

FINAL
PROGRAM

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23 - 25

RESIDENTS' DAY

Thursday, April 23

GENERAL PROGRAM

Friday & Saturday, April 24 & 25

CONFERENCE GOALS

This multidisciplinary conference's main objective is to provide attendees up-to-date, cutting-edge information through an engaging platform and immersive learning environment. Vascular surgery thought leaders will discuss developments in clinical reasoning, research, medical education, and practical experience that can be applied for improvement and enhancement of vascular surgery in Canada.

ADVANCE LEARNING

Speaker presentations, debates, keynote lectures, and case studies emphasize relevant issues and topics that are authentic and original.

Every year, Residents' Day is a highlight of the symposium, where residents from all vascular surgery training programs across Canada give presentations on a range of vascular topics.

DYNAMIC NETWORKING

Being around like-minded individuals fosters inspiration and innovation. Bringing together professionals from all provinces and regions of the nation offers a unique opportunity to network and exchange ideas with those who are committed to expanding and enhancing vascular surgery for all Canadians.

ACCREDITATION

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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.

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645 - 730

REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

730 - 735

Opening & Welcome

Joshua Koulack, Program Director - University of Manitoba

SESSION I

AORTA

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Evaluate the evidence for treatment of endoleaks
- Describe techniques and management options for fistulas and aneurysms

MODERATED BY *Joshua Koulack, Program Director - University of Manitoba*

735 - 840

Contemporary Management of Aorto Enteric Fistulas

Farhad Udawadia, PGY4 Resident - University of British Columbia

Pre-EVAR Embolization of IMA/Lumbar to Prevent Endoleaks - Is There Any Evidence?

Nivethan Vela, PGY6 Resident - University of Ottawa

Management of Aneurysms in Connective Tissue Disorder Patients

Yazan Yousef, PGY3 Resident - McMaster University

Management of Isolated Common Iliac Aneurysms

Ievgen Gegiia, PGY4 Resident - Laval University

Panel Discussion

840 - 855

Aorta Case Presentation

Nadia Oliveira Trabelsi, PGY2 Resident - University of Montreal

SESSION II

PERIPHERAL VASCULAR DISEASE

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Describe treatment options for aorto iliac occlusive disease
- Compare and evaluate management options for femoral/popliteal occlusive disease
- Analyze and determine best treatment options for subclavian steal syndrome

MODERATED BY *Elie Girsowicz, Program Director - McGill University*

855 - 945

Comparison of Angioplasty and Bypass in Femoral/Popliteal Occlusive Disease

Kelsey Ambrose, PGY4 Resident - Western University

Subclavian Steal Syndrome - Diagnosis, Indications and Management of

Mahdi Baba, PGY3 Resident - McGill University

Optimal Treatment for Aorto Iliac Occlusive Disease - Patency and Complications

Hesham Alghofili, PGY4 Resident - University of Toronto

Panel Discussion

945 - 1000

PVD Case Presentation

Abdullah Masood, PGY3 Resident - University of Manitoba

1000 - 1030 | **REFRESHMENT BREAK**

SESSION III

SELECTED TOPICS IN VASCULAR SURGERY

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Evaluate options for steal syndrome in hemoaccess treatments
- Describe management techniques for renovascular hypertension, vasculitides, mesenteric aneurysms and axillosubclavian DVT

MODERATED BY *Elisa Greco, Program Director - University of Toronto*

1030 - 1150 | **Steal Syndrome Decision-Making in Hemoaccess - When to Salvage vs Ligate**

Ibrahim Al-Kindi, PGY4 Resident - University of British Columbia

Renovascular Hypertension - Physiology and Management

Hugo Perrier, PGY2 Resident - Western University

Vasculitides - Diagnosis and Management

Naomi Wedel, PGY3 Resident - University of Calgary

Guidelines for Management of Mesenteric Aneurysms

Rabab Alabdullah, PGY6 Resident - University of Ottawa

Management of Axillosubclavian DVT

Felix Savoie-White, PGY3 Resident - Laval University

Panel Discussion

1150 - 1205 | **Mesenteric Case Presentation**

Cierra Stiegelmar, PGY2 Resident - University of Calgary

1205 - 1245 | **LUNCH**

SESSION IV

RESIDENTS' JEOPARDY

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Evaluate their level of knowledge of various diseases, conditions, and processes

MODERATED BY *Prasad Jetty, Program Director - University of Ottawa*

1245 - 1345 |

SESSION V

CAROTID

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Assess multiple treatment options for the carotid artery
- Evaluate the efficacy of carotid endarterectomies and the use of the carotid stent

MODERATED BY *Pascal Rheaume, Program Director - Laval University*

1345 - 1450

Who Benefits from a Carotid Stent?

Asha Kothari, PGY4 Resident - University of Manitoba

Optimal Timing of CEA After an Acute Event

Emily Hodgson, Fellow - McMaster University

Carotid Subclavian Bypass vs Transposition for TEVAR - Is One Better Than the Other?

Morgan Gold, PGY3 Resident - McGill University

Is CEA Appropriate for Asymptomatic Disease?

Kennedy Ayoo, PGY3 Resident - University of Toronto

Panel Discussion

1450 - 1505

Carotid Case Presentation

Marie-Lyne Bourque, PGY4 Resident - University of Montreal

1505 - 1515

REFRESHMENT BREAK IN MEETING ROOM

VASCULAR RESIDENTS, FELLOWS & PROGRAM DIRECTORS

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Plan and prepare for future exams and real life situations

MODERATED BY *John Landau, Program Director - Western University + Kirk Lawlor, Vascular Surgeon - University of British Columbia*

1515 - 1715

Mock Oral Exam Preparation Session + Top Gun Skills Competition - Preliminary Rounds

1830

Residentluminaries Dinner

Cook Medical

700 - 745

REGISTRATION & HOT BREAKFAST

745 - 800

Opening & Welcome

April Boyd, Vascular Surgeon - Winnipeg, MB

George Louridas Education Awards for Top Three Residents' Day Presentations

April Boyd & Randy Guzman, Vascular Surgeons - Winnipeg, MB

SESSION I

LOWER EXTREMITY

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Evaluate and determine the best treatment options for peripheral vascular disease
- Discuss treatment options for distal tibial and pedal diseases
- Describe vascular medicine techniques and how they are beneficial in vascular surgery

MODERATED BY *April Boyd, Vascular Surgeon - Winnipeg, MB*

800 - 840

Advanced Techniques for Distal Tibial and Pedal Disease - Is There Hope for the Desert Foot?

Elie Girsowicz, Vascular Surgeon - Montreal, QC

Update in Vascular Medicine for the Vascular Surgeon

Sean McMurtry, Internal Medicine Physician - Edmonton, AB

Panel Discussion

840 - 910

DEBATE: Endovascular First Therapy for PVD Increases Overall Healthcare Costs

***For the Motion** - Jonathan Misskey, Vascular Surgeon - Vancouver, BC*

***Against the Motion** - John Harlock, Vascular Surgeon - Hamilton, ON*

Discussion

915 - 930

Sponsored Rapid Fire Session

930 - 1000

REFRESHMENT BREAK

SESSION II

SELECTED TOPICS IN VASCULAR SURGERY

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Consider options available for the use of artificial intelligence and robotics in vascular surgery
- Understand and evaluate current information for bioengineered conduits

MODERATED BY *William Fortin, Vascular Surgeon - Montreal, QC*

1000 - 1100

Vascular Surgery Robotics - Is There a Role?

Leonard Tse, Vascular Surgeon - Toronto, ON

Artificial Intelligence in Vascular Surgery

David Szalay, Vascular Surgeon - Toronto, ON

Current Progress in Bioengineered Conduits

April Boyd, Vascular Surgery - Winnipeg, MB

Panel Discussion

1100 - 1130 | **Case Presentation**
Virginia Gunn, Vascular Surgeon - Edmonton, AB

Case Presentation
Annie Ducas, Vascular Surgeon - Barrie, ON

1130 - 1330 | **Top Gun Skills Competition - Semi-Finals + LUNCH**

SESSION III

SELECTED TOPICS IN VASCULAR SURGERY

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Evaluate treatment options for chronic mesenteric ischemia
- Summarize the best treatment and management options for symptomatic and asymptomatic carotid occlusive disease

MODERATED BY *Jonathan Misskey, Vascular Surgeon - Vancouver, BC*

1330 - 1415 | **Revascularization Options for Chronic Mesenteric Ischemia**

Stephane Elkouri, Vascular Surgeon - Montreal, QC

Current Evidence for Medical Management of Asymptomatic Carotid Occlusive Disease

Elisa Greco, Vascular Surgeon - Toronto, ON

Panel Discussion

1415 - 1445 | **DEBATE: CEA Will Remain the Gold-Standard for Management of Symptomatic Carotid Occlusive Disease**

***For the Motion** - Nicholas Peti, Vascular Surgeon - Saskatoon, SK*

***Against the Motion** - Joseph Silvaggio, Neurosurgeon - Winnipeg, MB*

Discussion

1450 - 1505 | **Sponsored Rapid Fire Session**

1505 - 1530 | **REFRESHMENT BREAK**

SESSION IV

VENOUS

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Describe techniques and management options for deep venous incompetence
- Analyze and determine treatment options for iliac veins and IVC occlusion
- Understand and review GSV stripping techniques and the use of tumescence anaesthetic

MODERATED BY *John Harlock, Vascular Surgeon - Hamilton, ON*

1530 - 1615 | **Modern Surgical Treatment for Deep Venous Incompetence**

Gary Yang, Vascular Surgeon - Kelowna, BC

Endovascular Treatment of Iliac Vein and IVC Occlusion

Alexa Mordhorst, Vascular Surgeon - Halifax, NS

Panel Discussion

1615 - 1630 | **How I Do It: GSV Stripping and Tumescence Anaesthetic**

Jerry Chen, Vascular Surgeon - Vancouver, BC

1630 - 1800 | **Top Gun Skills Competition - Finals + COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

715 - 800

REGISTRATION & HOT BREAKFAST

800

Opening & Welcome

Gregory Harding, Vascular Surgeon - Winnipeg, MB

SESSION V

ABDOMINAL AORTA

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Consider treatment options and their validity for numerous aortic aneurysms
- Evaluate and assess conditions relating to AAA repairs and type 2 endoleaks

MODERATED BY *Gregory Harding, Vascular Surgeon - Winnipeg, MB*

800 - 915

Endovascular Strategies to Decrease Spinal Cord Ischemia Risk in F-BEVAR

Philippe Charbonneau, Vascular Surgeon - Montreal, QC

Are We Overtreating? The Elderly, The Frail, and the Co-Morbid - Who Should Get a AAA Repair?

Paul Petrasek, Vascular Surgeon - Calgary, AB

Are Type 2 Endoleaks Really Dangerous? Natural History of the Untreated Type 2 Endoleak

Gautamn Sarwal, Vascular Surgeon - Vancouver, BC

What is the Role of Open Thoracoabdominal Aneurysm Repair in 2026?

Michael Troncone, Vascular and Cardiac Surgeon - Winnipeg, MB

Panel Discussion

915 - 945

DEBATE: FEVAR Should be Used for all Aneurysms with a <4mm Neck

For the Motion - Samuel Jessula, Vascular Surgeon - Halifax, NS

Against the Motion - Derek Roberts, Vascular Surgeon - Ottawa, ON

Discussion

950 - 1005

Sponsored Rapid Fire Session

1005 - 1030

REFRESHMENT BREAK

SESSION VI

THORACIC AORTA

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Summarize endovascular intervention options and management techniques for the thoracic aorta
- Discuss management of long term complications and understand the use of physician modified grafts

MODERATED BY *Michael Troncone, Vascular and Cardiac Surgeon - Winnipeg, MB*

1030 - 1145

Endovascular Arch Repairs in Emergencies

William Fortin, Vascular Surgeon - Montreal, QC

Complications of Complex Aortic Intervention

Matthew Cwinn, Vascular Surgeon - Edmonton, AB

Saccular Aneurysms of the Thoracic Aorta - How to Measure Diameter and When to Repair

Nicholas Peti, Vascular Surgeon - Saskatoon, SK

A Review of Oncovascular: Vascular Surgery Involvement in Oncology Cases

Pascal Rheaume, Vascular Surgeon - Quebec City, QC

Panel Discussion

1145 - 1200 How I Do It: Physician Modified Graft

Joel Gagnon, Vascular Surgeon - Vancouver, BC

1200 - 1300 LUNCH

SESSION VII

KEYNOTE LECTURES

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Modify and update treatment and surgical techniques based on new information provided
- Understand new endovascular technologies and how they impact vascular surgery
- Discuss provincial screening programs and their effects on patients

MODERATED BY *Audra Duncan, Vascular Surgeon - London, ON*

1300 - 1415 Top Ten Papers of 2025

Audra Duncan, Vascular Surgeon - London, ON

How I Did It: Provincial Screening Program for AAA in Ontario

Varun Kapila, Vascular Surgeon - Toronto, ON

Rational Use of New Endovascular Technology in Vascular Surgery

Thomas Lindsay, Vascular Surgeon - Toronto, ON

Panel Discussion

1415 - 1430 REFRESHMENT BREAK + PRIZE DRAWS IN MEETING ROOM

SESSION VIII

CASE PRESENTATIONS

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Identify and implement treatment options in their practice

MODERATED BY *Paul Petrasek, Vascular Surgeon - Calgary, AB*

1430 - 1530 Case Presentation

Samuel Jessula, Vascular Surgeon - Halifax, NS

Case Presentation

Leonard Tse, Vascular Surgeon - Toronto, ON

Case Presentation

Kirk Lawlor, Vascular Surgeon - Vancouver, BC

Case Presentation

Paul Petrasek, Vascular Surgeon - Calgary, AB

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