsletter, and on the website in the Member section.

Multi-institutional Research Project: Cystic Adventitial Disease

The Vascular Low-Frequency Disease Consortium has developed a research program to evaluate outcomes in patients with low frequency vascular disease, where a single institution is unlikely to have enough patients to draw significant conclusions or develop strong recommendations about treatment. Each completed project has been accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Society of Vascular Surgery, in large part because it was the largest published series on the topic and involved the collaboration of over 60 different institutions around the United States.

Another vascular disease that we believe would benefit from this methodology is cystic adventitial disease of the peripheral arteries, primarily of the lower extremities. To date there is limited evidence on the natural history of these lesions, when intervention is required, which treatment modality is best, as well as associated outcomes and recurrence rates.

We would like to invite you to become a co-investigator and author on this multi institutional research project, focusing on cystic adventitial disease. If you are willing to participate, we have already reviewed the literature, written an executive summary explaining the project, and can provide you with IRB submission information, responses to common questions (FAQ's), and other support to ensure an expedited review. Additionally, we have developed a standardized data collection database that reduces the time spent per patient to as little as 10-15 minutes. We anticipate that you will identify 5-10 patients with this disease at your institution between the dates January 1, 2005 -January 1, 2015, so the amount of work in collecting the data is not excessive.

The study will be submitted to the 2016 Society for Vascular Surgery Annual Meeting. To meet this deadline we would like to begin collecting data ASAP, and complete the collection by **December 10, 2015**. Every contributor of data will be a co-author on the presentation and published manuscript. If you are not interested in contributing, but have colleagues who may be interested, please let us know, or forward this letter to them. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

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Military Spotlight

by John Carson, MD, FACS and Nasim Hedayati, MD, FACS

Vascular surgery has had incredible changes in the past decade. We have seen the incredible evolution of endovascular surgery. More recently we have seen a changing paradigm in training with a slow decline in the number of vascular surgery fellowship positions and a steady increase in the number of integrated vascular residency platforms. Our candidates for vascular surgery training demonstrate incredible experience in vascular research, have presented at national meetings and have numerous publications, have mentors who are leaders in our field, and are overwhelming enthusiastic about the future of vascular surgery. Today greater than 50% of our trainees are female. At UC Davis Medical Center, the residency program is quiet unique. The core hospitals are comprised of a state academic teaching hospital, an affiliated Department of Defense hospital, and a Department of Veteran Affairs hospital. Each year the program accepts one civilian vascular surgery resident and one military vascular surgery resident. Under the incredible leadership of **Ret Col Darrin W. Clouse** (Past VESS President) and **Col David L. Dawson**, this combined program has been very successful and a true collaboration with our military colleagues.



One unique individual in our program is **Capt. Meryl Simon**. Capt. Simon joined the military shortly after acceptance to medical school. Her interest in the military developed during her birthright trip to Israel in 2009. At the time, she met members of the Israeli Defense force. Meryl quotes, "I was so impressed with their experiences and dedication to the country. This experience inspired my own future career choice of joining the U.S. Air Force." As a military vascular surgery resident Meryl is part of the only active duty vascular surgery residency training program in the United States. When asked about the program Meryl states, *"I have the unique opportunity to work in a high-volume academic center, a veteran affairs hospital and an active-duty base hospital. I have treated a 25-year-old man with popliteal entrapment syndrome and within the same week treated a veteran who spent time in the Korean War. My mentors have trained and practiced not only across the country, but also all over the world defending our nation."* Meryl is especially thankful to her supportive family including her parents, Dr. and Mrs. William Simon, her sister and her loving husband.

As a vascular surgery resident, female, Captain in the United States Air Force, and a mother-to-be, Capt. Simon is the future of vascular surgery. Training has never seen a better time than the present. Our young trainees are what make our profession great. We must take the time to thank our young trainees and our military colleagues, especially those who sacrificed their lives to take care of our troops in combat situations.

2016 ANNUAL WINTER MEETING

Plan to join us for the Annual Meeting in beautiful Park City, Utah , February 4 – 7, 2016. An outstanding program has been planned – watch your mail for the Preliminary Program brochure. On-Line Registration is open on the VESS website – www.vesurgery.org

HOTEL INFORMATION PARK CITY MOUNTAIN RESORT (CANYONS RESORT)

Located in the heart of Utah and only a 35-minute drive from Salt Lake City International Airport, Park City Mountain Resort is home to over 7,300 skiable acres with a good mix of beginner, intermediate and advanced terrain. During the Summer 2015, the Resort undertook the largest resort improvement project in the history of American skiing, one that linked it with neighbor Canyons Resort to create the United States' greatest ski area (now called Park City Mountain Resort). Park City bustles with activities year-round with two distinct base areas, nine hotels, thrilling family adventures and more than two dozen restaurants.

The 7,300 acres of the Park City Mountain Resort includes 300+ trails, 38 lifts, seven terrain parks, 14 bowls, six natural half pipes, one super pipe and one mini pipe, plus many diverse ski-in/ski-out and village adjacent lodging properties.



On behalf of our meeting attendees, special rates have been secured over the dates of the meeting:

Grand Summit Hotel

Standard Guestroom (\$309/night)

Sundial Lodge

Standard Guestroom (\$279/night)

Silverado Lodge

Standard Guestroom (\$259/night)

Detailed descriptions of the hotel room types can be found on the Annual Meeting page of the VESS website (www.vesurgery.org). Rates are subject to 17.85% tax. One and two bedroom suites are available at a discounted group rate. Please contact the VESS National Office for more information. Discounted room rates will be offered three days before and three days after the meeting dates based on availability.

RESERVATION DEADLINE

All reservations must be received no later than 5:00 pm (eastern) on **Sunday, December 20, 2015**. After this date or once the VESS block of rooms has sold out, the group rate cannot be guaranteed. Please Note: The VESS room block typically sells out prior to the posted deadline. We strongly suggest you book your room early. To make your reservation, contact: Park City Mountain Resort directly at 888-226-9667

 **PARK CITY**

CANYONS VILLAGE



VESS TECHNOLOGY FORUM

Thursday, February 4, 2016

1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

“VENOUS DISEASE & EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES”

Open to all registrants, the VESS Technology Forum will focus on endovenous developments in the treatment approach to superficial and deep venous disease as well as treatments pertaining to dialysis access and other miscellaneous vascular entities. This year, the content will be left to industry to bring attendees all the recent advances in their product line up. Each company will give a short clinical podium presentation on the most recent technologic advances. Attendees will then visit the companies in a more intimate setting to learn specifics on how they would approach the case, what components they would use and how the strengths and weaknesses of their product apply to the specific cases.



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