

Newsletter of the Society for Clinical Vascular Surgery

February 2001

Message from the President



Marshall Webster, M.D.

For those of us enjoying an old-fashioned winter, just the thought of visiting Boca Raton in a few months should keep us in good spirits. I admit to being a shameless snowbird. The fact that the upcoming SCVS meeting will be truly exceptional only increases my eagerness to visit this first-class Florida resort.

There will be nothing old-fashioned, however, about the meeting. Dr. Tony Sidawy and the Program Committee have organized an extensive and well rounded program. A full four days of state-of-the-art papers and symposia will be offered, covering the entire spectrum of clinical vascular surgery. There will be very special pre- and post- meeting programs extending from Wednesday noon through Sunday noon.

Dr. Lazar Greenfield will be the Hume Lecturer, and Dr. James May from Australia will be our Distinguished International Visitor. Dr. John Bergan will be chairing a symposium on "New Technology in Treatment of Varicose Veins" on Wednesday afternoon, followed by the Welcoming Reception on Wednesday evening. Twenty eight papers have been selected, from a very competitive group of abstracts, for the Plenary Session on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday mornings.

Following tradition, there will be two Breakfast Sessions of unusual and provocative case presentations on Friday and Saturday mornings. Thursday afternoon Dr. Sidawy will moderate a second symposium on "CPT Coding and Reimbursement". For Friday afternoon, Dr. Kim Hodgson has organized an outstanding "Endovascular Update" and on Sunday morning Dr. David Steed, one of our members and President of the

Wound Healing Society, will moderate another special symposium on "Wound Healing".

Dr. Keith Caligaro, Chair of the Issues Committee, has arranged a Saturday morning session on "Renovascular Disease - Are Surgeons Necessary Anymore?". After last year's enormous success, SCVS Secretary, Dr. Peter Lawrence, will be repeating and expanding the informative and entertaining Poster Session late Thursday afternoon. In the evening, Dr. Enrico Ascher has organized a dinner program on AV Access. And don't forget the Annual Banquet on Friday evening, following the Golf and Tennis Tournaments.

Lastly, I solemnly promise that the Presidential Address will not contain a single chad joke, though it may raise your blood pressure. Altogether it should be an outstanding program, with something for everyone!

In the meantime, the Membership Committee continues to be active so please propose your vascular fellows and colleagues. Let them know the benefits of SCVS membership including our unique camaraderie and our excellent scientific program format. Spread the word!

I encourage all our members to make early reservations. If December in Pittsburgh is any indicator, the other snowbirds will be coming out of the woodwork this year. You won't want to be left behind.

Best wishes for the New Year and I look forward to seeing you in Florida.

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Vascular Surgery**

April 4-8, 2001

***Boca Raton Resort and Club
Boca Raton, Florida***

From the Editor

FREEDOM AT LAST!

It has been more than 40 years since I obtained my MD and during this time, like many of you, I have seen enormous changes in the way medicine is practiced. The traditional "variations on a theme" of private practice versus full-time, just don't exist any longer. We have become a society where physicians have become indentured to bureaucratic and governmental systems. We are no longer the masters of our own fate, no longer determining our own worth.

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SESSION I - PVD

Safety and Efficacy of Low Molecular Weight Heparin Following Vascular Procedures

Anil P. Hingorani, MD, Enrico Ascher, MD, CarolAnn Gramse, PhD, ANP, Yilmaz Gunduz, MD, Shreedhar Kallakuri, MD* ,Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY

Improvement in Walking Ability, Ankle Pressure Indices & Quality of Life in Vascular Claudication Using Intermittent Pneumatic Foot & Calf Compression; A Prospective Randomized Trial with 1 Year Follow-up

Konstantinos T. Delis, PhD,MD, Andrew N. Nicolaides, MD, Gery Stansby, MChir, FRCS, John H. Wolfe, MS,FRCS, Saint Mary's Hospital Imperial College, Paddington London, UK

The Safety and Efficacy of Lowdose tpa in Arterial and Venous Occlusions

Cynthia K. Shortell, MD, Marcia Johansson, MD, Richard M. Green, MD, Karl A. Illig, MD, Jeffrey M. Rhodes, MD, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

Monocyte Adhesion to Human Saphenous Vein Grafts: Mechanism of Adhesion and Correlation with Graft Function

Mohammad H. Eslami, MD, Sidhu Pena Gangadharan, Michael Belkin, MD, Magruder C. Donaldson, MD, Anthony D. Whittemore, MD, Michael S. Conte, MD, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA

Miller Cuff Bypass for Limb Salvage - A Two Year Assessment

Ellen D. Dillavou, MD, Paul J. DiMuzio, MD, Rhoda F. Leichter, MD, R Anthony Carabasi, MD, Mark B. Kahn, MD, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, PA

Complication Rates of Diagnostic Angiography Performed by Vascular Surgeons

Lisa Balduf, MD, Mark Langsfeld, MD, John M. Marek, MD, Michael J. Tullis, MD, Karthikeshwar Kasirajan, MD, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

SESSION II - VENOUS

Superficial Nonsaphenous Vein Reflux

Nicos Labropoulos, Ph.D., Steven S. Kang, MD, M. Ashraf Mansour, MD, Apostolos K. Tassiopoulos, MD, Jay Tiongson, B.S., Landon Pryor, B.S., William H. Baker, B.S., Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, IL

The Increased Use of Percutaneous Filters at a Tertiary Care Facility

Neal C. Hadro, MD, Sean D. O'Donnell, MD, David L. Gillespie, MD, James M. Goff, MD, Patricia Rosa, MD, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC

CLINICAL CASE FORUM (1)

Endovascular Repair of Coexisting Abdominal Aortic and Common Iliac Artery Aneurysms

Michael L. Marin, MD, Vladimir Sefranek, MD, Bruce J. Brener, MD, Timothy Connelly, MD, James Burks, MD, Peter Faries, MD, Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, NY

Free Omental Transplantation: A Novel Approach for the Management of the Non-Healing Lower Extremity Wound

Ibrahim M. Ibrahim, MD, Fred Silvestri, MD, William Boss, MD, Englewood Hospital Medical Center, Englewood, NJ

Abnormalities Associated with Aberrant Right Subclavian Arteries

David A. Epstein, MD, James R. DeBord, MD, University of Illinois COM at Peoria, Peoria, IL

The Ehlers-Danlos Specter Revisited

Dolores F. Cikrit, MD, Jennifer R. Glover, MD, Donald Silver, MD, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN

Atheroembolism from the Abdominal Aorta Following Minor Blunt Trauma

Steven S. Kang, MD, Bryan D. Blitstein, MD, Michael J. Forseth, MD, Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, IL

SESSION III - AAA

Infected Aortic Aneurysms: Aggressive Presentation and Complicated Outcome

Gustavo S. Oderich, MD, Jean M. Panneton, MD, Thomas C. Bower, MD, Kenneth J. Cherry, Jr., MD, Charles M. Roland, MD, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

Initial Clinical Experience with the ARIBA In-Situ Adjustable Endovascular Graft for Treating Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms

Bruce J. Brener, MD, Timothy Connelly, MD, Peter L. Faries, MD, Vladimir Sefranek, MD, Steven Hertz, MD, Michael L. Marin, MD, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, Newark, NJ

Internal Iliac Artery Revascularization as an Adjunct to Endovascular Repair of Aorto-Iliac Aneurysms

Peter L. Faries, MD, Nicholas Morrissey, MD, James Burkes, MD, Larry H. Hollier, MD, Michael L. Marin, MD, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY

Minimal Incision Aortic Surgery (MIAS)

William D. Turnipseed, MD, Jon R. Cohen, MD, John R. Hoch, MD, Sandra C. Carr, University of Wisconsin Medical School, Madison, WI

Exclusion of Accessory Renal Arteries During Endovascular Repair of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms

Rainier V. Aquino, MD, Robert Y. Rhee, MD, Satish C. Muluk, MD, Edith Y. Tzeng, MD, Michel S. Makaroun, MD, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA

Limb Interventions in Bifurcated EGS Patients: A Review of the Phase II EVT Trial

Ronald M. Fairman, MD, David W. Deaton, MD, Michel S. Makaroun, MD, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

SESSION IV - REIMBURSEMENT, SCREENING, ARTERIOVENOUS ACCESSES

The Impact of Medicare Denials on Noninvasive Vascular Diagnostic Testing

Marc A. Passman, MD, Raul J. Guzman, MD, Rosanna Pierce, RN, RVT, Thomas C. Naslund, MD, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN

Multi-center Evaluation of an Early Access Hemodialysis Graft, Vectra, as Compared to ePTFE Vascular Access Grafts

Marc H. Glickman, MD, Gordon K. Stokes, MD, John R. Ross, MD, Earl S. Schuman, MD, Jill S. Lindberg, MD, Samuel R. Money, MD, Marc I. Lorber, MD, W. Charles Sternbergh, III, MD, Chesapeake General / Sentara Southside Hospitals, Norfolk, VA

Impact of Secondary Procedures in Autogenous Arteriovenous Fistula Maturation and Maintenance

Scott S. Berman, MD, Andrew T. Gentile, MD, Tucson Vascular Surgery, PLLC, Tucson, AZ

Prevalence of Carotid and Lower Extremity Occlusive Disease and Economic Impact of Routine Screening in Patients with Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm

David A. Axelrod, MD, MBA, Nicholas Lopez, BS, Aparna Diwan, BS, James C. Stanley, MD, Lloyd A. Jacobs, MD, Peter Henke, MD, Lazar J. Greenfield, MD, Thomas W. Wakefield, MD, Gilbert R. Upchurch, MD, University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor, MI

Diagnosis and Treatment of Paradoxical Embolus

Jeffrey A. Travis, MD, Stanley B. Fuller, MD, George W. Plonk, MD, Richard H. Dean, MD, Kimberly J. Hansen, M.C., Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, NC

Transcatheter Embolization of Peripheral Vascular Malformations: The Long Term Success of Multiple Interventions

Caron B. Rockman, MD, Robert J. Rosen, MD, Glenn R. Jacobowitz, MD, Jonathon Weiswasser, MD, Patrick J. Lamparello, MD, Mark A. Adelman, MD, Paul J. Gagne, MD, Thomas S. Riles, MD, New York University Medical Center, New York, NY

HUME LECTURE

“PROTECTING PATIENTS FROM PULMONARY THROMBOEMBOLISM”

Lazar J. Greenfield, MD

**F.A. Collier Distinguished Professor and Chairman
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI**

BREAKFAST SESSION CLINICAL CASE FORUM (2)

Superior Mesenteric Artery Aneurysm Successfully Treated with a PTFE Covered Stent

Mark B. Kahn, MD, Joseph Bonn, MD, Gary J. Becker, MD, R Anthony Carabasi, MD, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA

Infected Intrathoracic Subclavian Artery Pseudoaneurysm Treated by Femoral Vein Interposition Graft

Nancy Schindler, MD, Keith D. Calligaro, MD, Matthew J. Dougherty, MD, James Diehl, MD, Michael Braffman, MD, Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, PA

Development of an Aortoenteric Fistula Following Endovascular Repair of an Aortic Aneurysm

William D. Suggs, MD, Bruce C. Walsh, MD, Nishan Dadian, MD, Frank J. Veith, MD, Evan C. Lipsitz, MD, Reese A. Wain, MD, Montefiore Medical Center, New York, NY

Infrarenal Rupture of an Aortic Aneurysm, Previously Repaired Using an Endoaneurysmorrhaphy Technique

Michael A. Zatina, MD, Donald K. Wilkerson, M.D, Saint Agnes Healthcare, Baltimore, MD

Migration of a Bifurcated Endovascular Graft into an Iliac Aneurysm: Endovascular Salvage and Future Prevention

Murray L. Shames, MD, Luis A. Sanchez, MD, Brian G. Rubin, MD, Gregorio A. Sicard, MD, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO

SESSION V - AORTIC & MESENTRIC

Graft Migration After Endovascular Repair of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm

Stavros D. Kalliafas, MD, Jean-Noel Albertini, MD, Jan Macierewicz, MD, Syad W. Yusuf, FRCS, Simon C. Whitaker, FRCS, Ian Davidson, FRCS, Brian R. Hopkinson, FRCS, Nottingham University Hospital, Nottingham, UK

The Effects of Endovascular Stent Grafts on Open Aortic Aneurysm Surgery Training

Frank R. Arko, MD, W. Anthony Lee, MD, Bradley B. Hill, MD, E. John Harris, MD, Ronald L. Dahlman, MD, Cornelius Olcott, IV MD, Thomas J. Fogerty, MD, Christopher K. Zarins, MD, Stanford University Medical Center, Stanford, CA

Contemporary Management of Acute Mesenteric Ischemia: Factors Associated with Survival

Woosup M. Park, MD, Peter Glociczki, MD, Kenneth J. Cherry, Jr., MD, John W. Hallett, Jr., MD, Thomas C. Bower, MD, Jean M. Panneton, MD, Audra A. Noel, MD, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

SESSION VI - CAROTID

A Contemporary Assessment of Carotid Body Tumor Surgery

Alan Dardik, MD, PhD, David W. Eisele, MD, Bruce A. Perler, MD, G. Melville Williams, MD, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD

Eversion Technique Increases the Risk for Post Carotid Endarterectomy Hypertension

Manish Mehta, MD, Omid Rahmani, MD, John Mecenias, MD, Alan Dietzek, MD, Larry A. Scher, MD, Steven G. Friedman, MD, Frank J. Veith, MD, North Shore University Hospital and NYU Medical Center, Bronx, NY

Are Somatosensory Evoked Potentials (SSEP) an Acceptable Alternative to Electroencephalogram (EEG) in Monitoring Carotid Endarterectomy?

Rainier V. Aquino, MD, Michel S. Makaroun, MD, Donald J. Crammond, PhD, Donald N. Krieger, PhD, Edith Y. Tzeng, MD, Satish C. Muluk, MD, David L. Steed, MD, Robert Y. Rhee, MD, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center / VAMC, Pittsburgh, PA

Internal Carotid Artery Flow Measurement and Other Intraoperative Duplex Scan (IDS) Parameters as Predictors of Stroke Following Carotid Endarterectomy (CEA)

Enrico Ascher, MD, Natalia Markevich, RVT, Anil P. Hingorani, MD, Shreedhar Kallakuri, MD, Yilmaz Gunduz, MD, Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY

Comparative Study of Operative Treatment and PTA/Stenting for Recurrent Carotid Disease

Ali F. AbuRaham, MD, Mark C. Bates, MD, Patrick A. Stone, MD, John T. Wulu, MD, R.C. Byrd Health Sciences Center of West Virginia University, Charleston, WV*

INTERNATIONAL VISITING PROFESSOR LECTURE

**James May, MD, FACS
University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia**



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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

SYMPOSIUM - WOUND HEALING

Moderator: David L. Steed, MD

Why Wounds Won't Heal

Clinical Update: Ischemic Ulcers

Venous Ulcers

Diabetic Ulcers

Future of Wound Care: Lymphedema

New Concepts in Wound Care

SYMPOSIUM - NEW TECHNOLOGY IN TREATMENT OF VARICOSE VEINS

Moderator: John J. Bergan, MD

Varicose Vein Surgery and Prospects
for its Elimination

Radio-frequency Ablation of the Saphenous Vein

Powered Phlebectomy of Varicose Vein Clusters

Utility of the Single Scope in Subfascial
Endoscopic Perforator Surgery

The Place of Sclerotherapy in Treatment of
Varicose Veins and Telangiectasias

SYMPOSIUM - CPT CODING & REIMBURSEMENT

Moderator: Anton N. Sidawy, MD

Overview of Reimbursement for Vascular Procedures

The CPT Process and New Vascular
Surgery CPT Codes

The RUC Valuation Process and Physician
Work RVU's for New CPT Codes

Accurate and Optimal Coding for Catheter-Based
Interventional Procedures

AV ACCESS SYMPOSIUM

Moderator: Enrico Ascher, MD

ENDOVASCULAR UPDATE

Moderator: Kim J. Hodgson, MD

Endovascular Management of Iliac Limb Occlusion of
Bifurcated Aortic Endografts

Endovascular Repair of AAAs in Women After FDA
Approval: Results, Complications and Limitations

Endovascular Stent Graft Fixation

Across the Visceral Arteries

Safety of Carotid Artery Stenting

Without Cerebral Protection

ISSUES SESSION - RENOVASCULAR DISEASE: ARE SURGEONS NECESSARY ANYMORE?

Moderator: Keith D. Calligaro, MD

Medical Management of Renovascular Hypertension: Is
Balloon Angioplasty or Surgery a Thing of the Past?

When I Recommend Surgery for Renovascular
Hypertension or Renal Salvage

Why Cardiologists Should Perform Balloon
Angioplasty of the Renal Arteries

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LISTING OF POSTERS BY CATEGORY

AORTIC

Does Endograft Support Alter the Rate of Aneurysmal Sac Shrinkage After Endovascular Repair

Laura C. Garvey, MD, Robert Y. Rhee, MD, Satish C. Muluk, MD, Edith Y. Tzeng, MD, Michel S. Makaroun, MD University of Pittsburg Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA

Hypothermia is an Independent Predictor of Mortality in Ruptured Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms

Randy J. Janczyk, MD, David Y. Park, MD, Greg A. Howells, MD, Phillip J. Bendick, PhD, Gerald B. Zelenock, MD, William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, MI

Endovascular Repair of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) in Octogenarians

Robert Larson, MD, Ronald M. Fairman, MD, Taras Kuchner, MD, Richard Baum, MD, Jeffrey P. Carpenter, MD, Ann Pyreon, CRNP, Michael A. Golden, MD, Marc Mitchell, MD, Clyde Barker, MD, Omaid C. Velazquez, MD, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Utility of Noninvasive Testing as a Predictor of Aorto-iliac Occlusive Disease: A New Look at an Old Problem

Rainier V. Aquino, MD, Christopher Johnnides, MD, Jeffrey C. Whittle, MD, Visala S. Muluk, MD, Mary E. Kelley, M.S., Rima S. Ibrahim, Michel S. Makaroun, MD, Satish C. Muluk, MD, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and VAMC, Pittsburgh, PA

Subdural Hematoma after Thoracoabdominal Aortic Aneurysm Repair: An Underreported Complication of Spinal Fluid Drainage?

Alan Dardik, MD, PhD, G. Melville Williams, MD, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD

Selective Use of the ICU for Aortic Reconstruction in Selected Patients can be Cost Effective and Safe

R. Clement Darling, III MD, Philip S. K. Paty, MD, Benjamin B. Chang, MD, Paul B. Kreienberg, MD, Kathleen B. Ozsvath, MD, Sean P. Roddy, MD, William E. Lloyd, MD, Dhiraj M. Shah, MD, Vascular Institute - Albany Medical College, Albany, NY

Uni-Iliac Conversion of the Bifurcated Aneurx Stent-Graft

Frank J. Criado, MD, Eric P. Wilson, MD, Dwayne Ledeswa, MD, Union Memorial Hospital / Medstar Health, Baltimore, MD

Volume Rendered CT Angiography to Determine Endograft Length in Patients with AAA

Mark A. Adelman, MD, Michael Micari, MD, Phil Berman, B.A., Robert Rosen, MD, Alex Megibow, MD, Ronnie Landis, B.S., Patrick J. Lamparello, MD, Glenn R. Jacobowitz, MD, Caron Rockman, MD, Thomas S. Riles, MD, New York University Medical Center, New York, NY

The Narrow Aortic Bifurcation: Is it a Contraindication to Bifurcated Endovascular Grafting?

Luis A. Sanchez, MD, Brian G. Rubin, MD, Eric T. Choi, MD, Patrick J. Garaghty, M.D., Gregorio A. Sicard, MD, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO

Endovascular Stent Grafting for Inflammatory Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm

Lee Kirksey, MD, Michael L. Marin, MD, Bruce J. Brener, MD, Peter L. Faries, MD, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, Newark, NJ

The Role of Hybrid Stent Grafts: Does Access to Variable Aortic Stent Grafts Impact the safety and Success of an Aortic Endovascular Program?

Douglas J. Wirthlin, MD, David Whitley, MD, William D. Jordan, MD, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

Is Diabetes a Risk Factor for Patients Undergoing Open Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Repair?

Sunil S. Rayan, MD, Allen D. Hamden, MD, David R. Campbell, MD, Cameron M. Akbari, MD, Shannon C. Hook, B.S., John Skillman, MD, Frank W. LoGerfo, MD, Frank B. Pomposelli, MD, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA

East Track Conventional Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Resection

Dipankar Mukherjee, MD, Office of Dr. Mukherjee, Annandale, VA

Ischemic Jejunal Stricture Following Endovascular Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Repair

David E. Stein, MD, Paul J. DiMuzio, MD, Joseph Bonn, MD, R Anthony Carabasi, MD, Mark B. Kahn, MD, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, PA

Repair of Pararenal Aortic Aneurysm with Left Sided Inferior Vena Cava

J. Thomas Dooley, MD, Vasana Cheanvechai, MD, Marshall E. Benjamin, MD, William R. Flinn, MD, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD

Fast Track Conventional Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Resection

Dipankar Mukherjee, MD, Office of Dr. Dipankar Mukherjee, Annendale, VA

Prevention of Limb Failure after Unibody Aortic Endograft Placement. A Minimalist Approach

R. Clement Darling, III MD, Brian F. Stainken, MD, Kathleen J. Ozsvath, MD, Sean P. Roddy, MD, Benjamin B. Chang, MD, Paul B. Kreienberg, MD, Philip B. Paty, MD, William E. Lloyd, MD, Dhiraj M. Shah, MD, Vascular Institute - Albany Medical College, Albany, NY

Cerebral Spinal Fluid Drainage (CSFD), Moderate Hypothermia, and Endorphin Receptor Blockade for Spinal Cord Protection in Repair of Acute Traumatic Disruption of the Thoracic Aorta (TDTA)

John R. Hoch, MD, Paul A. Conte, MD, Charles W. Acher, MD, Martha M. Wynn, MD, University of Wisconsin Medical School, Madison, WI

Training and Clinical Success with Endovascular AAA Repair: The Ancure Graft

David H. Deaton, MD, Carol Burns, R.N., Donna Williams, R.N. *, Mark O. Peeler, MD, Ron Fairman, MD, Michel Makaroun, MD, Chesapeake Vascular, Annapolis, MD

Raptured Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm and Quality of Life

Abed Y. Joseph, MD, Jay B. Fisher, MD, James D. Balshi, MD, Marc Granson, MD, David Meir-Levi, D.O., Easton Hospital, Easton, PA

Effect of Delays in Diagnosis and Management on Mortality in ruptured Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms

Enrique Gongora, MD, Timothy L. Frankel, MD, Jon L. Stanford, MD, Debra L. Kohlman-Trigoboff, MS, RN, Bruce M. Smith, MD, Washington Hospital Center, Washington, DC

Aortoiliac Perforation: Uncommon and Often Angiographically Undetected Complication of Aortoiliac Angioplasty

Clifford J. Buckley, MD, Brett M. May, MD, Shirley D. Lee, MSN, RN, Scott & White Clinic & Hospital, Temple, TX

CAROTID

Ten Year Outcome After Saphenous Vein Patch Angioplasty in Males and Females After Carotid Endarterectomy

John B. Chang, MD, Theodore A. Stein, PhD Long Island Vascular Center, Roslyn, NY

Influence of NASCET/ACAS Trial Eligibility on Outcome after Carotid Endarterectomy

Michael R. Lepore, Jr., MD, W. Charles Sternbergh, III MD, Khashayar Salartash, MD, John C. Bowen, MD, Samuel R. Money, MD Ochsner Clinic, New Orleans, LA

A Multidisciplinary Approach to Carotid Paraganglionomas

Gregory C. Kasper, MD, Alan R. Wladis, MD, Andre D. Grisham, MD, Daniel J. Cajacob, MD, Jack L. Gluckman, MD, Thomas A. Tomsick, MD, Richard E. Welling, MD, Good Samaritan Hospital, Cincinnati, OH

Preoperative Routine Carotid Artery Duplex Scanning in Patients Undergoing Aortic Valve Replacement

Thomas T. Terramani, MD, Douglas Hood, MD, Vincent L. Rowe, MD, Daniel J. Brewer, RVT, Ismael N. Nuno, MD, Vaughn A. Starnes, MD, Fred A. Weaver, MD, University of Southern California HCC, Los Angeles, CA

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Changing Characteristics of Carotid Endarterectomy

Enrico Ascher, MD, Yilmaz Gunduz, MD, Shreedhar Kallakuri, MD, William Yorkevich, RPA, Boris Tsemkhim, MD, Anil P. Hingorani, MD, Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY

Carotid Endarterectomy in Octogenarians: Is it Worth the Effort?

Yilmaz Gunduz, MD, Enrico Ascher, MD, Anil P. Hingorani, MD, Shreedhar Kallakuri, MD, Boris Tsemkhim, MD, Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY

Causes of Early Stroke After Carotid Endarterectomy in a Recent Series:

The Increasing Importance of Hyperfusion Syndrome

Anil P. Hingorani, MD, Enrico Ascher, MD, Yilmaz Gunduz, MD, Shreedhar Kallakuri, MD, Boris Tsemkhim, MD, Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY

Everted Cervical Vein Patch: A Useful and Effective Adjunct for Carotid Endarterectomy

Joseph V. Lombardi, MD, Matthew J. Dougherty, MD, Nestor Veitia, MD, Sean P. Ryan, MD, Richard Krug, MD, Keith D. Calligaro, MD, Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, PA

Simultaneous Carotid Endarterectomy and Coronary Reconstruction: A Community Hospital Experience

Elias Husni, MD, Eric Kuivinen, MD, Raphael S. Chung, MD, Huron Hospital, East Cleveland, OH

Angioplasty and Stenting of Carotid and Brachiocephalic Arteries in High-risk Patients at a Community Hospital

Romeo B. Mateo, MD, Anthony Pucillo, MD, Jose Botet, MD, Sateesh C. Babu, MD, Pravin M. Shah, MD, Arun Goyal, MD, Albert DeLuca, MD, John Hughes, MD, New York Medical College, Saint Agnes Hospital, Hawthorne, NY

Societal Benefit of Carotid Endarterectomy Based on Duplex Scan

Gregory C. Kasper, MD, Joann M. Lohr, MD, Alan R. Wladis, MD, Elie J. Zayyat, MD, Richard E. Welling, MD, Good Samaritan Hospital, Cincinnati, OH

Carotid Surgery Without Carotid Endarterectomy for Symptomatic and Asymptomatic Patients: An Eight Year Experience

Yilmaz Gunduz, MD, Enrico Ascher, MD, Anil P. Hingorani, MD, Shreedhar Kallakuri, MD, Boris Tsemkhim, MD, Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY

The Adequacy of Collateral Circulation During Carotid Endarterectomy as Demonstrated by Transcranial Doppler and Magnetic Resonance Imaging

Nancy L. Cantelmo, MD, Val E. Pochay, Errol Baker, PhD, Viken E. Babikian, MD, Boston VA Medical Center, Boston, MA

LOWER EXTREMITY

Enhancement of Infrainguinal Graft Flow with Intermittent Pneumatic Compressing

Konstantinos T. Delis, PhD, MD, Marc Husmany, MD, Andrew N. Nicolaides, MD, Gabriel Szendro, MD, FRCS, Gery Stansby, M.Ch., FRCS, Nick J. Cheshire, MD, FRCS, John H.N. Wolfe, MD, Saint Mary's Hospital Imperial College, London, UK

Lower Limb Revascularization in Octogenarians: A Comparative Analysis of Results for Appropriateness of Surgery

Feng Quin, MD, Herbert Dardik, MD, Peter Schlindwein, MD, Ibrahim M. Ibrahim, MD, Barry C. Sussman, MD, Mark E. Kahn, MD, Fred Wolodiger, MD, Fred Silvestri, MD, Kurt R. Wengerter, MD, Englewood Hospital and Medical Center, Englewood, NJ

Effect of Hormone Replacement Therapy on Graft Patency after Aortofemoral Bypass Grafting

Carlos H. Timoran, MD, Scott L. Stevens, MD, Michael B. Freeman, MD, Mitchell H. Goldman, MD, University of Tennessee Medical Center, Knoxville, TN

Long-term Results of Infrageniculate Bypass Grafting Using all Autogenous Composite Vein

Christopher L. Skelly, MD, Shari L. Meyerson, MD, Michael Curi, MD, MPA, Tina R. Desai, MD, Daniel Katz, MD, James F. McKinsey, MD, Hisham S. Bassiouny, MD, Bruce L. Gewertz, MD, Lewis B. Schwartz, MD, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

The Use of Polytetrafluoroethylene in Bypasses to Tibial Vessels

Allen D. Hamdan, MD, Sunil S. Rayan, MD, Shannon C. Hook, B.S., David R. Campbell, MD, Cameron M. Akbari, MD, Frank W. LoGerfo, MD, Frank B. Pomposelli, MD, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA

A Comparison of Pre-operative Arterial Duplex and Arteriogram Prior to Limb Salvage Surgery: Accuracy of Technique and Comparison of Operative Decisions

Neal C. Hadro, MD, Sean D. O'Donnell, MD, David L. Gillespie, MD, James M. Goff, MD, Patricio Rosa, MD, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC

Morphometric analysis of the Popliteal Artery for Endovascular Treatment

James L. Ebaugh, MD, Jon S. Matsumura, MD, William H. Pearce, MD, Albert A. Nemcek, MD, Mark Morasch, MD, James S. T. Yao, MD, Northwestern University School of Medicine, Chicago, IL

Renal Artery Stent Embolization Presenting as Claudication

David A. Epstein, MD, Jamal J. Hoballah, MD, William J. Sharp, MD, Mel Sharaffudin, MD, John D. Corson, M.B.ChB, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, IA

Early Transposition of the Sartorius Muscle for Exposed Patent Infrainguinal Bypass Grafts

Anil P. Hingorani, MD, Enrico Ascher, MD, Yilmaz Gunduz, MD, Shreedhar Kallakuri, MD, William Yorkevich, RPA, Boris Tsemkhim, MD, Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY

Balloon Dilatation of Stenotic Valve Leaflets in Autogenous Bypass Grafts

Douglas B. Hood, MD, Aileen Takahashi, MD, Vincent L. Rowe, MD, Fred A. Weaver, MD, USC Keck School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA

The Use of Magnetic Resonance Angiography as a Novel Approach for Identification and Minimally Invasive Treatment in Claudicants with iliofemoral Occlusive Disease

Thomas Maldonado, MD, Pari Pandmaripande, MD, Mark A. Adelman, MD, Neil Rofsky, MD, Patrick J. Lamparello, MD, Glenn R. Jacobowitz, MD, Caron B. Rockman, MD, Paul J. Gagne, MD, Thomas S. Riles, MD, New York University Medical Center, NYC, NY

Long term Results of Regional Thrombolysis with Urokinase for Infrainguinal Arterial Graft Occlusion

Mark F. Conrad, MD, Alexander D. Shepard, MD, Jae-Sung Cho, MD, Timothy J. Nypaver, MD, Daniel J. Reddy, MD, Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, MI

Early Results of Lower Extremity Infra-geniculate Revascularization with a New PTFE Graft

William D. Jordan, MD, Douglas J. Wirthlin, MD, Francisco Alcocer, MD, David Whitley, MD, University of Alabama Hospital at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

VENOUS DISEASES

Subfascial Endoscopic Perforator Vein Surgery in Patients with Post-thrombotic Venous Insufficiency - Is it Justified?

Manju Kalra, MD, Peter Glociczki, MD, Jean Panneton, MD, Audra A. Noel, MD, Thom Rooke, MD, Bradley Lewis, MD, Greg Jenkins, MD, Linda G. Canton, RN, BSN Mayo Clinic and Foundation, Rochester, MN

Magnetic Resonance Venography in the Diagnosis and Management of May-Thurner Syndrome

Lorraine M. Wolpert, MD, Omid Rahmani, MD, Barry Stein, MD, James J. Gallagher, MD, A. David Drezner, MD, PhD, Hartford Hospital, Hartford, CT

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Safety and Cost Savings of Out-patient Endovascular Procedures Performed by Vascular Surgeons

Joseph V. Lombardi, MD, Keith D. Calligaro, MD, Matthew J. Dougherty, MD, Lawrence Young, MD, Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, PA

A Training Model for Vena Cava Filter Placement Using Duplex Ultrasound

David C. Han, MD, Grace S. Rozycki, MD, Alan B. Lumsden, MD, David V. Feliciano, MD, Steven T. Shearer, B.S., Jakob Vinten-Johansen, MD, Robert A. Guyton, MD, Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA

A New Algorithm for Outpatient Management of Acute Deep Venous Thrombosis

M. Ashraf Mansour, MD, Bradley Clifford, MD, Chang S. Kang, Nicos Labropoulos, PhD, Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, IL

DIALYSIS ACCESS

Comparison of Patch Angioplasty and Stenting for Auxillary Venous Stenoses of Thrombosed Hemodialysis Grafts

Joseph V. Lombardi, MD, Matthew J. Dougherty, MD, Nestor Veitia, MD, Jack Somal, MD, Laurence P. Young, MD, Keith D. Calligaro, MDPennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, PA

Elbow Crease Fistula: Autogenous Alternative to Access in Abused Arms

Robert W. Heidepriem, MD, Michael A. Drummond, MD, R. Scott McCord, MD, Jane Rasbury, P.A., Richard K. Spence, MD, Baptist Health System, Birmingham, AL

Operative Versus Endovascular Intervention of Hemodialysis Grafts

David E. Morris, MD, Fransisco S. Escobar III, MD, Timothy J. Nypaver, MD, Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, MI

Predictors of Outcome Following Endovascular Salvage of Dialysis Access

Larry E. Shindelman, MD, Gary B. Nackman, MD, Alan M. Graham, MD, UMDNJ - Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, New Brunswick, NJ

Impact of Reintervention for Failing Upper Arm Extremity Arteriovenous Fistulae for Hemodialysis Access

Yilmaz Gunduz, MD, Enrico Ascher, MD, Anil P. Hingorani, MD, Shreedhar Kallakuri, MD, Boris Tsemkhim, MD, Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY

VASCULAR LAB

The role of Digital Photoethmography in the Diagnosis of Neurogenic Thoracic Outlet Syndrome

Mihai Rosca, MD, Linda M. Harris, MD, Monica S. O'Brien-Irr, MS, RN, Jayer Chung, B.S., Maciej L. Dryjski, MD, KALEIDA Health - Millard Fillmore Gates Hospital, Buffalo, NY

Colour Duplex Ultrasonography of the Superior Mesenteric Artery After Placement of Endografts with Suprarenal Stents

Stavros D. Kalliafas, MD, Simon Travis, FRCR, Jan Macierowicz, MD, Syed W. Yusuf, FRCR, Simon C. Whitaker, FRCR, Ian Davidson, FRCR, Brian R. Hopkinson, FRCS, Nottingham University Hospital, Nottingham, UK

Thrombin Injection as a Successful Alternative to Surgical Repair of Pseudoaneurysm (PA)

Mohammad H. Eslami, MD, Rishad Farnagi, MD, David P. Gitlitz, MD, Fabio Giron, MD, PhD, John J. Ricotta, MD, SUNY @ StonyBrook, StonyBrook, NY

Ultrasound Guided Thrombin Injection of Iatrogenic Pseudo Aneurysm at a Community Hospital

Deowall Chattar-Cora, MD, Edwin Pucci, D.O, Amit V. Patel, MD, Kevin V. James, MD, Michael Resnikoff, MD, Morristown Memorial Hospital, Morristown, NJ

Can Ulnar Artery Velocity Predict Changes in Digit Pressure Following Radial Artery Compression?

Vita V. Sullivan, MD, Charles J. Shanley, MD, Richard M. Lampman, Ph.D., Walter M. Whitehouse, Jr., MD, Seth W. Wolk, MD, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI

MISCELLANEOUS

Hemorrhagic Complications of Peripheral Thrombolytic Therapy

Ted A. James, MD, Larry A. Scher, MD, Daniel W. Simon, MD, Craig R. Greben, MD, James B. Naidich, MD, Toufic K. Safa, MD, Steven G. Friedman, MD North Shore University Hospital, Manhasset, NY

Chronic Mesenteric Ischemia: Outcomes Following Revascularization

Shahin Assadnia, MD, John Blebea, MD, Karla M. Anderson, MD, Robert C. Atnip, MD, Penn State College of Medicine, Hershey, PA

Surgical Intervention for Complications due to Femoral Artery Catheterization in Pediatric Patients

Peter Lin, MD, Sasan Najibi, MD, Elliot L. Chaikof, MD, Victor J. Weiss, MD, Alan B. Lumsden, MD, Ruth Bush, MD, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA

Dyeless Vascular Surgery

Enrico Ascher, MD, Anil P. Hingorani, MD, Yilmaz Gunduz, MD, Shreedhar Kallakuri, MD, William Yorkevich, RPA, Boris Tsemkhim, MD, Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY

Perioperative Anticoagulation Practices in Elective Surgery Patients

Linda M. Harris, MD, Monica S. Obrien-Irr, MS, RN, James Hassett, MD, Maciej L. Dryjski, MD, KALEIDA Health, Millard Fillmore Gates Hospital, Buffalo, NY

Iliac Angioplasty Vs. Inflow Trends: Implications for Surgeons

Maureen K. Sheehan, MD, William H. Baker, MD, Marc D. Borge, MD, Steven S. Kang, MD, Fred N. Littooy, MD, Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, IL

Brachial Artery Catheterization: Overfeared and Underutilized

Frank J. Criado, MD, Dwayne Ledeswa, MD, Eric P. Wilson, MD, Union Memorial Hospital / Medstar Health, Baltimore, MD

Screening for Lower Extremity Deep Vein Thrombosis Before Using Sequential Compression Devices - Is it Justified?

Paul J. Gagne, MD, Caron Rockman, MD, Michael Lombino, B.A., Michael Silberstein, MD, Glenn Jacobowitz, MD, Mark a. Adelman, MD, Patrick J. Lamparello, MD, Thomas S. Riles, MD, New York University Medical Center, NYC, NY

To Drain or Not to Drain

Paul E. Collier, MD, Sewickley Valley Hospital, Sewickley, PA

Multi-vessel Visceral Aneurysm: A Case of Fibromuscular Dysplasia

Mohammad H. Eslami, MD, John J. Ricotta, MD, SUNY @ Stonybrook, StonyBrook, NY

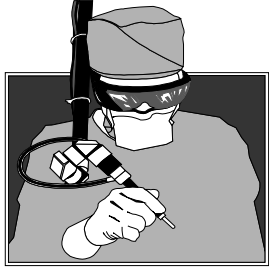
False Aneurysms Due to Dacron Graft Defects

Fredric Jarrett, MD, Michel S. Makaroun, MD, Marshall W. Webster, MD, David M. Long, MD, UPMC Shadyside, Pittsburgh, PA

Five-year Follow up after Initiation of a Program in Endovascular Surgery by Vascular Surgeons

Keith D. Calligaro, MD, Matthew J. Dougherty, MD, Carol A. Raviola, MD, Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, PA

NEW TECHNOLOGY



The First Interactive, User Controlled 3D Demonstration of Medical Products on the Internet... *watch it work.com*

Charles M. Klienman, M.D.

Typically I have written articles for the New Technology Corner describing advances in medical instrumentation and biotechnology relevant to our specialty. However, this past year I had the opportunity to start and build an Internet company. It kind of reminded me of Internship... endless hours, no pay, eating fast food, living in a state of absolute confusion, precise deadlines, never knowing when the next emergency was coming and no one to turn to for help. It was among the most exhilarating, satisfying and terrifying experiences I've ever gone through. However, at the end of our quest we had developed the first user controlled, interactive 3D presentation of medical products and had luckily been able to get the URL watchitwork.com. We signed up companies, developed interactive product modules and went live in October at the American College of Surgeons meeting in Chicago. This article will describe the technology we have developed for multimedia 3D presentations of products and procedures.

The project started in July of 1999 when I was looking for a way to help market the Pivotal articulating laparoscopic scissors, an instrument that I had developed and subsequently licensed to Imagyn Medical Technologies. It had occurred to me at that time that the Internet provided a powerful tool for communication of text, graphics and multimedia for teaching. The medical sites then and many of those today consist mostly of question and answer consumer information. Little existed on the Internet that could inform a health care professional about a medical product and how it worked, when it was supposed to be used and how to use it with accompanying step by step instructions. And I quickly learned why no site like that existed. It is complex to put together, with many diverse pieces that need careful and creative integration. Clearly this was a task for a surgeon.

Initially, we turned to IBM for a solution and worked with one of their partners to build interactive products using 2D Flash anima-

tion. The first one we produced was the Pivotal instrument. It turned out very slick. By clicking on the knobs and handle of the instrument, you could make it work. For example by clicking on the pivot knob, the end effector of the scissors would articulate 110 degrees. We gave the viewer full control over the interactivity thus creating a new tool for teaching by bringing the user into the online product demonstration.

Why is this important? All of us spend time with salespeople who show us brochures and products. But often we don't have time for a product demonstration or thorough in-servicing on how a product is to be used correctly. It seemed logical to use the Internet to provide that service. Most surgeons now spend time at home on their computers with high-speed lines and the latest equipment. We could thus more effectively teach a physician how a product works, decrease the marketing costs of a company and offer global reach.

We showed this first prototype to a number of friends and companies and got a positive response (watch out for the surgeon with positive reinforcement). We were asked to develop interactive modules for other products and, having enthusiasm on our side, we decided to take the next step. After much discussion, market testing, development of a business plan and seed funding we started *watch it work.com*. Now, all we needed was a website.

Building a website is an entire story in itself, worthy of a focused hour on Discovery Channel or the FBI's most wanted. To successfully build a multimedia website, you need people who are extremely talented, creative, focused, visionary and hard working. Fortunately, we found those people. One of the first things we did was to research

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for the finest interactive animation software in the world. It turned out there were only five options and actually only one that could perform to our specifications. We licensed that software and became the first company in Healthcare to use this newly developed 3D technology to show interactively how medical products worked.

In order to utilize the software effectively, we had to design our own proprietary 3D page with a control panel and Steps that integrated seamlessly into the rest of the site. On this page there are three ways by which you can manipulate a product and learn how it works step by step. All three ways interconnect with each other.

Manipulation of the Product Itself

Using your mouse, you can left click on a product to move it around in any direction. You can right click to zoom it in and out. You can press on Shift and use the mouse to move it around on your screen. You can click on any of its parts that are interactive, and they will light up in yellow. When you click on the yellow part, it moves appropriately.

Control Panel for Each Product

Buttons on the control panel make it easy to learn how the product works. Click on labels and names of all the parts appear on the product. Click on play to see the full sequence of action of the product in action. Click on views to see selected positions of the product.

Step by Step Instructions

Under the control panel are the correctly sequenced instructions. They are numbered and in the correct order of use. Click on any numbered step and that action occurs on the product. You cannot use the product incorrectly. If you try and do so red flags pop up with the correct sequence listed.

The Internet allows a totally freeing learning experience for the buyers, sellers and users of medical products. Over the next couple of



years, the education, marketing and sales of medical products will move rapidly onto the Internet. With product information being researched and marketed through a company's web sites and portals, it will become necessary to enhance that experience and provide an educational and entertaining outlet.

Some of the possibilities with the *watch it work* approach:

Procedures

Using software we can show how to perform a procedure such as a femoral-popliteal bypass. Products and anatomy can be created totally interactive. New technologies are being developed that will make this possibility even more compelling.

Evaluation of New Devices

With a user controlled 3D interactive system, you can show your concept to an manufacturer or investor with a secure e-mail link and not have to invest large sums of money prematurely into prototypes and patents.

Online teaching and marketing

A company can now show online how their products work. Go to their website and click on the *watch it work* icon next to their product and the 3D page pops up.

If you have comments or would like to see certain products featured on our site please contact me at cklieman@watchitwork.com

Highlights of the SCVS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 22, 2000 / Chicago, Illinois

Report of the President

The former Joint Vascular Societies (Society for Vascular Surgery and International Society for Cardiovascular Surgery - North American Chapter) have re-structured: the NA-ISCVS has now become the American Association for Vascular Surgery (AAVS). An organizational meeting was held on October 23, 2000 (which Dr. Webster attended) to identify common goals between the other national vascular societies, the Peripheral Vascular Surgery Society, and regional vascular societies. The AAVS will be responsible for issues related to public education, website development, reimbursement, and interfacing with practicing vascular surgeons.

Report of the Secretary

Current membership statistics include: 670 Active, 21 Honorary, 1 Inactive, 196 Senior, 3 Corresponding, and 87 Candidate members, for a total of 978 members.

The following have requested transfer to Senior membership:

Elie D. Aboulafia, M.D., Farmington Hills, Michigan

Robert M. Blumenberg, M.D., Schenectady, New York

Larry R. Eidemiller, M.D., Portland, Oregon

Stanley W. Gensler, M.D., Amityville, New York

Moheb A. S. Hallaba, M.D., Joplin, Missouri

Robert W. Harris, M.D., Burbank, California

David L. Haugen, M.D., Roseville, California

Douglas H. Hildreth, M.D., Medford, Oregon

L. Vaughan Rush, Jr., M.D., Meridian, Mississippi

Nicholas A. Sannella, M.D., Chelmsford, Massachusetts

Robert R. Torrey, M.D., Glendale, California

Francisco T. Unguez, M.D., Fresno, California

Jock R. Wheeler, M.D., Norfolk, Virginia

James I. Whitten, M.D., Farmington Hills, Michigan

The following two members have request resignation :

Joseph J. Piotrowski, M.D., Williamsburg, Virginia

Won J. Sull, M.D., Muskogee, Oklahoma

Treasurer

Total assets for the Society as of September 30, 2000 were \$40,869. Total receipts for the year were \$381,439 versus total disbursements of \$414,729 for a year-end deficit of \$33,290.

Reimbursement Policy

The following revisions to the Reimbursement Guidelines were approved:

1a. Invited faculty (non-members) will be reimbursed for economy airfare (arranged through the national offices in Manchester); accommodations up to three nights; and waived registration fee.

1b. Invited member faculty are entitled to one-night accommodations; and waived registration fee.

The rest of the reimbursement guideline remains as is.

Report of the Recorder

Of the 34 oral presentations at the Annual Meeting: 31 were submitted to the *Journal of Vascular Surgery* for consideration (91%); 19 were accepted (61%); and 15 were published in the October SCVS issue (48%); 6 are pending; 6 were rejected; all 12 posters and case reports were accepted. The Breakfast Debate and Issue Panel on Carotid Disease were submitted to Perspectives in Vascular Surgery.

Report of the Representative to the ACS Board of Governors

Dr. Larry Hollier, Representative, believes that the Board of Governors has taken a more proactive role in the management of the ACS. This appeared evident at the current Board meeting in which the Governors were discussing important issues facing the future of the ACS, including the development of a Political Action Committee (PAC). The new Executive Director, Dr. Thomas Russell, appears to have taken a more proactive role in the day-to-day management of the College and has called for strategic planning sessions to be conducted over the course of the next year.

Committee Reports

Status of Membership Drive

SCVS has sent recruitment letters and a copy of the Newsletter which contains the review of the Annual Meeting presentations to 82 non-member presenters.

Postgraduate Education Committee

An Endovascular Symposium will be held on Friday afternoon, April 6, 2001. Dr. Sidawy suggested that there were a number of topics presented to the Program Committee on Endovascular Therapy which may be appropriate for this program.

Program Committee

The Committee reviewed 160 abstracts and then categorized them into categories: studies based (107 abstracts); basic research (12 abstracts); and case reports (41 abstracts). The Committee selected 28 abstracts for oral presentation as a part of the main scientific program. Appropriate primary discussants were selected to initiate and enhance the discussion during the meeting. In addition, case reports were selected for two separate case sessions of five case reports each. Moderators, chosen to expand on the issues covered by the case reports, will run these sessions. Those abstracts not selected for oral presentation or case reports will be considered for the formal presentation of posters session. The Allastair Karmody Poster Session will be organized into three groups: 1) manuscript based; 2) case report based and 3) basic science. Each winner of the Karmody Poster presentations will receive a \$500 cash prize.

FROM THE EDITOR

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Over the last five years, as my involvement with managed care systems increased, I became demoralized and felt insulted by the determination of the value of my services by outside agencies. Several months ago, I made the decision to rid myself of the shackles of managed care. On December 1, 2000, I truly enjoyed the sensation of becoming emancipated. I don't know where my practice will go in terms of volume or economics, but at this senior stage of my career, I really feel good about what I have done.

Perhaps some of you might consider taking the plunge, particularly if you have the confidence and even "chutzpah" to do so. My fees will be in keeping with my own sense of values and self-esteem, I will have the personal pleasure of discounting and providing charitable service as I see fit.

We seemed to do quite well before the managed care era and I suspect that we can do even better in the future without the current restraints. In a few months, I will let you know how this works out.

H. Dardik, M.D., Editor



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