WVES

23RD ANNUAL

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

WINNIPEG
VASCULAR & ENDOVASCULAR
SYMPOSIUM

APRIL 8 – 10, 2027

MEETING 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, 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 provide 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

RCPSC

Approval as 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 is currently pending.

CAMRT

Approval for Category "A" credits have been requested from the Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists.

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 during the numerous networking breaks throughout the meeting to support our partnering businesses, get the most up-to-date information on products and services, and participate in the Passport to Prizes activity.

EXHIBIT HOURS

DIAMOND & PLATINUM

Thursday, April 8	645 - 1300
Friday, April 9	700 - 1700
Saturday, April 10	700 - 1400

GOLD, SILVER & BRONZE

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Saturday, April 10	700 - 1400

PASSPORT TO PRIZES

Connect - Enter Codes - Win!

Explore the exhibit hall, meet our industry partners, enter codes and rack up points to win premium gift cards!

SPONSOR POINTS

DIAMOND	Maximum
PLATINUM	Premium
GOLD	High
SILVER	Bonus
BRONZE	Regular

REWARD TIERS

Tier 1	$50 Gift Card
Tier 2	$75 Gift Card
Tier 3	$100 Gift Card

GRAND PRIZE DRAW

All attendees who successfully connect with EVERY booth will automatically unlock exclusive entry into the Grand Prize Draw.

1st Prize	$500 Gift Card
2nd Prize	$250 Gift Card

Full rules, exact point values and milestone thresholds will be provided on-site and in EventMobi before the symposium begins!

PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The Planning Committee for the Winnipeg Vascular & Endovascular Symposium continues to finalize details for the 2027 meeting with updates being made to this Preliminary Schedule regularly as information becomes available.

THURSDAY RESIDENTS' DAY

0630 – 1730 **REGISTRATION DESK** open

0645 – 0730 **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** in EXHIBIT HALL

0730 – 0735 **Welcome & Opening Remarks** - *Tarik Leylek, Vascular Surgeon - Winnipeg, MB*

SESSION I — AORTA

MODERATED BY *Tarik Leylek, Vascular Surgeon - University of Manitoba*

0735 – 0855

0735 – 0750 **Approach to Blunt Thoracic Aortic Injury**
Felix Savoie-White, PGY4 Resident - Laval University

0750 – 0805 **Management of Juxtarenal Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms**
TBD

0805 – 0820 **Management of the Infected Aortic Endograft**
TBD

0820 – 0835 **Spinal Cord Ischemia after Aortic Repair**
TBD

0835 – 0840 Panel Discussion

0840 – 0855 **Case Presentation**
TBD

SESSION II — PERIPHERAL VASCULAR DISEASE

MODERATED BY *Jonathan Misskey, Program Director - University of British Columbia*

0855 – 1015

0855 – 0910 **Endovascular Treatment of Popliteal Stenoses/Occlusions**
Krzysztof Kowalik, PGY3 Resident - McMaster University

0910 – 0925 **Choosing the First Revascularization Strategy in Critical Limb Threatening Ischemia**
Alveena Ahmed, PGY3 Resident - University of Ottawa

0925 – 0940 **Endovascular Techniques for Aortoiliac Occlusive Disease**
Sophie Levasseur, PGY3 Resident - McGill University

0940 – 0955 **Nonatherosclerotic Causes of Claudication**
Alisson Skelling, PGY3 Resident - Laval University

0955 – 1000 Panel Discussion

1000 – 1015 **Case Presentation**
Meghan McGillivray, PGY4 Resident - University of British Columbia

1015 – 1045 **REFRESHMENT BREAK** in EXHIBIT HALL

SESSION III — SELECTED TOPICS IN VASCULAR SURGERY

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

1045 – 1205

1045 – 1100 **Modern Management of Acute Mesenteric Ischemia**
Erin Gaudette, PGY3 Resident - University of Toronto

1100 – 1115 **Phlegmasia Cerulea Dolens - Diagnosis and Management**
Abdullah Masood, PGY4 Resident - University of Manitoba

1115 – 1130 **Management of Renovascular Disease**
Cierra Stiegelmar, PGY3 Resident - University of Calgary

1130 – 1145 **Visceral Artery Aneurysms - Diagnosis and Management**
Ahmad Muqaddam, PGY3 Resident - McGill University

1145 – 1150 Panel Discussion

1150 – 1205 **Case Presentation**
TBD

1205 – 1245 **LUNCH** in EXHIBIT HALL

SESSION IV — RESIDENTS' JEOPARDY

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

1245 – 1345

SESSION V — CAROTID

MODERATED BY *Oonagh Scallan, Program Director - Western University*

1345 – 1505

1345 – 1400 **Management of Nonatherosclerotic Carotid Disease**
Omaima Al-Alyani, PGY3 Resident - University of British Columbia

1400 – 1415 **Optimal Medical Therapy for Carotid Disease**
TBD

1415 – 1430 **Beyond Degree of Stenosis - Vulnerable Plaque Imaging to Guide Carotid Management**
Apoorva Bhandari, PGY3 Resident - Western University

1430 – 1445 **Recurrent Carotid Stenosis after Carotid Endarterectomy**
George Elzawy, PGY3 Resident - University of Ottawa

1445 – 1450 Panel Discussion

1450 – 1505 **Case Presentation**
TBD

1505 – 1515 **REFRESHMENT BREAK** in LECTURE ROOM

VASCULAR RESIDENTS, FELLOWS & PROGRAM DIRECTORS

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

1515 – 1730 **Mock Oral Exam Session + TOP GUN SKILLS COMPETITION -** Preliminary Rounds

FRIDAY GENERAL PROGRAM

0645 - 1830 **REGISTRATION DESK** open

0700 - 0745 **HOT BREAKFAST** in EXHIBIT HALL

0745 - 0800 **Welcome & Opening Remarks** - *Randy Guzman & Joshua Koulack, Vascular Surgeons - Winnipeg, MB*

George Louridas Best Presentation Awards - *Joshua Koulack, Vascular Surgeons - Winnipeg, MB*

SESSION I — LOWER EXTREMITY

MODERATED BY *Joshua Koulack, Vascular Surgeon - Winnipeg, MB*

0800 – 0915

0800 - 0815 **The Evidence for IVL in Calcified Lesions - Is There Any?**
TBD

0815 - 0830 **Amputation Rehabilitation - Who is a Candidate for Prosthetic Rehab?**
Ryan Skrabek, Physcial Medicine and Rehabilitation Physician - Winnipeg, MB

0830 - 0845 **Venous Arterialization for Non-Reconstructable Critical Limb Ischemia**
Sudhir Nagpal, Vascular Surgeon - Ottawa, ON

0845 - 0900 Panel Discussion

0900 - 0915 **Case Presentation**
TBD

0920 - 0935 Unaccredited **SPONSORED RAPID FIRE SESSION**

0935 - 1000 **REFRESHMENT BREAK** in EXHIBIT HALL

SESSION II — SELECTED TOPICS IN VASCULAR SURGERY

MODERATED BY *Kenton Rommens, Vascular Surgeon - Calgary, AB*

1000 – 1130

1000 - 1015 **TBD**
TBD

1015 - 1030 **My Approach to Thoracic Outlet Syndrome**
Charles de Mestral, Vascular Surgeon - Toronto, ON

1030 - 1045 **Should a Femoral Embolus be Managed by Suction Mechanical Thrombectomy?**
John Harlock, Vascular Surgeon - Hamilton, ON

1045 - 1100 **Environmental Impact of Vascular Surgery - What Can We Do To Help?**
Jerry Chen, Vascular Surgeon - Vancouver, BC

1100 - 1115 Panel Discussion

1115 - 1130 **Case Presentation**
TBD

1130 – 1330 **TOP GUN SKILLS COMPETITION -** Semi-Finals

LUNCH in EXHIBIT HALL

SESSION III — CAROTID

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

1330 – 1445

1330 – 1345 **Which ASX Carotids Should be Offered Intervention?**
Oonagh Scallan, Vascular Surgeon - London, ON

1345 – 1400 **TCAR - Should We be Offering This to Our Patients? If so, Who?**
Melissa Jones, Vascular Surgeon - Calgary, AB

1400 – 1415 **Diminishing Returns - How Long After a Cerebrovascular Event is it Reasonable to Call the Lesion Symptomatic?**
Nicholas Peti, Vascular Surgeon - Saskatoon, SK

1415 – 1430 Panel Discussion

1430 – 1445 **Case Presentation**
TBD

1450 – 1505 Unaccredited **SPONSORED RAPID FIRE SESSION**

1505 – 1530 **REFRESHMENT BREAK** in EXHIBIT HALL

SESSION IV — VENOUS

MODERATED BY *TBD*

1530 – 1630

1530 – 1545 **Pelvic Venous Disease**
Alessandra Bailey, Interventional Radiologist - Highlands Ranch, CO

1545 – 1600 **Approach to Management of Arteriovenous Malformations**
TBD

1600 – 1615 **Early Venous Ablation Should be Offered to Hasten Healing of Venous Ulcers**
Abdalla Butt, Vascular Surgeon - Saskatoon, SK

1615 – 1630 Panel Discussion

1630 – 1830 **TOP GUN SKILLS COMPETITION - Finals**

COCKTAIL RECEPTION in LECTURE ROOM

SATURDAY GENERAL PROGRAM

0700 – 1600 **REGISTRATION DESK** open

0715 – 0755 **HOT BREAKFAST** in EXHIBIT HALL

0755 – 0800 **Welcome & Opening Remarks** - *April Boyd, Vascular Surgeons - Winnipeg, MB*

SESSION V ABDOMINAL AORTA

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

0800 – 0920

0800 – 0815 **AAA Screening - Still Working in the Post-Smoking Era?**
Elisa Greco, Vascular Surgeon - Toronto, ON

0815 – 0830 **Update on AAA Rupture Prediction Models**
Joel Gagnon, Vascular Surgeon - Vancouver, BC

0830 – 0845 **Two Decades of Endovascular Treatment of Ruptured AAA - How are we doing?**
Jonathan Misskey, Vascular Surgeon - Vancouver, BC

0845 – 0900 **Endovascular Treatment of Connective Tissue Aneurysms - No longer a Contraindication?**
Kenton Rommens, Vascular Surgeon - Calgary, AB

0900 – 0920 Panel Discussion

0925 – 0940 Unaccredited **SPONSORED RAPID FIRE SESSION**

0940 – 1010 **REFRESHMENT BREAK** in EXHIBIT HALL

SESSION VI THORACIC AORTA

MODERATED BY *TBD*

1010 – 1140

1010 – 1025 **Physician Modified Endografts (PMEGS) - What to Stock?**
Robert James Doonan, Aortic and Vascular Surgeon - Montreal, QC

1025 – 1040 **Update on Randomized Trials on Treatment of Uncomplicated TBAD**
TBD

1040 – 1055 **Case Presentation**
Michael Troncone, Cardiac and Vascular Surgeon - Winnipeg, MB

1055 – 1110 Panel Discussion

1110 – 1140 **DEBATE: Laser Fenestration is Better than PMEG in Urgent/Emergent FEVAR**
For the Motion *- TBD*
Against the Motion *- Samuel Jessula, Vascular Surgeon - Halifax, NS*

1145 – 1200 Unaccredited **SPONSORED RAPID FIRE SESSION**

1200 – 1300 **LUNCH** in EXHIBIT HALL

SESSION VII — KEYNOTE LECTURES

MODERATED BY *Elisa Greco, Vascular Surgeon - Toronto, ON*

1300 – 1415

1300 – 1320 **Top Ten Papers of 2026**
Audra Duncan, Vascular Surgeon - Toronto, ON

1320 – 1340 **The Future of Vascular Surgery in the Age of Artificial Intelligence**
TBD

1340 – 1400 **Simulation in Vascular Surgery**
Abdalla Butt, Vascular Surgeon - Saskatoon, SK

1400 – 1415 Panel Discussion

1415 – 1430 **REFRESHMENT BREAK** & **PRIZE DRAWS** in LECTURE ROOM

SESSION VIII — CASE PRESENTATIONS

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

1430 – 1530

1430 – 1445 **Case Presentation**
TBD

1445 – 1500 **Case Presentation**
TBD

1500 – 1515 **Case Presentation**
TBD

1515 – 1530 **Case Presentation**
Paul Petrasek, Vascular Surgeon - Calgary, AB

1530 **CLOSING REMARKS**

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