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News from the MVSS

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Midwestern Vascular Annual Meeting
September 7-9, 2023
Minneapolis, MN
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Message from the President

Happy Summer Everyone!

Before you know it, the MVSS 47th Annual Meeting will be upon us and I hope you are planning to join us in Minneapolis in September. This meeting is always a great opportunity to make some new acquaintances, reconnect with old friends and network with other vascular providers. I like to thank Dr. Milner for leading the Program Committee in putting together what is sure to be another great meeting. He provides a great summary and details some highlights of the program below. I also want to thank our industry partners not only for their support of the annual meeting, but also for supporting other events for our members throughout the year.

As you read the rest of the newsletter, you will see many other educational opportunities provided for our members. I want to thank all the volunteer committee members for their hard working in putting these programs together. There is something for all aspects of our members: candidate members (medical students and surgical trainees), associate members (nurses and advanced practice providers), active members (practicing surgeons). I truly believe that the MVSS is the leading regional vascular surgical society when it comes to education for its members.

The Executive Committee and I always welcome any input you may have to help us better shape our society to serve its members. I look forward to seeing everyone in less than two months and make sure to arrive in time on September 7th.



Jeffrey Jim, MD
2022-2023
MVSS President

Annual Meeting News



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SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MINNEAPOLIS



Message from the Program Committee Chair

Ross Milner, MD (MVSS Secretary and Program Chair)
on behalf of the 2023 MVSS Program Committee

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to **Minneapolis** for the **47th Annual Midwestern Vascular Surgery Society Meeting**. The Program Committee has selected an outstanding variety of plenary session talks, rapid presentations, and case reports that will focus on all aspects of vascular surgery practice. There are some amazing abstract presentations that will be considered for the prestigious Szilagyi, Pfeiffer, and Guthrie awards. The award recipients will be recognized by our President, Dr. Jeffrey Jim, on Friday.

Many other excellent abstract contributions have been selected for the **Poster Competition**. We encourage all of you to attend the poster session, which will be held on Friday evening. We always need judges as well. The Poster Competition winner will present on Saturday morning during the meeting.

The **New Horizons Program** looks fantastic. Dr. John Rectenwald and his committee have designed a very thoughtful agenda with cutting-edge topics. In addition, we welcome **Dr. Jason Lee** from Stanford University as the **Invited Visiting Professor**. He will speak on Thursday afternoon. We are also excited about the **Presidents Invited Guest Speaker, Dr. Malachi Sheahan** from LSU School of Medicine who will speak on Friday afternoon.

We are honored to host **Dr. Julie Freischlag**, Chief Executive Officer, Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist, as our **Honorary Guest Lecture** this year. Dr. Freischlag is also the Chief Academic Officer at Advocate Health and Executive Vice President for Health Affairs at Wake Forest University. She will be speaking on Saturday morning. We encourage you to stay until Saturday to hear Dr. Freischlag's presentation.

We are very grateful to all of our sponsors. We have several industry symposia planned on (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday) that we hope everyone can attend. Our sponsors will be supporting our Trainees Hands-on Simulation Program as well, which will occur on Thursday morning before the official start of the 47th Annual Meeting.

Thank you everyone for your outstanding contributions and thank you to the Program Committee members for their hard work.

2023 Trainee Education Programs

2023 Virtual Mock Orals Program Wednesday, September 20, 2023 * 5:00pm CST

The second opportunity to participate in the 2023 Mock Orals Program will take place Virtually on Wednesday, September 20th @ 5:00pm CST via Zoom.

Our goal is to provide the Exam to 15 trainees with a preference given to those in their final year of training. Information is being sent out to all Program Directors but if you have a **Trainee** interested they can [Register Online](#)

We are also in need of **MVSS Members** to **Volunteer as Proctors** to oversee the examination. You must be Board Certified in Vascular Surgery and out from Fellowship at least two years and be free of prohibition to perform a mock oral exam. If you are interested in volunteering you can [Sign Up Now](#).

2023 Live Simulation and Surgical Skills Assessment Program Thursday, September 7, 2023 * Minneapolis, MN

(Prior to the start of the MVSS Annual Meeting)

The Simulation and Surgical Skills Assessment Program will assess vascular fellow and senior resident skills in performing multiple open and endovascular procedures. The trainees will be assessed, and feedback sent to their program directors.

Sign up during the Annual Meeting Registration process.



2023 Medical Student Education Programs

VSIG VIRTUAL Webinar Interesting Case Presentations "Recap"

On Tuesday, May 30, the MVSS Medical Student Education Committee hosted a Virtual VSIG Webinar to provide an education series on interesting and challenging vascular pathologies and their treatments. The latest webinar presented cases on arterial reconstruction during sarcoma resection, abdominal aortic aneurysm treatment, carotid body tumor surgery and treatment for spontaneous iliac rupture in an Ehler Danlos vascular type patient.

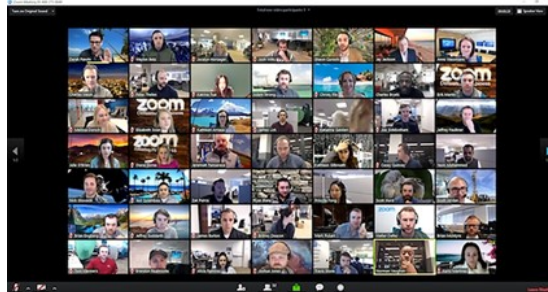
Students presented with the help of faculty moderators to discuss pathology, diagnosis and treatments for these complex problems.

Host Institutions:

- **Indiana University**
 - *Atypical Treatment for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm*
 - Emily Shockley / Ashley Gutwein, MD
- **University of Chicago**
 - *Carotid Body Tumor*
 - Simi Ogunnowo / Xioayi Li, MD
- **Henry Ford**
 - *Common Femoral Artery Reconstruction During Sarcoma Resection*
 - Chaitu Dandu / Loay Kabbani, MD
- **Medical College of Wisconsin**
 - *Spontaneous Arterial Rupture in Vascular Type EDS*
 - Kyle Cass / Michael Malinowski, MD

Watch the VSIG Webinar on the MVSS You Tube Channel

“Introduction to Vascular Surgery”
Medical Student VIRTUAL Didactic Session &
2023 MVSS VIRTUAL Vascular Residency Fair
Monday, August 21, 2023 * 6:00pm CST



[Visit the website to view the program and sign up for the webinar.](#)

2023 Medical Student LIVE Surgical Skills Session &
Mentorship Event
Friday, September 8, 2023 * 2:45pm
Minneapolis, MN

This program provides an excellent opportunity for student learners of all levels to meet other learners with similar interests and provides the opportunity to meet members and leaders of the Society. The primary training objective is to introduce vascular surgery simulation and skills training to medical students as a vehicle to enhance their educational experience during medical school and help direct them towards consideration of a career in vascular surgery. We will also be hosting a mentoring event to follow the skills sessions, where students will be matched with MVSS members to further promote their interest in vascular surgery. Sign up when you register for the MVSS 2023 Annual Meeting.

[Visit the MVSS Website for more information.](#)



NEW PROGRAMMING **ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDER**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1st @ 6:00pm CST
FREE WEBINAR!!

ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDER WEBINAR 2023

The objective of this program is to provide education for the diagnosis and management of vascular disease germane to the advanced practice provider in vascular surgery practices. Topics are to include carotid disease management, evaluation of hypercoagulable states, renal artery stenosis, and spinal cord ischemia management. Course content was created by advanced practice providers. We look forward to your virtual attendance. Registration is Free!

[VIEW WEBINAR PROGRAM](#)

Register for Webinar

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th @ 8:30am CST
Renaissance/The Depot Hotel, Minneapolis, MN

ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDER SYMPOSIUM 2023

The objective of this program is to provide education for the diagnosis and management of vascular disease germane to the advanced practice provider. Topics will include carotid artery disease, limb ischemia, pharmacology, AAA evaluation, postoperative wound care, palliative care, and the discharge process. There will also be didactic and hands on training for those interested in endoscopic vein harvest. Program is included in the registration fee for the 2023 Annual Meeting.

Program will be posted soon.
Visit the Website for more information.

*** In an effort to encourage our Allied Health Professionals to attend this years Annual Meeting we are offering Complimentary Meeting Registration!! Sign up during when registering for the Annual Meeting.*

More Society News



The **MVSS Educational Outreach Committee** had a very successful 2022-2023 New Horizons Webinar Series. Members, both senior and junior, dedicated their time and shared their expertise on a variety of topics during these virtual events. Industry partners have universally commented on the high level of the presentations coupled with the MVSS collaborative approach.

The Committee is working on the upcoming schedule that will kick off later this year following the annual meeting. If you have any industry contacts with interest in sponsoring a future webinar, please have them reach out to our Executive Director, Angela Wetherbee.

MVSS Educational Outreach Committee

- Judith C. Lin, MD, MS, Co-Chair (2023)
- Carlos Bechara, MD, Co-Chair (2023)
- Andrew W. Hoel, MD
- Jae Cho, MD
- Mounir J. Haurani, MD
- Rachael Nicholson, MD, (Ex-officio)

Video Recordings of each webinar can be found on the [MVSS You Tube Channel](#).

2022-2023 Webinars

5/11/2023
Spine Exposure for Vascular Surgeons
(No Sponsor)

2/28/2023
Management of Complex Venous Disease
(Cook Medical)

1/26/2023
Complex Open, Endovascular and Hybrid Aortic Repair
(Terumo Aortic)

12/15/2022
Vascular Screening and Patient Access
(Medtronic)

10/26/2022
Aortic Arch Management
(WL Gore)



*Screenshot from the January 2023 Webinar
Complex Open, Endovascular and Hybrid Aortic Repair
Sponsored by Terumo Aortic*

Welcome New Members

In an organization, every member benefits by being part of a group, and the group benefits with every new member. Our Society continues to benefit from the enormous support and involvement

from its members.

We encourage all members to attend our educational programs; Annual and Business Meetings and become engaged in the Society through participation on Committees, in our educational programs, submitting and sponsoring your colleagues' abstracts; and encouraging your trainees to participate in the Mock Orals and Medical Student Education Programs.

MVSS would like to welcome the following New Members who have joined the Society in the first two quarters of 2023.

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Rick Coats - Kansas City Vascular and General Surgery
Peter Lau - Midwest Aortic & Vascular Institute, P.C.
Xiaoyi Li - University of Chicago
Jeanette Man - University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics
Ali Khalifeh - Cleveland Clinic
Saideep Bose - Saint Louis University
Jason Cook - University of Nebraska Medical Ctr
Simon Fraser - OhioHealth Heart and Vascular
Jodi Gerdes - Allina Health Minneapolis Heart Institute
Omar Morcos - Northshore University HealthSystems
George Pontikis - Duly Health and Care
Khalil Qato - Southern Illinois University

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Keely Zunker, Mayo Clinic

We also welcomed **27 Trainees & 4 Medical Students** to the Society and we hope to welcome you as Active Members in the near future.

For information regarding the Society go to our website:
<https://www.midwestvascular.org>

For Membership Information and Applications go to
[MVSS Membership](#)



Attention Members - Renew Your 2023 Membership Today!

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