

PRELIMINARY  
**PROGRAM**

2026

**22<sup>ND</sup>**  
ANNUAL

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

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## 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 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

*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** *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

*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*

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?**

*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 - 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**

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 on 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** *Stephane Elkouri, Vascular Surgeon - Montreal, QC*

### **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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