Message from the President

Dear Colleague:

I hope that you have made your plans to join us at the SCVS 30th Annual Symposium at the Four Seasons Hotel in Las Vegas. It’s not too late to make your reservations and travel arrangements. This year’s meeting promises to be a stimulating and professionally rewarding experience. The excitement of Las Vegas, coupled with the outstanding scientific program, make this a meeting you do not want to miss.

The meeting begins with a postgraduate course “New Developments in Venous Disease,” directed by Dr. Peter Gloviczki which will cover both acute and chronic venous disease. The plenary program, beginning on Thursday morning, includes 27 outstanding scientific papers presenting the newest developments in our specialty and sure to stimulate lively discussion. In addition, the ever-popular breakfast sessions are back and will include case reports on interesting complications. More than forty posters will be on display covering a multitude of vascular topics and the Karmody Poster session will be moderated by Dr. Peter Lawrence. Dr. K. Wayne Johnston, editor of the Journal of Vascular Surgery, will give the Hume Memorial Lecture “New Technology – The Issues Raise Caution”.

In addition to the traditional meeting events, this year we have introduced several new features, including an international symposium. The Society has invited several members of the European Society for Vascular Surgery to provide an update on the newest developments in vascular surgery in Europe. Dr. William Paaske, ESVS President, will lead the symposium and will also give the Distinguished Guest Lecture

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Editorial - A Follow Up......

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Last year I informed the readership of this newsletter that I had initiated an experiment by discontinuing all my affiliations with managed care including Medicare. Shortly thereafter, I was invited by Dr. Frank Veith to present the results of this initiative at his Annual Vascular Meeting held in New York City in November 2001. At the time of the invitation, which was in the early part of 2001, I was enthusiastic with what I had done and began preparing a presentation based upon what appeared to be a promising and fruitful experiment. In addition, I surveyed the membership of the Eastern Vascular Society and the Vascular Society of New Jersey regarding their personal experiences with attitudes towards HMOs and toward managed care in general. As the months passed, I became aware that I was changing my attitude and this was affirmed by my review of the survey data. My conclusions, which I presented at the Veith Montefiore Symposium, were:

1. Virtually all of the respondents were quite vocal in their attitude towards HMOs using such terms as rage, enslavement, depression, doom and gloom, and frustration. Missing were the responses that all of us would have liked to be associated with our profession such as proud, happy, enthusiastic, and satisfying.
2. With regard to cutting the cord between the MD and the HMO, it is easier to do this in the urban environment. Patients who travel expect to pay. Not so if they lived in your suburban or rural practice area.
3. It is much easier for senior/established surgeons. Younger surgeons are overwhelmed with financial obligations.
4. It is difficult when patients expect you to accept assignment -and they usually do -in the face of high premiums.
5. It is difficult to fight antitrust laws and impose ceilings on charges.
6. There is no difference in what patients want and expect: whether they are rich, poor or in the middle. In their perception, “everything is covered”.

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SESSION I – ARTERIAL DISEASE

Popliteal-Crural Bypass Through Posterior Approach Utilizing Lesser Saphenous Vein for Limb Salvage
Arun Goyal, MD, Pravin M. Shah, MD, Sateesh C. Babu, MD, Romeo B. Mateo, MD, New York Medical College, Valhalla, NY

Does Subintimal Angioplasty have a Role in the Treatment of Severe Lower Extremity Ischemia?
Evan C. Lipsitz, MD, Frank J. Veith, MD, Takao Ohki, MD, William D. Suggs, MD, Jacob Cynamon, MD, Neal Cayne, MD, Nick Gargiulo, MD, Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, NY

Ultrasound Arterial Mapping Prior to Femoral-Popliteal Reconstruction in Claudicants: A Proposal for a New Shortened Protocol
Enrico Ascher, MD, Anil P. Hingorani, MD, Sreedhar Kallakuri, MD, Richard Schutzer, MD, Tatiana Costa, MD, Natalia Markevich, MD, William Yorkovich, MD, Maimonides, Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY

The Combined Use of Iliac Artery Stenting with Intrainguinal Revascularization for the Treatment of Multilevel Occlusive Disease
Philip S. K. Paty, MD, Gary Siskin, MD, Manish Mehta, MD, R. Clement Darling, III, MD, Paul B. Kreienberg, MD, Benjamin B. Chang, MD, Sean P. Roddy, MD, Kathleen J. Oszvath, MD, Dhiraj M. Shah, MD, Albany Medical College, Albany, NY

Preoperative Clinical Risk and Severity of Coronary Artery Disease in Vascular Surgery Patients
Thomas Birdas, MD, Steven A. Leers, MD, Thomas Reifsnyder, MD, Philip F. Caushaj, MD, Western Pennsylvania Hospital, Temple University School of Medicine, Western Clinical Campus, Pittsburgh, PA

SESSION II – NON-INVASIVE DIAGNOSIS & ASSESSMENT

Efficacy of Ultrasound Contrast Agents in the Non-Invasive Follow-up of Aortic Stent Grafts
Phillip J. Bendick, PhD, Paul G. Bove, MD, Graham W. Long, MD, Gerald B. Zelenock, MD, O. William Brown, MD, William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, MI

Cerebral Hyperperfusion Syndrome Following Carotid Endarterectomy: Changes of Internal Carotid Artery Volume Flows and Other Hemodynamic Parameters
Enrico Ascher, MD, Natalia Markevich, Anil P. Hingorani, MD, Sreedhar Kallakuri, MD, Tatiana Costa, MD, Richard Schutzer, MD, Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY

Renal Duplex Scanning: Is it Worthwhile?
Hans A. Brings, MD, Andrew T. Wright, BS, RVT, Michael R. Trivonovich, BS, RVT, Henry R. Baele, MD, Max C. Hutton, MD, Jerry Goldstone, MD, Univ.Hospitals of Cleveland and CWRU School of Med., Cleveland, OH

SESSION III - AORTIC SURGERY

Decline of Aortic Aneurysm Surgical Training for General Surgery Residents in the Era of Endovascular AAA Repair
W. Charles Sternbergh, III MD, John York, MD, Samuel R. Money, MD, Ochsner Clinic Foundation, New Orleans, LA

Durability of Thoracoabdominal Aortic Aneurysm Repair in Patients with Connective Tissue Disorders
Alan Dardik, MD, PhD, Teresa Kroonick, PA-C, Bruce A. Perler, MD, Glen S. Roseborough, MD, G. Melville Williams, MD, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD and St. Mary's Hospital, Waterbury, CT

Technical Considerations for Late Removal of Aortic Endografts
Sean P. Lyden, MD, JoAnne M. McNamara, RN-C, MS, Yaron Sternbach, MD, CM, Karl A. I'llig, MD, David L. Waldman, MD, Richard M. Green, MD, The University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

Elective and Emergent Abdominal Aortic Aneurysmectomy in Patients with Coexisting Aortic Dissections: Perioperative and 1-Year Survival Rates

Treatment of the Septic Aorta with in Situ Cadaveric Homograft
David L. Stroman, MD, Bertram L. Smith, MD, Dennis R. Gable, MD, Robert M. Goldstein, MD, Gregory J. Pearl, MD, Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, TX

Factors Predicting Prolonged Length of Stay After Aortic Surgery
Jeanette Chang, MD, Keith D. Calligaro, MD, Joseph P. Lombardi, MD, Matthew J. Dougherty, MD, Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, PA

HUME MEMORIAL LECTURE
K. Wayne Johnston, MD
“New Technology – The Issues Raise Caution”

SESSION IV - AAA/ENDOVASCULAR REPAIR

The Talent LPS AAA Stent-Graft: Results of a Phase II Clinical Trial
Frank J. Criado, MD, Ronald M. Fairman, MD, Gary J. Becker, MD, Union Memorial/Medstar Health, Baltimore, MD

Indications and Outcomes of Patients in the Phase III Trial Versus Commerical AneurRX
Juan Ayerd, MD, Robert B. McLafferty, MD, Maurice Solis, MD, Laura A. Gruneiro, MD, Don E. Ramsey, MD, Jose Parra, MD, Kim J. Hodgson, MD, Southern Illinois University, Springfield, IL

Endoluminal Aneurysm Repair in Patients with Renal Insufficiency
Brian G. Rubin, MD, Luis A. Sanchez, MD, Eric T. Choi, MD, Patrick Geraghty, MD, Robert W. Thompson, MD, M. Wayne Flye, MD, Gregorio A. Sicard, MD, Washington University, St Louis, MO

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Predicting Iliac Limb Occlusions After Bifurcated Aortic Stent Grafting: Anatomic and Device Related Causes
Alfio Carroccio, MD, Peter L. Faries, MD, Nicholas Morrissey, MD, James Burks, MD, Edwin Gravereaux, MD, Larry H. Holler, MD, Michael L. Marin, MD, Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, NY

SESSION V - VENOUS DISEASE

Optimal Therapy for Advanced Chronic Venous Insufficiency
Roy L. Taves, MD, Miguel Barron, MD, Abilio Coello, MD, Douglas Joyce, MD, Ralf Koenenbach, MD, U.C.S. F., Scottsdale, AZ

Proliferative Capacity of Venous Ulcer Fibroblasts in the Presence of PDGF
Ricardo Vasquez, MD, David Goodwin, B.S., Brian J. Marlen, MD, Craig S. Seidman, MD, James O. Menzoian, MD, Joseph D. Raffetto, MD, Boston Medical Center, Boston, MA

Endovascular Recanalization of Central Vein Occlusions
Michael J. Verta, Jr., MD, Jeffrey A. Blonder, MD, Evanston Northwestern Healthcare, Northbrook, IL

Inferior Vena Cava Filters in Patients with Malignancy
Beth Jarrett, MD, Matthew J. Dougherty, MD, Keith D. Calligaro, MD, Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, PA

DISTINGUISHED VISITING LECTURER
Dr. William P. Paaske, MD, FRCS, FACS – Aarhus University Hospital, Aarhus, Denmark
“Regulation of Distal Perfusion: A European’s View on Local control of the Peripheral Circulation in Functional and Critical Ischemia, and in Patients with AAA”

SESSION VI – CAROTID ARTERY SURGERY AND STENTING

A Reassessment of Carotid Endarterectomy in the Face of Contralateral Carotid Occlusion: Surgical Results in Symptomatic and Asymptomatic Patients
Caron R. Rockman, MD, William Su, MD, Patrick J. Lamparello, MD, Mark A. Adelman, MD, Glenn R. Jacobowitz, MD, Paul J. Gagne, MD, Ronnie Landis, RN, Thomas S. Riles, MD, NY Univ.Med.Ctr, New York, NY

Intraoperative Use of a New Angle-Independent Doppler Assessment of Hemodynamic Adequacy Following Carotid Endarterectomy
Todd E. Rasmussen, MD, Jean M. Panneton, MD, Manju Kalra, MD, Jan Hofer, MD, Bradley L. Lewis, MD, Thomas C. Bower, MD, Kenneth J. Cherry, Jr., MD, Audra A. Noel, MD, Peter Gloviczki, MD, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

Initial Experience with Cerebral Protection Devices to Prevent Embolization During Carotid Artery Stenting
Takao Okho, MD, Frank J. Veith, MD, Jamie McKay, RN, William D. Suggs, MD, Evan Liptsz, MD, Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, NY

Symptomatic Coronary Artery Disease is a Relative Contraindication to Carotid Angioplasty and Stenting
Karthishewara Kasirajan, MD, John M. Marek, MD, Mark Langsfeld, MD, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

Outcome of Non-Operative Management of High-Grade Carotid Stenosis
Victor Erzurum, MD, Fred Littooy, MD, George Steffen, P.A., Cindy Chmura, MD, M. Ashraf Mansour, MD, Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, IL

BREAKFAST SESSIONS: CASE REPORTS INTERESTING COMPLICATIONS

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

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Aortoenteric Fistulas After Endovascular Repair of Aortic Aneurysms
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Aneurysm Sac-Enteric Fistula in Association with a Persistent Type II Endoleak After Endovascular Repair of an Adominal Aortic Aneurysm
James T. Lee, MD, Carlos E. Donayre, MD, Christian de Virgilio, MD, Irwin Walot, MD, George E. Kopchok, MD, Rodney A. White, MD, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, Torrance, CA

Postoperative Infection Associated with Dacron Patch Angioplasty Following Carotid Endarterectomy
William Su, MD, Caron R. Rockman, MD, Patrick J. Lamparello, MD, Mark A. Adelman, MD, Glenn R. Jacobowitz, MD, Paul J. Gagne, MD, Ronnie Landis, R.N., Thomas S. Riles, MD, New York University Medical Center, New York, NY

Hand Ischemia Requiring Amputation After Radial Artery Harvesting for CABG
John Blebea, MD, William Zang, MD, Adnan Alseidi, MD, Benjamin Sun, MD, Penn State College of Medicine, Hershey, PA

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Aneurysm and Stenosis of Celiomesenteric Truck: A Rare Anomaly
Manju Kalra, MD, Jean M. Panneton, MD, James C. Andrews, MD, Jan M. Hofer, RN, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

Isolated Abdominal Aortic Rupture in a Child Due to All-Terrain Vehicle Accident
Peter H. Lin, MD, Ruth Bush, MD, Thomas T. Terramani, MD, William T. Brinkman, MD, Alan B. Lumsden, MD, Baylor University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA

Endovascular Treatment of a Renal Arterio-Venous Fistula: Placement of a Covered Stent
Larry R. Sprouse, II, MD, Ian N. Hamilton, Jr., MD, Robert J. Phelgar, MD, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, TN

Management of Spontaneous Non-Occlusive Aortic Thrombosis
Michael E. Bowdish, MD, Costanza A. Diperma, MD, Douglas B. Hood, MD, Vincent L. Rowe, MD, Fred A. Weaver, MD, University of Southern California Keck, Pasadena, CA

Safe Endovascular Treatment of Embolizing Aortic Plaque with Covered Stents
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LOWER EXTREMITY

Concomitant Endovascular and Open Procedures for Lower Extremity Arterial Disease

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Risk Factors Associated with Infection of Lower Extremity Revascularization at a Teaching Hospital: Analysis of 365 Procedures
Jeannette Chang, MD, Keith D. Calligaro, MD, Sean Ryan, MD, Matthew J. Dougerty, MD, Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, PA

Reversed Anastomoses to Facilitate Femorofemoral Bypasses in Massively Obese Patients: The Rams-Horn Procedure
Taka Okhi, MD, Evan C. Lipsitz, MD, Frank J. Veith, MD, Manish Mehta, MD, John Harvey, MD, Neal Cyane, MD, William D. Suggs, MD, Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, NY

An Unrecognized Variant of Popliteal Artery Entrapment Causing Failure of Femoral to Above Knee Popliteal Artery Bypasses
John Adeniyi, MD, Manish Mehta, MD, Clement Darling, III MD, Paul B. Kremenber, MD, Kathleen J. Oszvath, MD, Benjamin B. Chang, MD, Sean P. Roddy, MD, Philip S. K. Paty, MD, Dhiraj M. Shah, MD, Albany Medical College, Albany, NY

Functional Popliteal Entrapment in a Sixteen Year-Old Ballerina
Enrique Gongora, MD, Paul J. Granet, MD, Robyn A. Macsata, MD, Marc E. Rankin, MD, Debra L. Kohlman-Trigoboff, M.S., RN, Bruce M. Smith, MD, Washington University School of Medicine, Washington, DC

VEINS

Hemodynamic Improvement of Patients with Chronic Venous Insufficiency Due to Superficial and Perforator Incompetence Treated with Superficial Surgery Aline
Robert R. Mendes, MD, William A. Marston, MD, Mark Farber, MD, Blair A. Keagy, MD, University of North Carolina at Chapel, Chapel Hill, NC

170 Cases of Radiofrequency Closure of the Greater Saphenous Vein: Analysis of the Learning Curve and One-Year Clinical and Duplex Scan Results
Robert L. Kistner, MD, Fedor Lurie, MD, Bo G. Eklof, MD, Elma M. Masuda, MD Straub Foundation, Honolulu, HI

Venous Plaque: A New Pathologic Lesion?
John H. Matsuura, Eric Wellons, MD, David Rosenthal, MD, Atlanta Medical Center, Atlanta, GA

The Study of Venous Reflux Progression
Sung W. Kwon, MD, Nicos Labropoulos, Ph.D., Stephen S. Kang, MD, M. Ashraf Mansour, MD, Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, IL

Acute Inferior Vena Cava Occlusion: Catheter Directed Thrombolysis Versus Anticoagulation Alone
Jimmy J.W. Pak, MD, Tej M. Singh, MD, Victor Tubbesing, B.S., Adrian Thomas, B.S., Christopher K. Zarinis, MD, Stanford Univ., Stanford, CA

Intravascular Leiomysarcoma with Intracardiac Extension
Kamphampaty Krishnasasathy, MD, Quang Vo, MD, Vinayak Tak, MD, Boris Sachakov, MD, Faisal Qureshi, MD, New York Hospital, Flushing, NY

DIALYSIS

Arteriovenous Fistula Steal Syndrome: A Prospective Study Using Digital Pressure Measurements
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Morphology of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms Account for Differences in Outcomes Between Women and Men
Frank R. Arko, MD, Bradley B. Hill, MD, Cornelius Olcott, IV MD, E. John Harris, Jr., MD, Christopher K. Zarinis, MD Stanford University Medical Center, Stanford, CA

Variability of CT Maximal AAA Diameter Measurements: Methods to Minimize and Significance
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Management of Juxtaarenal Aortic Aneurysms and Occlusive Disease with Preferential Suprarenal Clamping Via a Midline Transperitoneal Incision: Technique and Results
Sean Ryan, MD, Keith D. Calligaro, MD, Matthew J. Dougerty, MD Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, PA

The Natural History of the Successfully Excluded Aneurysm Sac
George H. Meier, II MD, Chris J. LeSar, MD, Vasso Giodali, MD, Richard J., DeMasi, MD, F. Noel Parent, MD, Michael J. Marcinczyk, MD, Robert G. Gayle, MD, Norfolk Surgical Group/Eastern VA Medi, Norfolk, VA

The Significance of Aneurysm Pulsatility Following Endovascular Graft Repair with and without Endoleaks
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Morbidity & Mortality Associated with Renal Insufficiency and Endovascular Repair of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms
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The 3 C's of Endoleak Treatment: Coils, Cuffs and Conversion
Peter L. Karies, MD, Hadley Cadot, MD, James A. Burks, Jr., MD, Nicholas J. Morrissey, MD, Edwin Gravereaux, MD, Vania L. Briggs, MD, Victoria J. Teodorescu, MD, Larry H. Hollar, MD, Michael L. Marin, MD, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY

AAA

Endovascular Aortic Aneurysm Repair

Endotension Measurement and the Effect of Endoleak Following Endovascular Repair of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms

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RENAL

Hemodynamics of Renal Arteries After Angioplasty and Stent Placement
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CAROTID

Improving Carotid Endarterectomy Outcomes: The Null Set
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The Effect of Intraoperative Duplex Upon the Treatment of Post Carotid Endarterectomy Stroke
Maureen K. Sheehan, MD, Fred N. Littooy, MD, M. Ashraf Mansour, MD, Steven S. Kang, MD, Howard P. Greisler, MD, William H. Baker, MD, Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, IL

Dacron vs Bovine Pericardial Patching During Carotid Endarterectomy: Early Neurologic Events and Incidence of Restenosis
Beate X. Neuhauer, MD, W. Andrew Oldenburg, MD, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, FL

Female Gender is Not Detrimental to Early and Late Outcome After Carotid Endarterectomy
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Successful Lysis of a Middle Cerebral Atery Embolus Originating from the Internal Carotid Artery
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Postoperative Carotid Artery Pseudoaneurysms: Endovascular Techniques for the Vascular Surgeon
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Posterior Transverse Plication of the Redundant Carotid Artery: A Safe and Hemodynamically Effective Adjunctive Technique During Endarterectomy
Enrico Ascher, MD, Natalia Markovich, MD, RVT, Anil P. Hingorani, MD, Sreedhar Kallakuri, MD, Richard Schutzer, MD, Tatiana Costa, MD, William Yorkovich, MD, Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY

Validation of Preoperative Carotid Duplex Studies with Intraoperative Preendarterectomy Cross-Section Area Analysis: Are Other Imaging Modalities Necessary?
Theresa M. Impeduglia, MD, Alex Gart, MD, Krista L. Frazier, BS, RVT, Amy D. Coyle, RVT, Kurt R. Wengerter, MD, Herbert Dardik, MD, Englewood Hospital, Englewood, NJ

AORTA

Hand-Assisted Laparoscopic Aorto-Aortic Bypass: Initial Experience in a Porcine Model
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Endoluminal Aortic Arch Stent-Graft Placement Following Proximal Transposition of Arch Vessels: A Case Report
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THORACIC OUTLET

Treatment of Headaches by Surgical Decompression of the Thoracic Outlet
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Unappreciated Scalenus Minimus and Its Implication on Thoracic Outlet Syndrome (TOS)
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MICROBIAL

Median Arcuate Ligament Syndrome: Long Term Results of Operative Treatment
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Successful Repair of a Pediatric Portal Vein Transection Using a PTFE Graft
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Epigallocatechin-3-Gallate (Green Tea) Inhibition of Intimal Hyperplasia
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Endovascular Repair of an Arteriovenous Fistula from a Ruptured Hypogastric Artery Aneurysm
Daniel Char, MD, John J. Ricotta, MD, John Ferretti, MD, Suny at Stony Brook University Hospital, Stony Brook, NY

VICERAL

The Diagnosis and Management of Superior Mesenteric Artery Aneurysms
David Lorelli, MD, Robert A. Cambria, MD, Gary R. Seabrook, MD, Jonathan B. Towne, MD, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI

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“Regulation of Distal Perfusion: A European’s View on Local Control of the Peripheral Circulation in Functional and Critical Ischemia in Patients with Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm”.

Other new features include: an Endovascular Problem Solving session in which problematic cases will be presented and discussed by a panel of surgical experts; a session on Training Paradigms to examine current training in general and vascular surgery; a Vascular Access Symposium, moderated by Drs. Enrico Ascher and Anton Sidawy; and a symposium on “The Modern Vascular Laboratory: Updates on Diagnostic and Therapeutic Techniques.”

As you can see from this brief overview, Dr. Ken Hodgson and the Postgraduate Education Committee and Dr. Ken Cherry and the Program Committee have done an excellent job in developing an outstanding scientific program.

The Four Seasons Hotel offers the best of Las Vegas and the Nevada desert. Close enough to the excitement, yet offering a tranquil setting uncommon in Las Vegas. All rooms and suites offer spectacular views of the desert and nearby mountains. The meeting’s social agenda will take full advantage of the location, and includes a poolside Welcoming Reception, a golf tournament, President’s Banquet, and a free evening to enjoy the Las Vegas nightlife.

I hope to see you in March in Las Vegas.

John J. Ricotta, M.D.
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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

POSTGRADUATE COURSE

New Developments in Venous Disease
Course Director: Peter Gloviczki, MD

SYMPOSIUM – INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Developments in Vascular Surgery in Europe
Moderators: John Ricotta, MD / W.P. Paaske, MD
Vascular Surgery in Europe: Structure and Organization
Vascular Registries in Europe: Why are these of interest for the clinical vascular surgeon in the USA
High Tech Research in Europe: Magnetic Resonance Investigations – Beyond imaging
Endovascular Surgery in Europe
Carotid Surgery in Europe: Why do we think differently?
Advanced Limb Salvage

SYMPOSIUM - ENDOVASCULAR PROBLEM SOLVING

Moderators: Kim J. Hodgson, MD / Alan B. Lumsden, MD
Secondary Procedures Following Endovascular Aneurysm Repair (EAR)
Incidence and Significance of Buttock Claudication After Coil Embolization of Hypogastric Arteries in Endovascular Treatment of AAA
The Treatment of Choice for Inflammatory Aneurysms is Endovascular Stent Grafting
The Etiology of Proximal Seal Zone Failure in Abdominal Aortic Endografts
Transmesenteric Fixation in Endovascular Aortic Aneurysm Repair-Is it Safe?

ISSUES SESSION ON TRAINING PARADIGMS

Moderator: Keith Calligaro, MD
Should We Keep the “General” in General Surgery?
Why the Current Paradigm no Longer Works?
Possible Solutions for Both Improving and Shortening the Long Journey Through Vascular Surgery

VASCULAR ACCESS SYMPOSIUM

Moderators: Enrico Ascher, MD / Anton N. Sidawy, MD
DOQI Recommendations
Reporting Standards
Alternative Graft Materials
Venin Transposition
Clips vs. Sutures for Anastomosis
Management of Steal Syndrome
Thrombectomy vs. Lysis
Management of Infected Accesses
Management of Central Venous Stenosis/Occlusions

THE MODERN VASCULAR LABORATORY: UPDATES ON DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC TECHNIQUES

Moderator: Enrico Ascher, MD
Basics, Infrainguinal Arterial, Endografts, Bed-Side IVC Filters, Pseudoaneurysms
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Highlights of the SCVS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 17, 2001 / New Orleans, Louisiana

Report of the President

Drs. Enrico Ascher and Kim Hodgson were nominated to serve as the SCVS Director and the Consultant to the American Board of Vascular Surgery, respectively.

The Society voted to support the concept of Vascular Web as the best option currently available for the participation of vascular surgeons/specialists. Vascular Web is a global online community of vascular specialists initiated by the AAVS and SVS.

The Society will push vascular surgery education as it relates to the clinical practice of vascular surgery and will use the SCVS website www.scvs.org as a way to support clinical vascular surgery education.

Dr. Ricotta reported on correspondence that he had with Dr. Paaske and other European vascular surgeons regarding the SCVS offering the European Society of Vascular Surgery an educational session during the 2002 Annual Meeting. The basis of this invitation would be to provide an international update to the SCVS membership on vascular surgery in various parts of the world. The Executive Committee agreed with the concept if the budget would allow.

Report of the Secretary

Current membership statistics as of September 26, 2001 include 659 active members, 21 honorary members, 1 inactive member, 207 senior members, 3 correspondence members, and 91 candidate members for a total of 982 members.

Robert M. Becher, Stoughton, MA and Carol Raviola, M.D., Philadelphia, PA have requested transferred to senior membership.

James W. Clague, M.D. Eureka, CA, Martin V. Taormina, M.D. Gastonia, NC have requested resignation from the Society:

The following members have passed away: Albert C. DeFuria, M.D, Manlius, NY, Byron C. Gwinn, M.D., Las Vegas, NV, and David C. Reyes, M.D., Bay City, MI

Treasurer

Total assets for the Society as of June 30, 2001 were $27,298. Total receipts for the six-month period were $294,729 versus total disbursements of $308,302 for a period ending deficit of $13,573.

Report of Recorder

Twenty-eight oral abstract presentations plus Marshall W. Webster’s Presidential Address were presented at the 29th Annual Meeting of the SCVS in April in Boco Raton, FL. 31 total manuscripts were submitted to the Journal of Vascular Surgery for their consideration for publication. Nineteen papers were published (61% published rate), six papers were to be published pending revision or are awaiting additional information (19%); six papers were rejected (18% rejection rate). Fourteen case and/or poster presentations were submitted to the Journal: Vascular Surgery and all were published.

Committee Reports

Constitution and By-Laws Committee

The Committee will be reviewing the amendment for a change in the qualifications for Senior Membership in the Society. Those changes would focus on when the practicing vascular surgery stops his/her practice as opposed to when the practitioner reaches the age of 65. In addition, the Committee will review the role in which a foreign applicant (Corresponding member) plays to the Society in comparison to making all foreign applicants eligible for Active Membership.

Membership Committee

Membership recruitment is currently targeted towards non-member presenters at the Annual Meeting. Results to date: 13 total membership applications have been received at the administrative offices; four of those 13 applications were from the appeal to Annual Meeting presenters. The Society averages 11 to 20 new memberships per year. The Society is also investigating the expansion of SCVS outside North America.

Postgraduate Education Committee

Additional topics under review include: Vascular Access, Endovascular Problem Solving, a Venous Symposium and the International Update featuring the European Society for Vascular Surgery. The traditional case study breakfast sessions and the Issues Committee Session will also be included.

Program Committee

The Committee reviewed 140 abstracts. Final details will be announced within weeks and will include recommendations for postgraduate education and European presentations. Dr. Wayne K. Johnson of Toronto, Ontario will be the Hume Memorial Lecturer.

Ad Hoc Committee on Issues

Dr. Keith Calligaro presented the following recommendations for their consideration of Issue topics: Paradigms for vascular surgery training: what’s the best option?; American Board of Vascular Surgery: are we ready now?; Management of infected aortic grafts: traditional vs. newer options; and Critical issues in endovascular aortic aneurysm repair.

Editorial - A Follow up...  (continued from page one)

What To Do?

The August 6, 2001 issue of New York certainly brought the issue to the fore but at the same time know that the public has never had, and never will have, sympathy for doctors. Our need today to scramble for a living is cause for even the most optimistic of us to become cynical in thinking that any of our wishes will be achieved until such time that the practice of medicine is ever restored to its original luster. I truly wish I had the answer but as a single individual, I take great delight in my divorce from managed care, but the alimony is a “killer”!
Most of us tend to forget the origins of our specialty so it is appropriate from time to time to recall our roots. I had the honor of being invited to the 90th birthday celebration for Dr. Howard Laufman on January 5, 2002. More than half a century ago, Dr. Laufman was already establishing a part of the foundation for vascular surgery. He was performing major vascular operations and documenting them in the literature. Among his many achievements was the recognition of mesenteric vascular disease, the study of hypothermia, physiology of intestinal strangulation and the impact of infection in surgery. In 1955, Dr. Laufman founded the first blood vessel bank in Chicago but then quickly moved into the use of nylon arterial grafts.

Dr. Laufman was a member of the Rush Medical College class of 1937 and in fact was named the 1933 Distinguished Alumnus by the college’s Alumni Association. He completed his postgraduate training at Northwestern University Medical School and was appointed to the faculty in 1940 when he started its first Vascular Surgery Service in 1951 and rose to the position of full professor in 1962. Dr. Laufman assumed the position of Professor of Surgery at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York in 1966 and also was named Director of the Institute for Surgical Studies of Montefiore Medical Center. In the latter position he conducted extensive investigation on the surgical environment and in 1969 designed a prototype operating room used by the National Fire Protection Association, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Lighting Engineering Society to establish code and guidelines for surgical environments.

With his firm, HLA Systems -Harold Laufman Associates, Inc., Dr. Laufman has assisted more than 250 hospitals in the United States and abroad with planning, equipping and operating their surgical suites and other health care facilities. He has served as editor, consulting editor and editorial board member of 8 surgical journals and has authored more than 300 scientific articles, 12 textbook chapters and 5 books. In 1973 he was awarded the Harold Swanberg Award of the American Medical Writers’ Association “For Distinguished Contributions to Biomedical Communications”.

As if this were not enough, Dr. Laufman became a student of the Chicago Art Student while still in public school and has continued an art career in which he produced water colors, oils, and pen and ink drawings that have been exhibited at many galleries. He has illustrated 11 medical textbooks and as many scientific articles.

Finally, this Renaissance man has also established himself as a serious amateur violinist who still plays with chamber ensembles. He is a former Chairman of the Board of the New York Chamber Soloist and past president of the Chamber Music Conference and Composers Forum of the East at Bennington, Vermont. His performance during the 90th birthday celebration of Hyden’s Trio with the accompaniment of his daughters on piano and cello was masterful and memorable. Our congratulations to Dr. Harold Laufman on achieving the 90th birthday landmark from the entire Vascular Surgical community.

H. Dardik, M.D.