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September 13-15, 2012
Eastern Vascular Society 26th Annual Meeting
Pittsburgh, PA

September 20-22, 2012
SABM Annual Meeting

Fellow, Resident, and Student Program

The 2012 Vascular Annual Meeting attracted more than 350 medical students, general surgery residents, and vascular surgery trainees. Below are a few photos from the SVS Fellow, Medical Student, and General Surgery Resident Program.
Pittsburgh, PA

September 22-25, 2012
Western Vascular Society 27th Annual Meeting
Park City, UT

September 21-23, 2012
Boston, MA

September 27-29, 2012
CSVVS (Canadian Society for Vascular Surgery) Annual Meeting
Quebec City, Quebec, Canada

September 28, 2012
Association for Academic Surgery's Annual Fundamentals of Surgical Research Course
Chicago, IL

September 29, 2012
Association for Academic Surgery's Annual Career Development Course
Chicago, IL

September 30 - October 4, 2012
American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress
Chicago, IL

October 9-12, 2012
Vascular Interventional Advances
Las Vegas, NV

October 19-20, 2012
American Venous Forum's The Vein Forum
Englewood, NJ

October 19-20, 2012
SVS Coding and Reimbursement Course
Chicago, IL

October 22-26, 2012
Transcatheter Cardiovascular Therapeutics (TCT 2012)
Miami, FL

November 2, 2012
Texas Society for Vascular and Endovascular Surgery Annual Meeting
San Antonio, TX

November 3-5, 2012
Western Surgical Association
Colorado Springs, CO

November 3-7, 2012
American Heart Association Scientific Sessions
Los Angeles, CA

November 13-16, 2012
AIA Symposium
New York, NY

November 14-16, 2012
CPT and RBRVS 2013 Annual Symposium (AMA)
Chicago, IL

November 14-18, 2012
Veith Symposium
New York, NY
Congratulations to the Fellow, Resident, and Student Winners of the Poster Competition

A moderated poster competition was held at the 2012 Vascular Annual meeting. Accepted abstracts selected by the SVS Program Committee for poster presentation went through a two-round judging process. The first round consisted of a poster presentation of accepted posters divided into topic groups. The winners from each group then competed in a final round to present their poster in the Poster Runoff Championship Round. Congratulations to all of the winners!

Overall Winners
First Place:
Tina M. Morrison, PhD, Food and Drug Administration, Silver Spring, MD
Population-based Study of Age and Gender Effects in Aneurysm Anatomy

Second Place:
Danielle H. Rochlin, Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Baltimore, MD - Medical Student
No Significant Differences in Quality of Life Scores in Postoperative Neurogenic Patients Associated with Longer Follow-up

Third Place:
Ahmed Kayssi, MD, Toronto General Hospital, Toronto, ON, Canada - General Surgery Resident
Rates of Elastic Compression Stockings Prescription Following Diagnosis of Deep Venous Thrombosis

Group Winners
Aortic Disease (1)
Tina M. Morrison, PhD, Food and Drug Administration, Silver Spring, MD

Aortic Disease (2)
Ender A Finol, PhD, The University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX

Cerebrovascular Including Great Vessels (1)
Francisco Alcocer, MD, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

Cerebrovascular Including Great Vessels (2)
Jonathan J. Stone, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY - Vascular Surgery Resident

Comparative Effectiveness (Open vs. Endovascular); Dialysis Access; Educational/Training Credentialing; Other
Danielle H. Rochlin, Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Baltimore, MD - Medical Student

Peripheral Arterial Disease (1)
Walter Dorigo, MD, University of Florence, Florence, Italy

Peripheral Arterial Disease (2); Complications
Rishi Kundi, MD, New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, NY - Vascular Surgery Fellow

Venous Disease (1)
Ahmed Kayssi, MD, Toronto General Hospital, Toronto, ON, Canada - General Surgery Resident

Venous Disease (2); Vascular Medicine; Vascular Trauma:
Aortic, Arterial, Venous
Sherene Shallhub, MD, University of Washington, Seattle, WA - Vascular Surgery Fellow

Vascular Laboratory and Imaging; Renal/Visceral Disease
Adam H. Power, MD, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN - Vascular Surgery Fellow

Research (1)
Hernan A. Bazan, MD, Ochsner Clinic, New Orleans, LA

Research (2)
Eric K. Shang, MD, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA - General Surgery Resident

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VASCULAR ANNUAL MEETING
WASHINGTON, DC

Congratulations to the SVS Jeopardy Competition Winning Teams

The Third Annual Vascular Surgery Jeopardy Competition, hosted by the SVS Vascular Surgery Trainee Section, was held during the 2012 Vascular Annual meeting. Teams consisted of medical students and general surgery residents who competed in two rounds of competition.

The 2012 Jeopardy Competition featured teams named after SVS Charter members and arranged to accommodate a mix of training levels. Congratulations to the winning teams!

First Place - Smithwick
Ryan Abdul-Haq, EVMS, Medical Student
Nathan Airhart, MD, Washington University, General Surgery Resident
Xiaoying Lou, Northwestern University, Medical Student

Second Place - Blakemore
Tony Lu, Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine, Medical Student
Ayesha Nzeribe, Brown Alpert Medical School, Medical Student
Michel Sabri, St. Martinus, Medical Student

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2013 Appointment Year Vascular Surgery Fellowship Match Results

Programs
- Enrolled Programs: 97
- Withdrawn Programs: 5
- Certified Programs: 92
- Programs Filled: 82 (89%)  
- Programs Unfilled: 10 (11%)
- Certified Positions: 117
- Positions Filled: 105 (90%)
- Positions Unfilled: 12 (10%)

Applicants
- Enrolled Applicants: 137
- Withdrawn Applicants: 8
- Applicant - No Rank List: 5
- Certified Applicants: 124
- Matched: 105 (85%)
- Unmatched: 19 (15%)

*All data from NRMP.*
2012 Vascular Surgery Residency Match Results

For the second year, vascular surgery was ranked as one of the most competitive fields.

According to NRMP, match results can be an indicator of career interests among U.S. medical school seniors. Among the notable trends this year, vascular surgery, along with dermatology, orthopaedic surgery, otolaryngology, plastic surgery, radiation oncology, and thoracic surgery was ranked as one of the most competitive fields for applicants. All of these specialties had at least 90 percent of their positions filled by U.S. medical school seniors.

The 2012 vascular surgery residency match featured 35 programs participating, with 41 positions offered. All of these positions were filled. There were 82 total applicants, which included 55 U.S. senior applicants.

SVS Coding Course: Limited Complimentary Registration Available for Vascular Surgery Trainees and Recent Graduates

SVS has approved complimentary registration for the Fall 2012 Coding Course for 25 second year vascular fellows, PGY5 (“Chief” integrated residents, or recent vascular surgery graduates (must have completed training within the last eight months).

Complimentary registration to the course also includes the optional workshop, E&M Coding for Vascular Surgeons, held on Friday, October 19 at 9:00 am - Noon. To be eligible for the complimentary registration, vascular trainees/recent graduates must meet the following criteria:

- Be an active SVS Candidate Member.
- Be in their last year of vascular surgery fellowship/residency (training to be completed in 2013)
- OR have completed their vascular surgery fellowship/residency within the last eight months.
- There may only be one application per institution.

The selection process will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Current trainees should discuss attendance with their program director before applying to confirm the necessary time-off to attend the course. If less than 25 vascular trainees/recent graduates sign up for this course, the offer can be extended to fellows/residents who are not in their last year of fellowship/residency. Trainees that received complimentary registration for previous Coding Courses are not eligible to apply.

Program Profile: 0+5 Vascular Residency - Georgetown University Hospital/Washington Hospital Center

To better inform vascular surgery trainees, general surgery residents, and medical students about the wide variety of vascular surgery training programs, in each e-newsletter issue we plan to highlight both a 0+5 vascular residency and a 5+2 vascular fellowship training program. This issue’s 0+5 vascular residency profile features Georgetown University Hospital/Washington Hospital Center.

Location: Washington, DC 20010
Department Chair: John J. Ricotta, MD FACS
Division Chair: Sean O’Donnell, MD FACS
Program Director: John J Ricotta, MD FACS
Program Coordinator: Brianna Ambruster - (202) 877-3536
Year Began: We have had a long tradition of training classic 5+2 vascular surgery fellows. We began the 0+5 integrated program in 2010.
Number of positions: 1 per year.
Website: http://www.whcenter.org/body.cfm?id=558843

Participating Hospitals:
(1) Washington Hospital Center
(2) Georgetown Univ Hospital
(3) VA Medical Center

Core General Surgery Rotations:
Core general surgery training will mostly be at the Washington Hospital Center. This gives the resident an opportunity to learn and participate in the core foundation of surgery at a busy hospital with high operative volume and rich surgical pathology. The dedicated staff at WHC will allow you to gain early clinical maturity with a unique operative experience. This is truly a special setting to learn how to be a surgeon.

Core Vascular Surgery Rotations:
Residents will spend 30 months in vascular surgery, as well as six months on “vascular related” services, such as cardiothoracic surgery, cardiology, stroke, vascular medicine and imaging. Residents will rotate on both core and vascular services throughout the first four years of their training, and spend the last year as a chief resident on one of our three vascular surgery services at the three participating hospitals.

Rotations Unique to Program:
Besides the rich pathology, high complexity, and large case volume, the dedicated staff will foster an environment of excellence and growth in renowned institutions with state of the art facilities.

Research Year:
Scholarly activity is expected during your training. There is no established research year.

Latest News from Journal of Vascular Surgery®

Online Patient Information About Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms Analyzed
Investigations review quality and readability of internet sites and effects on patient treatment choices

The last decade has brought to prominence an "e-health information" revolution which allows patients to research health issues online before seeking professional consultation. However, according to researchers from Leeds in the United Kingdom (U.K), the quality and readability of online patient information specifically for abdominal aortic aneurysms (AAAs) is poor and requires significant improvement.

Their study, which appears in the July issue of The Society for Vascular Surgery's Journal of Vascular Surgery (JVS), reports that clinicians treating patients with AAAs should be aware of the limitations of the online "lay literature."

Read more

Program Profile: 5+2 Vascular Fellowship - Methodist/DeBakey Heart & Vascular Center - The Methodist Hospital (Houston)

To better inform vascular surgery trainees, general surgery residents, and medical students about the wide variety of vascular surgery training programs, in each e-newsletter issue we plan to highlight both a 5+5 vascular residency and a 5+2 vascular fellowship training program. This issue's 5+2 vascular fellowship profile features Methodist/DeBakey Heart & Vascular Center - The Methodist Hospital (Houston).

Location: Houston, TX
Division Chair: Alan Lumsden, MD
Program Director: Mark Davies, MD
Assistant Program Directors: Jean Bismuth, MD, Hosam El-Sayed, MD
Year Began: 2009
Number of Applicants Per Year: 50
Number of Positions Per Year: 2

Core Vascular Surgery Rotations:
Year One: Research, ultrasound, endovascular, vascular medicine and venous. Year Two: Open and endovascular clinical vascular surgery rotating between 2 teams.

Unique Strengths of Program:
- Full breadth and depth of practice ranging from office venous procedures, outpatient simple as well as complex dialysis access, both simple and complex, open and endovascular, venous and arterial procedures; rotations in advanced imaging (CT and Dynamic MRA). Fenestrated Endografts, Protected research time and funding for travel, coding and practice management education.

Current Surgical Education Projects:
- Monthly open and endovascular skills labs, fully funded vascular training institute in the MITIE facility, Weekly Multiple choice questions, Bi-monthly regional case conferences by video, Annual 2.5 day intensive didactic boot camp.

Current Basic Science Lab Emphasis:
- Metabolic syndrome, arterial injury, dialysis access failure, nanovascular medicine, In vitro aortic dissection modeling, robotic aortic surgery, robotic guided wires/catheters.

Current Clinical Science Emphasis:

For more information, contact
studentresident@vascularsociety.org.

Vascular Surgery Training Experience Survey

The Association of Program Directors in Vascular Surgery (APDVS) is interested in improving the vascular surgery training experience at all levels and in all locales and is asking that all trainees complete a brief survey.

All survey responses are ANONYMOUS and will be collated with all responses and may be published in part or all, and will be used to improve our training programs where appropriate. In addition, some important components of this survey will be shared with program directors at the next APDVS meeting.

The survey will take less than 10 minutes of your time. If you have not already completed the survey, you can access it directly at:
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SG7PWCP

American Heart Association's Peripheral Vascular Disease Council's Fellows in Training Workshop - Travel Stipend Scholarships Available

For the upcoming 2012 American Heart Association's Scientific Sessions, the Peripheral Vascular Disease Council will be offering travel stipend scholarships for the Early Career: Peripheral Vascular Disease - Fellows in Training Workshop held on Saturday, November 3, 2012 from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. The travel scholarships will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. Applicants will need to complete a brief application and submit the following materials:

Candidate Requirements
Consideration for selection requires:
1. A complete and signed application form.
2. A brief letter of nomination from a sponsor within the candidate's institution who is familiar with the candidate's experience and interests.
3. A brief letter prepared by the candidate indicating the basis for his or her interest in the workshop.
4. The candidate's curriculum vitae.

Upon acceptance of the application, a $750 travel stipend will be awarded for attendees outside the local area (Los Angeles, CA). Travel Stipends are intended to assist the attendee with their travel and hotel expenses. The participant incurs all other incidental expenses.
Outcomes research in Aortic, lower extremity and aortic disease, Dynamic MRA and TCD

Current Clinical Trials:
50 ongoing clinical trials in Caroid, TEVAR, EVAR, Dialysis access, lower extremity endovascular intervention, open bypass grafting, Unique trials: Renal denervation (Simplicity), Lower extremity gene (Viromed) and cell therapy (Harvest and Revive) and Fenestrated aortic grafts (Ventana).

Section Grants:
K08 and R01, DICET grant, multiple industry grants.

Podcast Video Resources

SVS has a collection of podcast videos on YouTube at the SVSChannel. These videos address a broad scope of vascular surgery topics and career opportunities. Video topics include:

- Structuring Your Practice
- Economics for Vascular Surgeons: Negotiating Salary/Lifestyle

You also can find additional podcasts on VascularWeb.org

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