

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

21ST ANNUAL

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 was approved by the Canadian Society for Vascular Surgery for a maximum of 16.75 hours.

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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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.

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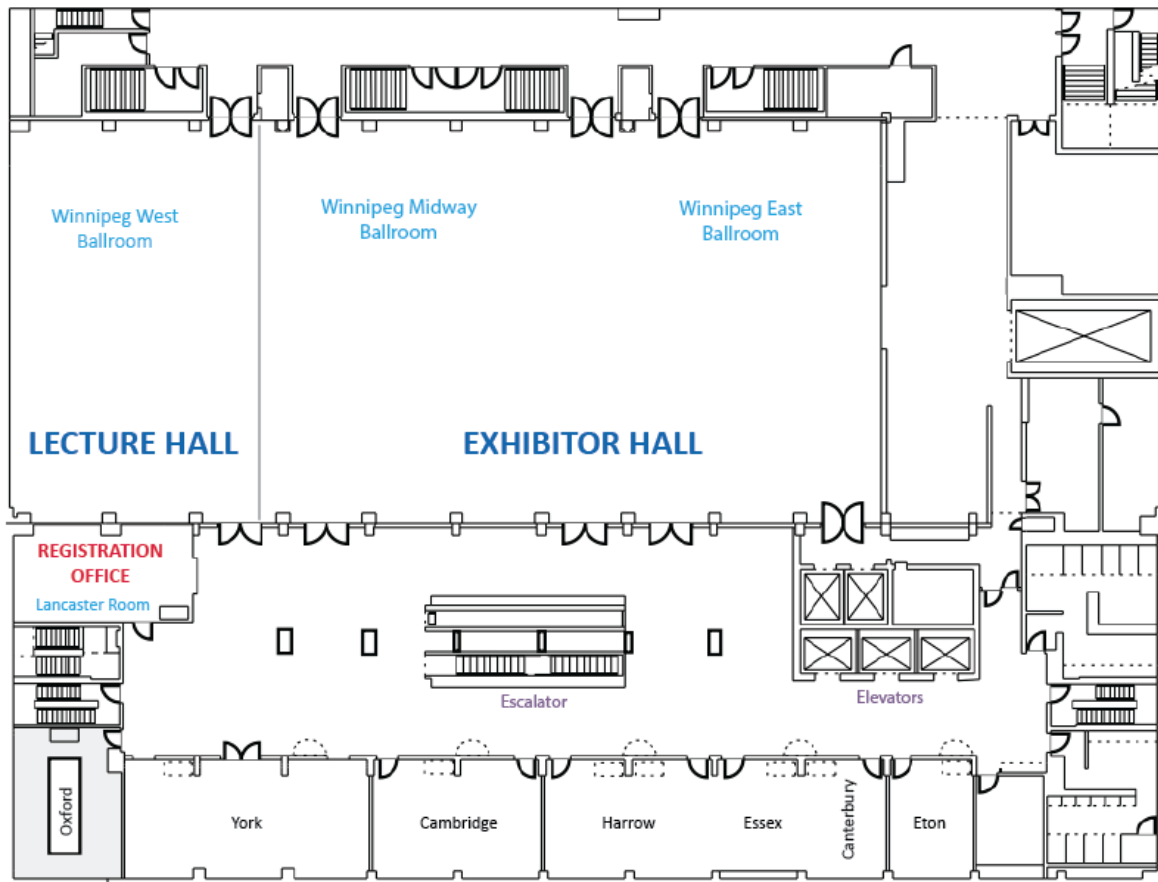
Friday, April 4 700-1630
Saturday, April 5 700-1400

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

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

GENERAL PROGRAM

Friday, April 4

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

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

Saturday, April 5

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

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

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

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