

PRELIMINARY
PROGRAM

2026

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APRIL
23- 25

RESIDENTS' DAY

Thursday, April 23

GENERAL PROGRAM

Friday & Saturday, April 24 & 25

EXHIBITORS

Conference attendees and sponsoring organizations have found the WVES meetings to be a great place to exchange ideas and information in a collaborative environment.

We encourage all attendees to visit exhibit booths to support our partnering businesses, get the most up-to-date information on products and services, and participate in the Passport to Prizes activity.

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The Passport to Prizes activity offers participants an entertaining and captivating approach to engage with exhibitors. When attendees visit each booth, they will be given a passcode to enter into the Passport to Prizes section of the event app.

Prizes will be awarded through a tier-based system of completion.

Those who submit passcodes for every exhibitor will be entered into a draw for one of two grand prizes.

PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The Planning Committee for the Winnipeg Vascular & Endovascular Symposium continues to finalize details for the 2026 meeting with updates being made to this Preliminary Schedule regularly as information becomes available.

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 Udwadia, 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

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

Apoorva Bhandari, PGY3 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 *Moderator Name TBA*

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

Samie Cloutier, PGY3 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 - Vancouver, BC*

1515 - 1715

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

1830

Residentluminaries Dinner

Cook Medical

GENERAL PROGRAM

FRIDAY

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

Matthew Ades, Internal Medicine Physician - Montreal, QC

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

Presenter Name TBA

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

CAROTID

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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

- Summarize the best treatment and management options for symptomatic and asymptomatic carotid occlusive disease
- Review and analyze the efficacy of carotid endarterectomies

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

- 1330 - 1415** | **Stroke in Evolution - Is There a Role for Carotid Endarterectomy?**
Presenter Name TBA
- 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** - Presenter Name TBA*
- 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 - Calgary, AB

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

GENERAL PROGRAM

SATURDAY

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 Petrusek, 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 - 1130

Percutaneous Axillary Artery Access for Endovascular Intervention - Tips & Tricks

William Fortin, Vascular Surgeon - Montreal, QC

Complications of Complex Aortic Intervention

Matthew Cwinn, Vascular Surgeon - Edmonton, AB

GENERAL PROGRAM

SATURDAY

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

Nicholas Peti, Vascular Surgeon - Saskatoon, SK

Panel Discussion

1130 - 1145 How I Do It: Physician Modified Graft

Joel Gagnon, Vascular Surgeon - Vancouver, BC

1150 - 1205 Sponsored Rapid Fire Session

1205 - 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 *Moderator Name TBA*

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 *Greg Harding, Vascular Surgeon - Winnipeg, MB*

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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