

# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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APRIL 3-5, 2025

WINNIPEG

VASCULAR & ENDOVASCULAR

SYMPOSIUM

RESIDENTS' DAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

GENERAL PROGRAM

FRIDAY, APRIL 4 & SATURDAY, APRIL 5

FAIRMONT WINNIPEG



## CONFERENCE GOALS

The primary goal of this multidisciplinary conference is to provide current state-of-the-art information through an engaging platform and immersive learning experience for attendees. Thought leaders in vascular surgery will share advances in medical education, clinical reasoning, research and real-world experiences that can be used to improve vascular surgery in Canada.

### MAXIMIZE LEARNING

Relevant sessions and topics that are authentic and original including speaker presentations, debates, keynote lectures and case studies.

Residents' Day is a highlight each year with residents from all vascular surgery training programs across Canada presenting on various vascular topics chosen by the planning committee.

## ACCREDITATION

### RCPSC

This event is an Accredited Group Learning Activity (Section 1) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

This activity has been approved by the Canadian Society of Vascular Surgery for a maximum of (TBA) hours.

**NOTE: RCPSC Accreditation has not yet been confirmed.**

## MOBILE APP

Access up-to-date information regarding the 2025 Winnipeg Vascular Symposium including the full schedule, presenter and moderator details, be included in Live Polls and Question & Answer periods during sessions, and find out more about our sponsors on the 2025WVES app through EventMobi.

Website – [www.eventmobi.com/2025wves](http://www.eventmobi.com/2025wves)



## RAPID-FIRE SESSIONS

Please refer to the EventMobi app or speak to the registration booth staff for information regarding the unaccredited Rapid-Fire Sessions.

### DYNAMIC NETWORKING

Being in a group of like-minded people encourages creativity and inspiration. Bringing together professionals from different disciplines and areas of the country provides an opportunity to connect and share ideas with other individuals focused on growing and improving vascular surgery.

### CAMRT

Category "A" credits have been approved by The Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists as follows:

Day 1: 5.25 Category A Credits  
Day 2: 4.00 Category A Credits  
Day 3: 4.25 Category A Credits



Attendees may only claim credits for days they have attended in FULL.

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## HOURS

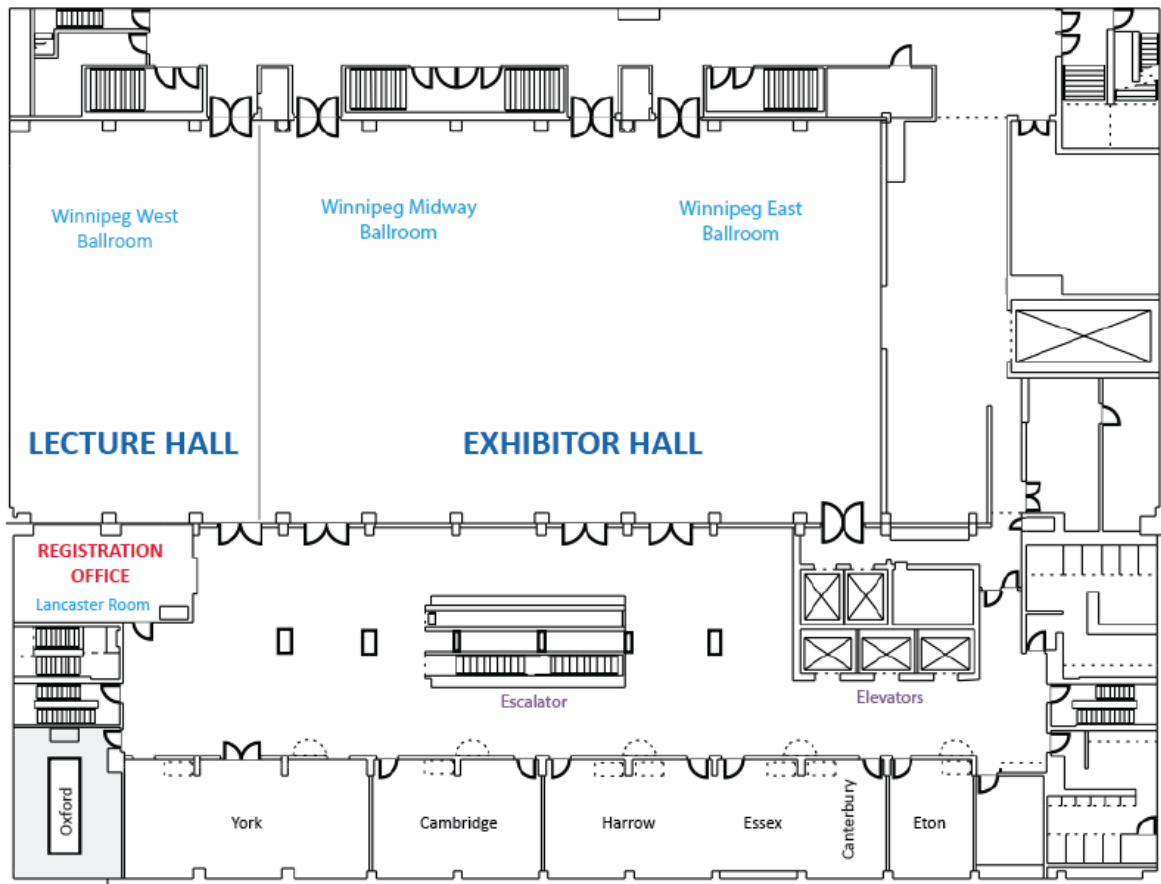
Friday, April 4            700-1630  
Saturday, April 5        700-1400

## PASSPORT TO PRIZES ACTIVITY

The Passport to Prizes activity is a fun and interactive way for attendees to connect with sponsor companies. When visiting each of the exhibit booths attendees will be provided with a passcode to be entered into the Passport to Prizes section on the event app.

For all attendees who have visited each of the booths and entered the passcodes into the app, their name will be placed into a draw for a chance to win a prize!

## FAIRMONT FLOOR PLAN



# RESIDENTS' DAY

Thursday, April 3

645 – 730	<b>REGISTRATION &amp; CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST</b>
730 – 735	<b>Opening and Welcome</b> <i>April Boyd, Vascular Surgeon – Winnipeg, MB</i>
<b>SESSION I</b>	<b>AORTA</b>
LEARNING OBJECTIVES	<b>At the end of this session, participants will be able to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Evaluate and determine the best treatment and management options for endoleaks, blunt aortic injuries and iliac aneurysms</li><li>Describe techniques and management options for abdominal aortic aneurysms</li></ul>
MODERATOR	<i>April Boyd, Vascular Surgeon – Winnipeg, MB</i>
735 – 750	<b>Management of Endoleaks</b> <i>Alison Michels, PGY4 Resident – McMaster University</i>
750 – 805	<b>Techniques to Improve EVAR for AAA Rupture</b> <i>Angela Kim, PGY3 Resident – McGill University</i>
805 – 820	<b>Management of Blunt Aortic Injury</b> <i>Matthew Levesque, PGY4 Resident – University of Manitoba</i>
820 – 835	<b>Branched Endografts in the Treatment of Iliac Aneurysms</b> <i>Tony Gu, PGY4 Resident – University of British Columbia</i>
835 – 855	Panel Discussion
855 – 915	<b>DEBATE: Women's AAA Should Be Repaired Starting at 4.5 cm</b> <b>For the Motion</b> <i>Halli Krzyzaniak, PGY3 Resident – University of Calgary</i> <b>Against the Motion</b> <i>Ievgen Gegiia, PGY3 Resident – Laval University</i> Discussion
915 – 930	<b>Case Presentation</b> <i>Sneha Raju, PGY3 Resident – University of Toronto</i>
930 – 950	<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK</b>
<b>SESSION II</b>	<b>PERIPHERAL VASCULAR DISEASE</b>
LEARNING OBJECTIVES	<b>At the end of this session, participants will be able to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Evaluate and describe popliteal entrapment and occupational hand syndromes</li><li>Describe management techniques for diabetic foot conditions</li><li>Discuss treatment options for chronic mesenteric ischemia</li></ul>
MODERATOR	<i>Pascal Rheaume, Program Director – Laval University</i>
950 – 1005	<b>Popliteal Entrapment Syndrome</b> <i>Marie-Lyne Bourque, PGY3 Resident – University of Montreal</i>
1005 – 1020	<b>Occupational Hand Syndrome</b> <i>Rhiannon Tracey, PGY4 Resident – Western University</i>
1020 – 1035	<b>Modern Management of the Diabetic Foot</b> <i>Alice Shen, PGY2 Resident – University of Ottawa</i>
1035 – 1050	Panel Discussion

1050 - 1110	<p><b>DEBATE: Chronic Mesenteric Ischemia is Best Treated Endovascularly</b></p> <p><i>For the Motion</i> Farhad Udwadia, PGY3 Resident – University of British Columbia</p> <p><i>Against the Motion</i> Xheni Konci, PGY 3 Resident – McGill University</p> <p>Discussion</p>
1110 – 1125	<p><b>Case Presentation</b></p> <p>Naomi Wedel, PGY2 Resident – University of Calgary</p>
1125 – 1215	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>SESSION III</b>	<b>RESIDENTS' JEOPARDY</b>
LEARNING OBJECTIVES	<p><i>At the end of this session, participants will be able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate their level of knowledge on various vascular diseases, conditions and processes</li> </ul>
MODERATOR	Prasad Jetty, Program Director – University of Ottawa
1215 – 1315	
<b>SESSION IV</b>	<b>CAROTID</b>
LEARNING OBJECTIVES	<p><i>At the end of this session, participants will be able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess and create treatment options for carotid fibromuscular dysplasia and carotid body tumors</li> <li>Evaluate and determine management options for carotid dissection</li> <li>Discuss the future of stenting in carotid endarterectomies</li> </ul>
MODERATOR	Elisa Greco, Program Director – University of Toronto
1315 – 1330	<p><b>Carotid Fibromuscular Dysplasia – Diagnosis, Screening &amp; Treatment</b></p> <p>Samie Cloutier, PGY2 Resident – University of Montreal</p>
1330 – 1345	<p><b>Management of Carotid Dissection</b></p> <p>Elizabeth Richard, PGY4 Resident – Laval University</p>
1345 – 1400	<p><b>Carotid Body Tumors</b></p> <p>Hasan Ashkanani, PGY1 Resident – University of Ottawa</p>
1400 – 1415	Panel Discussion
1415 – 1435	<p><b>DEBATE: Stenting Will Eventually Replace CEA</b></p> <p><i>For the Motion</i> Asha Kothari, PGY3 Resident – University of Manitoba</p> <p><i>Against the Motion</i> David Guzzardi, PGY3 Resident – McMaster University</p> <p>Discussion</p>
1435 – 1450	<p><b>Case Presentation</b></p> <p>Ahmad Azizov, PGY4 Resident – Western University</p>
1450 – 1505	<p><b>Case Presentation</b></p> <p>Kian Draper, PGY3 Resident – University of Toronto</p>
1505 – 1515	<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK IN MEETING ROOM</b>
	<b>*** FOR VASCULAR RESIDENTS, FELLOWS &amp; PROGRAM DIRECTORS ONLY ***</b>
LEARNING OBJECTIVES	<p><i>At the end of this session, participants will be able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan and prepare for future oral exams</li> </ul>
1515 – 1715	<b>Mock Oral Exam Preparation Session + Top Gun Skills Competition</b>
1720	<p><b>Residentluminaries Session &amp; Dinner</b></p> <p>Cook Medical</p>

# GENERAL PROGRAM

Friday, April 4

700 – 745	<b>REGISTRATION &amp; CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST</b>
745 – 750	<b>Opening and Welcome</b> <i>Gregory Harding, Vascular Surgeon – Winnipeg, MB</i>
750 – 800	<b>Presentation of the George Louridas Education Awards for Best Presentations on Residents' Day</b> <i>Randy Guzman, Vascular Surgeon – Winnipeg, MB and Gregory Harding, Vascular Surgeon – Winnipeg, MB</i>
<b>SESSION I</b>	<b>LOWER EXTREMITY</b>
LEARNING OBJECTIVES	<b>At the end of this session, participants will be able to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate and determine the best treatment options for peripheral vascular disease and other lower extremity conditions</li> <li>Discuss treatment options for common femoral stenoses</li> </ul>
MODERATOR	<i>Gregory Harding, Vascular Surgeon – Winnipeg, MB</i>
800 – 815	<b>The Use of Remote Endarterectomy to Treat People with Peripheral Vascular Disease – Case History and Background Research</b> <i>John Landau, Vascular Surgeon – London, ON</i>
815 – 830	<b>Influence of Ethnicity, Socioeconomic Status and Geography on Lower Extremity Amputation in Canada</b> <i>Charles De Mestral, Vascular Surgeon – Toronto, ON</i>
830 – 845	Panel Discussion
845 – 915	<b>DEBATE: Endovascular Atherectomy Should Be the First Choice in Treating Common Femoral Stenoses</b> <b>For the Motion</b> <i>Leonard Tse, Vascular Surgeon – Toronto, ON</i> <b>Against the Motion</b> <i>John Harlock, Vascular Surgeon – Hamilton, ON</i> Discussion
915 – 945	<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK</b>
<b>SESSION II</b>	<b>CAROTID</b>
LEARNING OBJECTIVES	<b>At the end of this session, participants will be able to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summarize the best treatment and management options for various carotid conditions including acute strokes and asymptomatic critical carotid stenosis with contralateral occlusion</li> <li>Understand techniques and evaluate their efficacy for internal carotid and proximal common carotid artery stenosis</li> </ul>
MODERATOR	<i>Kenton Rommens, Vascular Surgeon – Calgary, AB</i>
945 – 1000	<b>Asymptomatic Critical Carotid Stenosis with Contralateral Occlusion – Risk, Decision-Making and Optimal Management</b> <i>Jonathan Misskey, Vascular Surgeon – Vancouver, BC</i>
1000 – 1015	<b>Endovascular Treatment for Acute Stroke</b> <i>Jai Shankar, Interventional Radiologist – Winnipeg, MB</i>
1015 – 1030	<b>How I Do It: Tandem Internal Carotid and Proximal Common Carotid Artery Stenosis</b> <i>Stephane Elkouri, Vascular Surgeon – Montreal, QC</i>
1030 – 1045	Panel Discussion

1045 – 1100	<b>Case Presentation</b> <i>Greg Browne, Vascular Surgeon – St. John's, NFLD</i>
1100 – 1300	<b>Top Gun Competition Semi-Finals &amp; LUNCH</b>
<b>SESSION III</b>	<b>VENOUS &amp; SELECTED TOPICS</b>
LEARNING OBJECTIVES	<b>At the end of this session, participants will be able to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate and determine venous aneurysms and the best treatment options</li> <li>Analyze and determine best management options for renal artery aneurysms</li> <li>Discuss and consider benefits of public vs private healthcare for endovenous vein ablation</li> </ul>
MODERATOR	<i>Fadi Elias, Vascular Surgeon – Hamilton, ON</i>
1300 – 1315	<b>Venous Aneurysms – Indications and Options for Repair</b> <i>Gerrit Winkelaar, Vascular Surgeon – Edmonton, AB</i>
1315 – 1330	<b>Management of Renal Artery Aneurysms</b> <i>Paul Petrasek, Vascular Surgeon – Calgary, AB</i>
1330 – 1345	Panel Discussion
1345 – 1415	<b>DEBATE: Endovenous Vein Ablation Coverage by Public vs Private Health Care</b> <b>Public Health Care</b> <i>Gautamn Sarwal, Vascular Surgeon – Vancouver, BC</i> <b>Private Health Care</b> <i>Jerry Chen, Vascular Surgeon – Vancouver, BC</i> Discussion
1415 – 1445	<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK</b>
<b>SESSION IV</b>	<b>SELECTED TOPICS IN VASCULAR SURGERY</b>
LEARNING OBJECTIVES	<b>At the end of this session, participants will be able to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe techniques and management options for acute mesenteric ischemia</li> <li>Understand techniques and evaluate their efficacy for retrograde open mesenteric stenting</li> <li>Analyze and determine best treatment options for hypertension</li> </ul>
MODERATOR	<i>Stephane Elkouri, Vascular Surgeon – Montreal, QC</i>
1445 – 1500	<b>Acute Mesenteric Ischemia</b> <i>Surinder Dhaliwal, Interventional Radiologist – Winnipeg, MB</i>
1500 – 1515	<b>How I Do It: Retrograde Open Mesenteric Stenting (ROMS)</b> <i>Pascal Rheaume, Vascular Surgeon – Quebec City, QC</i>
1515 – 1530	<b>Is There a Role for Renal Denervation in Canada for the Treatment of Hypertension?</b> <i>Kongteng Tan, Interventional Radiologist – Toronto, ON</i>
1530 – 1545	Panel Discussion
1545 – 1700	<b>Top Gun Competition Finals with Cocktail Hour</b>

## Saturday, April 5

715 – 800	<b>REGISTRATION &amp; CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST</b>
800	<b>Opening and Welcome</b> <i>Joshua Koulack, Vascular Surgeon – Winnipeg, MB</i>
<b>SESSION V</b>	<b>ABDOMINAL AORTA</b>
LEARNING OBJECTIVES	<b>At the end of this session, participants will be able to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand techniques and evaluate their efficacy for various aortic conditions and procedures</li> <li>Evaluate conditions and changes in treatment of vascular emergencies</li> </ul>
MODERATOR	<i>Joshua Koulack, Vascular Surgeon – Winnipeg, MB</i>

800 – 815	<b>How I Do It: Aorta EVAR Explant</b> <i>Kent MacKenzie, Vascular Surgeon – Montreal, QC</i>
815 – 830	<b>Indications for Bilateral Iliac Bifurcated Endograft: Tips &amp; Tricks</b> <i>Samuel Jessula, Vascular Surgeon – Halifax, NS</i>
830 – 845	<b>The Changing Epidemiology of Vascular Emergencies – Where Have All the Ruptures Gone?</b> <i>Fadi Elias, Vascular Surgeon – Hamilton, ON</i>
845 – 900	<b>Is Screening for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms Still Warranted in 2025?</b> <i>Varun Kapila, Vascular Surgeon – Toronto, ON</i>
900 – 915	Panel Discussion
915 – 945	<b>DEBATE: Endoanchors Should Be Used Routinely in EVAR</b> <b><i>For the Motion</i></b> <i>Rikesh Parekh, Vascular Surgeon – Edmonton, AB</i> <b><i>Against the Motion</i></b> <i>Nicholas Peti, Vascular Surgeon, Saskatoon, SK</i> Discussion
950 – 1005	<b>Sponsored Rapid-Fire Session</b>
1005 – 1030	<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK</b>
<b>SESSION VI</b>	<b>THORACIC AORTA</b>
LEARNING OBJECTIVES	<b><i>At the end of this session, participants will be able to:</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain endovascular treatment options for arch aneurysms and aortic aneurysms</li> <li>• Discuss management techniques for complex aortic dissections</li> </ul>
MODERATOR	<i>Jonathan Misskey, Vascular Surgeon – Vancouver, BC</i>
1030 – 1045	<b>Where Are We with Endovascular Management of Arch Aneurysms?</b> <i>Kenton Rommens, Vascular Surgeon – Calgary, AB</i>
1045 – 1100	<b>Challenges in Endovascular Management of Post Dissection Aortic Aneurysms</b> <i>Kongteng Tan, Interventional Radiologist – Toronto, ON</i>
1100 – 1115	<b>Management of Complex Aortic Dissection</b> <i>Matthew Cwinn, Vascular Surgeon – Edmonton, AB</i>
1115 – 1130	Panel Discussion
1130 – 1145	<b>Case Presentation</b> <i>Thomas Lindsay, Vascular Surgeon – Toronto, ON</i>
1150 – 1205	<b>Sponsored Rapid-Fire Session</b>
1205 – 1300	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>SESSION VII</b>	<b>KEYNOTE LECTURES</b>
LEARNING OBJECTIVES	<b><i>At the end of this session, participants will be able to:</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modify and update treatment and surgical techniques based on new information provided</li> <li>• Discuss education techniques in the training of vascular surgeons</li> <li>• Understand new technologies and how they impact vascular surgery</li> </ul>
MODERATOR	<i>Jason Bayne, Vascular Surgeon – Montreal, QC</i>
1300 – 1320	<b>Top Ten Papers of 2024</b> <i>Thomas Forbes, Vascular Surgeon – Toronto, ON</i>
1320 – 1340	<b>Does Competency By Design Produce Better Vascular Surgeons?</b> <i>Elisa Greco, Vascular Surgeon – Toronto, ON</i>



1340 – 1400	<b>Use of Artificial Intelligence in (Vascular) Surgery</b> <i>Charles De Mestral, Vascular Surgeon – Toronto, ON</i>
1400 – 1415	Panel Discussion
1415 – 1430	<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK &amp; PRIZE DRAWS</b>
<b>SESSION VIII</b>	<b>CASE PRESENTATIONS</b>
LEARNING OBJECTIVES	<b>At the end of this session, participants will be able to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and implement treatment options in their practice</li> </ul>
MODERATOR	<i>Kirk Lawlor, Vascular Surgeon – Vancouver, BC</i>
1430 – 1445	<b>Moderate Complexity Cases – ‘Hey, I CAN do that!’</b> <i>Nicholas Peti, Vascular Surgeon – Saskatoon, SK</i>
1445 – 1500	<b>Interactive Case Presentation</b> <i>Jason Bayne, Vascular Surgeon – Montreal, QC</i>
1500 – 1515	<b>Interactive Case Presentation</b> <i>Gautamn Sarwal, Vascular Surgeon – Vancouver, BC</i>
1515 – 1530	<b>What Would You Do? Case Presentation</b> <i>Paul Petrasek, Vascular Surgeon – Calgary, AB</i>

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