

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018

- 10:00 – 5:00 pm Registration
12:00 – 5:00 pm Exhibit Display
12:00 – 12:30 pm Opening Remarks/Welcome New Members

SCIENTIFIC SESSION I

(12:30 – 2:30 PM)

Moderators: Danny Chu, MD and Antonio Robles, MD

** Resident/student competition*

- 1. DIFFERENCE IN VENOUS THROMBOEMBOLISM RISK AFTER NONOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT OF BLUNT SPLEEN VS. LIVER TRAUMA**
Karcutskie CA*, Mundra LS, Meizoso JP, Ray JJ, Eidelson SA, Rao K, Teisch LF, Schulman CI, Namias N, Procto KG
Ryder Trauma Center, Dewitt Daughtry Family Department of Surgery, University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine, Miami, Florida
- 2. ORAL CAVITY AND PHARYNGEAL CANCER INCIDENCE, TRENDS AND SURGICAL THERAPY IN THE UNITED STATES: 2000-2014**
Mundra LS*, AlQattan HT, Rubio, GA, Spector SA, Thaller SR
Division of Plastic, Aesthetic, and Reconstructive Surgery, DeWitt Daughtry Family Department of Surgery, University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine
- 3. IN THE SUPER-OBESE, BILIOPANCREATIC DIVERSION/DUODENAL SWITCH (BPD/DS) ELIMINATES VARIATION BY SEX OF OBESITY CO-MORBIDITY RESOLUTION BUT NOT WEIGHT AND BMI: ANALYSIS OF 1,673 PATIENTS**
Lyon M*, Tamburrini D, Slotman G
Inspira Health Network
- 4. USE OF NON-PLEDGETED SUTURE TECHNIQUE IS SAFE AND FEASIBLE FOR HEART VALVE REPLACEMENT**
Chan PG*, Chan EG, Seese LM, Sultan I, Kilic A, Gleason TG, Chu D
Division of Cardiac Surgery, Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine; Section of Cardiac Surgery, Surgery Service Line, Veterans Affairs Pittsburgh Healthcare System

5. **FEMALE GENITAL CANCER INCIDENCE, TRENDS AND SURGICAL THERAPY IN THE UNITED STATES: 2000-2014**
AlQattan HT*, Mundra LS, Rubio, GA, Spector S, Thaller SR
 Division of Plastic, Aesthetic, and Reconstructive Surgery, DeWitt Daughtry Family Department of Surgery, University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine

6. **MULTI-INSTITUTIONAL ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT OF RISK PREDICTION ON OPERATIVE DECISION MAKING**
Healy JM*, Luo-Owen, Turay D, Pei KP
 West Haven Veterans Affairs Medical Center, West Haven, CT Yale School of Medicine, Department of Surgery, New Haven, CT Loma Linda University Medical Center, Loma Linda, CA

7. **READMISSION RATE AND COST COMPARISON OF LAPAROSCOPIC CHOLECYSTECTOMY VERSUS PERCUTANEOUS CHOLECYSTOSTOMY: A PROPENSITY SCORE MATCHED ASSESSMENT OF THE NATIONAL READMISSION DATABASE**
Fleming MM^{1*}, DeWane MP¹, Luo J², Zhang Y², Pei KY¹
¹ Yale School of Medicine, Department of Surgery, New Haven, CT; ² Section of Surgical Outcomes and Epidemiology, Department of Surgery, Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, CT

8. **TEN YEAR VA EXPERIENCE OF COMMON FEMORAL ENDARTERECTOMY AND COMBINED ILIAC STENTING FOR LIMB SALVAGE: 2007 TO 2017**
Gaffey AC*, Ramdon A, Quatromoni JG, BauderAR, Golden M, Wang G, Kalapatapu V
 Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Division of Vascular Surgery; Corporal Michael J. Crescenzo VA Medical Center

9. **FLOW RATE AND PRESSURE ESTIMATION TOOLBOX FOR TEVAR PATIENTS**
Tricarico R*, Yong H, Beck AW, Scali S, Berceci SA
 North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health Service and the University of Florida, FL, University of Alabama School of Medicine, Birmingham, AL, USA

10. **VOOGLE NOTES: A NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING (NLP) APPLICATION THAT LEVERAGES TEXT REPORTS IN THE VA CORPORATE DATA WAREHOUSE (CDW) TO SUPPORT PROVIDER DECISION-MAKING FOR PATIENT CARE**
Turano A, Eibling D
 VA OI&T (AT) VA Pittsburgh (DE) University of Pittsburgh (AT & DE)

2:30 – 3:00 pm BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS

QUICKSHOT SESSION A

(3:00 – 4:30 PM)

Moderators: Kathleen Raman, MD and Seth Spector, MD

** Resident/student competition*

11. **COMPARISON OF REPEAT FALLS, INTRACRANIAL HEMORRHAGE, AND STROKE RATE IN THE NATIONAL READMISSION DATABASE**
Fleming MM*, DeWane MP, Chiu AS, Pei KY
Department of Surgery, Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, CT
12. **RETROSPECTIVE ANALYSIS OF COMPLEX ABDOMINAL WALL RECONSTRUCTION USING REPRIZA: A NOVEL ACELLULAR DERMAL MATRIX**
Joseph WJ*, Egro FM, Foglio A, Kenny EM, Manders EK, Zuckerbraun BS
VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System & University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Departments of Surgery and Plastic Surgery
13. **INTERIM ANALYSIS OF A PROSPECTIVE RANDOMIZED, DOUBLE-BLINDED CLINICAL TRIAL TO ASSESS THE IMPACT OF INJECTION PRESSURE ON SPREAD OF LOCAL ANESTHETIC DURING ADDUCTOR CANAL BLOCK AND POSTOPERATIVE REHAB**
Lin JD, Jaramillo A†, Gebhard RE†, Missair A†
*Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, †University of Miami School of Medicine
14. **EFFECTS OF PACKED RED BLOOD CELLS AND FRESH FROZEN PLASMA TRANSFUSION ON VENOUS THROMBOEMBOLISM RISK AFTER TRAUMA**
Karcutskie CA*, Mundra LS, Meizoso JP, Ray JJ, Eidelson SA, Schulman CI, Ginzburg E, Namias N, Proctor KG
Ryder Trauma Center, Dewitt Daughtry Family Department of Surgery, University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine, Miami, Florida
15. **PREDICTORS OF UNPLANNED RE-OPERATION AFTER ABOVE-KNEE AMPUTATION**
Edwards JB*, Wooster MD, Tran T, Armstrong PA, Moudgill N, Shames ML, Brooks JD
Department of Vascular Surgery, University of South Florida; Department of Vascular Surgery, James A Haley Veterans Affairs Hospital
16. **NEUROPHYSIOLOGICAL CHANGES IMPACTING HAND FUNCTION AFTER ARTERIOVENOUS HEMODIALYSIS FISTULA PLACEMENT**
Staton K*, Berceci S, Kubilis P, Barbey S, Hall A, Huber T, Scali S*
Malcolm Randall VAMC, Gainesville, FL; University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
17. **THE LEARNING CURVE FOR MULTI-PARAMETRIC MRI/US FUSION GUIDED PROSTATE BIOPSY: A SINGLE CENTER EXPERIENCE**
Leung CP, Syed JS*, Pan S, Neville TB, Sprenkle PC
Yale University, West Haven Veterans Affairs Hospital
18. **POSTOPERATIVE NARCOTIC PRESCRIPTIONS: HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH?**
Doroshenko M*, Hudson L, Giquel J, Spector S
Miami VA Medical Center, Miami, FL

19. **COMPARISON OF COSTS AND OUTCOMES FOR IN-OFFICE AND OPERATING ROOM EXCISION OF CUTANEOUS MALIGNANCIES**
Ovadia SA*,^{1,3} Spector SA, ^{2,3} Thaller SR^{1,3}
 Division of Plastic Aesthetic and Reconstructive Surgery University of Miami¹, Department of Surgery Bruce W. Carter Department of Veterans Affairs², DeWitt Daughtry Family Department of Surgery, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine ³
20. **POTENTIAL NEW VARIABLES TO QUANTITATE STRESS IN FORWARD SURGICAL TEAMS**
Mulder MB*, Eidelson SA, Madiraju SK, Gross KR, Buzzelli MD, Batchinsky A, Convertino VA, Howard JT, Schulman CI, Namias N, Proctor KG
 Dewitt Daughtry Dept of Surgery and Army Trauma Training Department, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL; Battlefield Health & Trauma Center for Human Integrative Physiology, US Army Institute of Surgical Research, Fort Sam Houston, TX
21. **PREDICTING FACTORS TO POSTOPERATIVE HYPOTENSION FOLLOWING CAROTID ARTERY STENTING**
Rubio GA*, Karwowski J, DeAmorim H, Goldstein LJ, Bornak A
 Division of Vascular & Endovascular Surgery, DeWitt Daughtry Family Department of Surgery, University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine and Bruce W. Carter Miami Veterans Affairs Medical Center
22. **ENDOTOXEMIA AFTER PENETRATING OR BURN TRAUMA**
Eidelson SA*, Mulder MB, Madiraju SK, Karcutskie CA, Rattan R, Schulman CI, Namias N, Proctor KG
 University of Miami/Ryder Trauma Center
23. **PLASTIC SURGERY RESIDENCY TRAINING AND THE PROBLEMATIC RESIDENT, A SURVEY OF PROGRAM DIRECTORS**
Ovadia SA*^{1,3}, Gishen KE^{1,3}, Spector SA^{2,3}, Thaller SR^{1,3}
 Division of Plastic Aesthetic and Reconstructive Surgery University of Miami¹, Department of Surgery Bruce W. Carter Department of Veterans Affairs², DeWitt Daughtry Family Department of Surgery, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine ³
24. **COMPARISON OF FLOW-VOLUME CHART PARAMETERS BETWEEN CAUCASIAN AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEN WITH NOCTURIA**
 Epstein M, Khusid JA*, Weiss JP
 SUNY Downstate College of Medicine; VA NY Harbor Healthcare System Brooklyn Campus
25. **WALKING IS RARE AND HOSPITALIZATION IS COMMON AFTER MAJOR AMPUTATIONS**
Nakahara H*¹, Upchurch MW¹, Alabi O^{1,2}, Salam A^{1,2}, Brewster L^{1,2,3}
 1) Emory University SOM, Department of Surgery 2) Atlanta VA Medical Center, Surgery and Research Services 3) Georgia Institute of Technology, Institute for Bioengineering and Bioscience

26. **ROUTINE POSTOPERATIVE GASTROGRAFIN UGI FOLLOWING SLEEVE GASTRECTOMY SHOULD BE ABANDONED**
Vitello DJ*, Vitello JM, Beach-Bachmann J, Bentrem D
Jesse Brown VA Medical Center
27. **REDUCING BENIGN LUNG RESECTIONS BY INTEGRATING AN INTERVENTIONAL PULMONOLOGY PROGRAM WITH A THORACIC SURGERY DEPARTMENT**
Polcz ME*, Maiga AW, Brown LB, Deppen SA, Montgomery C, Rickman O, Lambright ES, Gillaspie EA, Putnam JB, Nesbitt JC, Grogan EL
Vanderbilt University Medical Center
28. **FEASIBILITY AND EFFICIENCY OF A DECISION AID TO HELP VETERANS CHOOSE BETWEEN OPEN AND ENDOVASCULAR REPAIR OF ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM**
Columbo JA*, Kang R, Spangler EL, Newhall K, Brooke BS, Dosluoglu H, Lee ES, Raffetto JD, Henke PK, Tang GS, Mureebe L, Kougias P, Johanning J, Arya S, Scali ST, Stone DH, Suckow BD, Orion K, Halpern V, O'Connell J, Inhat D, Nelson P, Tzeng E, Zhou W, Bar
From the Department of Surgery and VA Outcomes Group, White River Junction VA Medical Center (JC, RK, KN, PG, DS, BS), The Birmingham VA (ES), the Salt Lake City VA (BB), the Buffalo VAMC (HD), the Sacramento VAMC (EL), the West Roxbury VA (JR), the Ann Arbor VAMC (PH), the Seattle VAMC (GT), the Durham VAMC (LM), the Houston VAMC (PK), the Omaha VAMC (JJ), the Atlanta VAMC (SA), the Gainesville VAMC (SS), the West Haven VAMC (KO), the Phoenix VAMC (VH), the Los Angeles VAMC (JO), the Minneapolis VAMC (DI), the Tampa VAMC (PN), the Pittsburgh VAMC (ET), the Tuscon VAMC (WZ), the Massachusetts General Hospital Center for Shared Decision Making (MB)

4:30 – 5:00 PM

KARL STORZ RESEARCH PRESENTATION

ROLE OF GRAM NEGATIVE BACTERIAL LIPOPOLYSACCHARIDE IN CXCR4-MEDIATED PANCREATIC CARCINOGENESIS

Ryan M. Thomas, MD, FACS

Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery

Malcom Randall VAMC/University of Florida College of Medicine

Gainesville, FL

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018

SCIENTIFIC SESSION II

(8:00 – 10:00 am)

Moderators: Faisal Bakaeen, MD and Lorraine Cornwell, MD

** Resident/student competition*

29. **USE OF INTRAOPERATIVE INHALED EPOPROSTENOL AND CONTINUOUS MECHANICAL VENTILATION DURING OPEN HEART SURGERY FOR HIGH RISK MULTIVALVE INFECTIVE ENDOCARDITIS**
Schraufnagel DP*, Elgharably H, Mehta A, Sale S, Gordon S, Bakaeen F, Gillinov AM, Svensson L, Navia JL
Cleveland Clinic
30. **PENETRANCE AND MORTALITY OF VATS LUNG RESECTIONS WITHIN THE VA**
Maiga AW*, Deppen SA, Denton J, Matheny ME, Gillaspie EA, Nesbitt JC, Grogan EL
Tennessee Valley Healthcare System, Nashville, TN; Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN
31. **DOES ISCHEMIC TIME MATTER IN THE ERA OF THE LUNG ALLOCATION SCORE: THE PITTSBURGH EXPERIENCE**
Schaheen LW*, Tuft M, Pilewski J, Morrell M, D'Cunha J
Division of Lung Transplantation/Lung Failure, Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, University of Pittsburgh
32. **NATIONWIDE TRENDS AND OUTCOMES OF CARDIOVASCULAR SURGERY IN PATIENTS WITH OPIOID USE DISORDERS**
Dewan KC*, Dewan KS, Idrees JJ, Navale SM, Rosinski BF, Svensson LG, Gillinov AM, Johnston DR, Bakaeen FG, Soltesz EG
Department of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH; Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Case Western University School of Medicine, Cleveland, OH; Pittsburgh VAMC, Pittsburgh, PA
33. **TRANSCATHETER VS. SURGICAL AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT AFTER PRIOR CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS GRAFTING: A PROPENSITY-MATCHED ANALYSIS**
Hasan SM*, Donnellan E, Cikach F, Toth A, Blackstone EH, Krishnaswamy A, Kapadia S, Navia JL, Roselli EE, Bakaeen FG, Svensson LG, Mick SL
Cleveland Clinic
34. **ACCESS TO LUNG TRANSPLANTATION IN THE US: THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THE ACCESS TO A HIGH VOLUME CENTER**
Schaheen L*, Chan EG, Tuft M, D'Cunha J
Division of Lung Transplantation/Lung Failure, Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, University of Pittsburgh

35. **FIRST EXPERIENCE OF TRILEAFLET AORTIC VALVE RECONSTRUCTION WITH AUTOLOGOUS PERICARDIUM IN U.S.**
Seese LM*, Chin H, Chan PG, Sultan I, Kilic A, Gleason TG, Chu D
 Division of Cardiac Surgery, Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine; Section of Cardiac Surgery, Surgery Service Line, Veterans Affairs Pittsburgh Healthcare System
36. **SINGLE DOSE DEL NIDO CARDIOPLEGIA: CABG OUTCOMES IN AN ACADEMIC VETERANS TEACHING HOSPITAL**
Reidy MR*, Jimenez E, Omer S, Cornwell LD, Chen S, Preventza O, Rosengart TK, Coselli JS
 Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center
37. **IMPACT OF PRIOR PERCUTANEOUS CORONARY INTERVENTION ON CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS GRAFTING (CABG) OUTCOMES AND SURVIVAL IN A U.S. MILITARY VETERAN POPULATION**
Omer S^{1,2}, Marcano JE^{*1,2}, Jimenez E^{1,2,3}, Cornwell LD^{1,2}, Preventza O^{1,3}, De la Cruz KI^{1,3}, Rosengart TD^{1,2,3}, Coselli JS^{1,2,3}
 1. Baylor College of Medicine, 2. Michael E DeBakey VA Medical Center, 3. Texas Heart Institute
38. **COST OF SURGICAL AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT AND ASSOCIATED COMPLICATIONS**
Patel VC*, Navale S, Schlitz N, Johnston D, Bakaeen F, Gillinov M, Svensson LG, Rich J, Soltesz EG
 Department of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, Heart and Vascular Institute, Cleveland Clinic (Cleveland, Ohio, USA), and Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine (Cleveland, Ohio, USA)

10:00 – 10:30 am BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS

PANEL SESSION I: VETERANS CHOICE PROGRAM (VCP) AND VALUE-BASED CARE IN VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (VHA): HOW CAN VHA COMPETE WITH PRIVATE SECTOR?

(10:30 – 12:00 PM)

Moderators: Jason Johannung, MD and Ronnie Rosenthal, MD

- 10:30 AM **TURNING CHALLENGES INTO OPPORTUNITIES (2018)**
 Carolyn Clancy, MD
 Executive in Charge, Veterans Health Administration
- 10:50 AM **HOW DO YOU BALANCE VCP VS MAINTAIN KEEPING IN-HOUSE SURGICAL VOLUME?**
 Vince DeGennaro, MD
- 11:10 AM **VETERAN/PATIENT PERSPECTIVE, WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO HAVE SURGERY AT VA?**
 Edward Young, MD
- 11:30 AM **AUDIENCE Q&A**

12:00 PM **AVAS BUSINESS MEETING** (Members only)

1:00 PM Afternoon at leisure

6:30 – 9:30 PM **WELCOME RECEPTION**

Monday, May 7, 2018

SCIENTIFIC SESSION III

(8:00 – 10:00 AM)

Moderators: Nader Massarweh, MD and Kathleen Raman, MD

** Resident/student competition*

39. **THE OPTIMAL TIMING OF COLOSTOMY REVERSAL FOLLOWING DIVERTICULITIS**
Resio BJ*, Jean R, Chiu A, Pei KY
Yale New Haven Hospital
40. **WOUND SEVERITY SCORE IN PATIENTS WITH CRITICAL LIMB ISCHEMIA AND TISSUE LOSS UNDERGOING TIBIAL REVASCULARIZATION WITH CORONARY DRUG-ELUTING STENTS**
Huntress LA*, Crystal D, Liu S, Dardik A, Nassiri N
Yale University School of Medicine, VA Connecticut Healthcare System, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital
41. **THE IMPACT OF A STANDARDIZED MINIMALLY INVASIVE ADVANCED COLECTOMY TRAINING (ACT) PROGRAM ON OPERATIVE APPROACH FOR PATIENTS UNDERGOING ELECTIVE BENIGN COLORECTAL SURGERY**
Choi JC*, Chai CY, Lee DS, Massarweh NN, Tran Cao H, Chiu L, Makris K, Becker N, Gillory L, Awad SS
Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Baylor College of Medicine
42. **NODAL DOWNSTAGING FOR LOCALIZED PANCREATIC CANCER WITH NEOADJUVANT THERAPY – HOW TO GET THERE AND WHY IT MATTERS**
Portuondo J*, Massarweh NN, Zhang Q, Chai C, Tran Cao HS
Baylor College of Medicine
43. **IMPROVING TREATMENT DECISIONS IN ADVANCED PROSTATE CANCER USING NOVEL WHOLE-BODY IMAGING**
Shumaker L*, Gardner T, Tann M, Koch M, Bahler C, Green M, Thygesen J, Pieper B, Munshi I, Fletcher J
Indiana University School of Medicine & VAMC
44. **PRESENTATION OF PARATHYROID CARCINOMA WITHIN A NATIONAL VETERAN POPULATION**
Alore EA*, Suliburk JW, Tran Cao HS, Chai CY, Ramsey DJ, Makris KI
Baylor College of Medicine, Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center
45. **RECALIBRATION OF THE RISK ANALYSIS INDEX OF FRAILTY SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVES PREDICTIVE PERFORMANCE AMONG SURGICAL PATIENTS**
Varley P*², Arya S^{5,6}, Youk A^{1,2}, Schmid KK⁴, Johanning JM^{3,4}, Hall DE^{1,2}
(1) VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System, (2) University of Pittsburgh, Department of Biostatistics, (3) Nebraska Western Iowa VA Health System, (4) University of Nebraska Medical Center, (5) Atlanta VA Medical Center

46. **PRESENCE OF CORONARY ARTERY CALCIFICATIONS ON STAGING CT IMAGING MAY PREDICT HIGHER MORTALITY IN PATIENTS WITH EARLY-STAGE LUNG CANCER**
Maiga AW*, Pinkerman R, Smith GT, Deppen SA, Grogan EL
 Tennessee Valley Healthcare System Veterans Hospital, Nashville, TN; Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN
47. **GRIP STRENGTH AND WALK SPEED BUT NOT TIMED UP AND GO CORRELATE WITH TOTAL PSOAS AREA**
Moravec B*, Milanuk M, Freeman M, Grove T, Swanson H, DeVries M, Arya S, Hall D, Schmid K, Johanning J
 University of Nebraska Medical Center
48. **DIASTOLIC BLOOD PRESSURE VARIABILITY IS AN INDEPENDENT RISK FACTOR FOR ADVERSE OUTCOMES AFTER CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS GRAFTING**
Benz C*, Dyke C, Klug M, Taggart C, Basson M
 The University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences

10:00 – 10:30 am BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS

QUICKSHOT SESSION B

(10:30 – 11:45 AM)

Moderators: Lindsay Goldstein, MD and Preeti John, MD

** Resident/student competition*

49. **CONSCIOUS SEDATION CAN SAFELY REPLACE GENERAL ANESTHESIA FOR TRANSCATHETER AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT IN A VETERANS AFFAIRS POPULATION**
 Wang SX, Liang NE*, Chang CC, Zimmet J, Shunk K, Wozniak C, Ge L, Tseng EE
 San Francisco VA Medical Center
50. **RECENT TRENDS IN MINIMALLY INVASIVE APPROACHES TO THE INGUINAL HERNIA REPAIR**
Navarro SM*, Becker NS, Gillory LA, Lee DS, Makris KI, Chiu LW, Massarweh NN, Tran Cao HS, Awad SS, Chai CY
 Michael E DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center / Baylor College of Medicine
51. **SERIOUS COMPLICATION RATES AFTER EGD WITH BIOPSY IN A COMMUNITY SETTING**
Johnson B*, Basson M
 University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences
52. **PATIENT-REPORTED OUTCOMES AFTER SURGICAL TREATMENT OF FACIAL NON-MELANOMA SKIN CANCER**
Sasor SE*, Cook JA, Loewenstein SN, Wooden WA, Cohen A, Munshi IA, Chu MW, Tholpady SS
 RL Roudebush VA Medical Center
53. **EFFICACY OF E-CONSULTS FOR PATIENTS WITH VASCULAR DISEASE**

Castaneda PR*, Andraska EA, Baerg TN, Stevens J, Osborne NH, Henke PK
University of Michigan, VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System

54. **ANALYSIS OF PROFESSIONALISM ON SOCIAL MEDIA FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS PLASTIC SURGEONS**
Cook JA*, Sasor SE, Nicksic PJ, Duquette SP, Cohen AC, Munshi IA, Tholpady SS, Chu MW
R.L. Roudebush VA Medical Center
55. **IMPACT OF INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE ON COLORECTAL CANCER STAGE OF DISEASE AND SURVIVAL**
Millien V*, Hou JK, Taylor C, Massarweh NN
Michael E DeBakey VA Medical Center; Baylor College of Medicine
56. **THE IMPACT OF SMOKING ON SURGICAL SITE INFECTIONS (SSIS) IN SMOKERS UNDERGOING ELECTIVE COLORECTAL SURGERY**
Choi JC*, Chai CY, Lee DS, Massarweh NN, Tran Cao H, Chiu L, Makris K, Becker N, Gillory L, Awad SS
Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Baylor College of Medicine
57. **COMPARISON OF MINIMALLY INVASIVE THERAPIES FOR ISOLATED AORTIC VALVULAR DISEASE: SURGICAL AND TRANSCATHETER AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT AT A VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER**
Liang NE*, Wang S, Shunk K, Zimet J, Ge L, Tseng EE
San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center, University of California San Francisco
58. **MANAGEMENT OF THE PRESSURE INJURY PATIENT WITH OSTEOMYELITIS: AN ALGORITHM**
Nicksic PJ* Sasor SE, Stholpady S, Wooden WA, Gutwein LG
Indiana University
59. **THE COMBINATION OF RADIOFREQUENCY ABLATION WITH TRANSCATHETER ARTERIAL CHEMOEMBOLIZATION IMPROVES SURVIVAL FOR HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA IN SUBOPTIMAL LOCATIONS**
Ibrahim-zada I*, Robinson T, Grover F, Babson K, Weiland A, Barnett C
University of Colorado School of Medicine Department of Surgery; Eastern Colorado VA Healthcare System, Surgery
60. **PERICARDIAL CYST: AN UNCOMMON CAUSE OF HEART FAILURE. CASE REPORT AND THORACOSCOPIC MANAGEMENT**
Marcano J*, Reidy M, Omer S, Jimenez E, Cornwell L
Micheal E. DeBakey VA Hospital, Baylor College of Medicine
61. **WHAT SKILLS DO CLINICAL EVALUATORS VALUE MOST IN AN ORAL CASE PRESENTATION?**
Lancaster I*, Basson M, Van Eck R
University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences
62. **INFLUENCE OF SMOKING, CO-MORBIDITY, AND SURGICAL APPROACH ON PATIENT OUTCOMES FOLLOWING ESOPHAGECTOMY: A NSQIP ANALYSIS OF 8,956 PATIENTS**

Moghadamyeghaneh Z*, Stewart L
UCSF Dept of Surgery and SF VAMC

63. **ROUX-EN-Y GASTRIC BYPASS IS A SAFE AND EFFECTIVE OPTION THAT IMPROVES MAJOR CO-MORBIDITIES ASSOCIATED WITH OBESITY IN ELDERLY AND VETERAN POPULATIONS**
Lyo V*, Schafer A, Stewart L
Department of Surgery, UCSF and San Francisco VA Medical Center

LUNCH/PANEL SESSION II: NUTS AND BOLTS OF VHA DATA WAREHOUSE OUTCOMES RESEARCH: WHAT DO I NEED TO BE SUCCESSFUL?

(12:00 – 1:30 PM)

Moderators: Panos Kougias, MD and George Sarosi, MD

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| 12:00 – 12:20 PM | MEDICATION/PHARMACY DATABASE
Laura Graham, PhD |
| 12:20 – 12:40 PM | WORKING WITH LOCAL AND NATIONAL VASQIP DATA FOR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT
Daniel E Hall, MD, MDiv, MHSc, FACS
Associate Professor of Surgery, University of Pittsburgh
Staff Surgeon and Core Investigator, Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion, VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System |
| 12:40 – 1:00 PM | THERE IS NO PERFECT DATASET—OPTIMIZING YOUR RESEARCH BY LINKING VA DATA SOURCES
Nader Massarweh, MD, MPH
Michael DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX |
| 1:00 – 1:30 PM | AUDIENCE Q&A |

QUICKSHOT SESSION C

(1:30 – 2:30 PM)

Moderators: Christy Chai, MD and Brian Smith, MD

** Resident/student competition*

64. **NON-CIRRHOTIC HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA IN THE VETERAN POPULATION: A NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE OF TRENDS AND RISK FACTORS**
Hester C*, Chansard M, Huerta S, Jorge Lopez J, Mortensen E, Polanco PM
Dallas VA Medical Center, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
65. **LIPOSOMAL BUPIVACAINE EFFECTS ON OPIOID USAGE AFTER WIDE AWAKE CARPAL TUNNEL RELEASE IN VETERAN POPULATION**
Evans TA*, Sasor S, Duquette S, Cook J, Munshi I, Wooden W, Cohen A, Chu M, Tholpady SS
Indiana University Division of Plastic Surgery, Richard L. Roudebush VAMC
66. **SYSTEM THEORETIC PROCESS ANALYSIS (STPA) OF TEAM COORDINATION IN CARDIAC SURGERY**
Scarinci A, Dias RD, Gabany JM, Quin JA, Yule S, Leveson N, Zenati MA
Veterans Affairs Boston Healthcare System, West Roxbury, MA, STRATUS Simulation Center, Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston, MA, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA
67. **POSTOPERATIVE SURVEILLANCE FOR VETERANS WITH GASTROINTESTINAL CANCER—CAN WE DO BETTER?**
Taylor LJ*, Xu K, Maloney JD, Voils CI, Weber SM, Funk LM, Abbott DE
Department of Surgery, William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital and Department of Surgery, University of Wisconsin. Madison, Wisconsin
68. **RISK FACTORS FOR DELAYED SYMPTOMATIC IMPROVEMENT IN WIDE-AWAKE CARPAL TUNNEL RELEASE**
Sasor SE*, Cook JA, Evans TA, Cohen AC, Wooden WA, Munshi IA, Tholpady SS, Chu MW
RL Roudebush VA Medical Center
69. **VEIN DIAMETER INCREASES INTRAOPERATIVELY DURING ARTERIOVENOUS FISTULA CREATION**
Osofsky RB*, Herrera LM, Danczyk RC, Ketteler ER
New Mexico VA Health Care System
70. **HIGH REPAIR RATE IN A LOW VOLUME MITRAL VALVE SURGERY CENTER: A QUALITY PARADOX?**
Zenati MA, Miguel M, Quin JA, Taylor K, Bullinga L, Zorca S, Leissner K, Aragam J, Rasalingam R, Pelletier S
Cardiac Surgery, Cardiology and Anesthesiology, Veterans Affairs Boston Healthcare System

71. **EXPANDING PLEURAL INFILTRATING T-CELLS FROM MALIGNANT PLEURAL EFFUSIONS AS A SOURCE OF TUMOR SPECIFIC IMMUNE CELLS IN ADVANCED CANCER**
Dhupar R, Donnenberg AD, Kammula US, Luketich JD, Gambotto A, Wilson MA,
Donnenberg VS
 Surgical Services Division, Veterans Affairs Pittsburgh Health System, Pittsburgh, PA, USA;
 Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine,
 Pittsburgh, PA, USA
72. **REVERSE PHASE PROTEOMIC ARRAY (RPPA) ASSESSMENT OF DIABETIC FOOT ULCER CELLULAR SIGNALING**
Boykin J, Klumb I, Rivers JF, Dharmaraj BS, Hoke GD
 1. McGuire Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Richmond, VA; 2. Virginia Commonwealth
 University Health System, Richmond, VA
73. **BENEFIT OF PRONE POSITIONING IN PATIENT WITH SEVERE ARDS FOLLOWING LAPAROTOMY**
John P, Jacob T
 Baltimore VA Medical Center
74. **BATTLE OF THE LEFT VENTRICULAR ASSIST DEVICES: WHAT THE MAUDE DATABASE IS TELLING US**
Dharmaraj BS¹, Katlaps G^{1,2}, Amendola MF^{1,2}
 1. McGuire Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Richmond, VA, 2. Virginia Commonwealth
 University Health System, Richmond, VA
75. **UNDERSTANDING REAL-TIME CHANGES IN SURGEON'S COGNITIVE WORKLOAD. FEASIBILITY STUDY IN CARDIAC SURGERY**
Zenati MA, Dias RD, Yule S, Gabany J, Quin JA, Haime M
 Veterans Affairs Boston Healthcare System

2:30 – 3:00 pm BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS

PANEL SESSION III: DEBUNKING THE MYTH: VHA AND INNOVATION-IS IT POSSIBLE?

(3:00 – 4:30 PM)

Moderators: Walter Longo, MD and Mark Wilson, MD, PhD

- 3:00 PM **INNOVATION FROM INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVE. HOW MAY VA PARTNER WITH INDUSTRY TO ACHIEVE INNOVATION?**
Joseph Amaral, M.D., FACS
 Vice President, Surgical Science, Ethicon
- 3:20 PM **INNOVATION FROM PRIVATE SECTOR PERSPECTIVE. HOW MAY VA PARTNER WITH PRIVATE SECTOR TO ACHIEVE INNOVATION?**
David Berger, MD

3:40 PM **INNOVATION FROM VHA PERSPECTIVE. PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE OF VHA
INNOVATIONS**
Bill Gunnar, MD

4:00 PM **AUDIENCE Q&A**

4:30 – 6:00 pm **AVAS COUNCIL OF CHIEFS MEETING**

6:30 – 9:30 pm **WELCOME RECEPTION/ANNUAL BANQUET**

9:30 – 11:00 pm **PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION**

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018

SCIENTIFIC SESSION IV

(8:00 – 10:00 AM)

Moderators: Alan Dardik, MD, PhD and Gale Tang, MD

76. **TRANSLATING CLINICAL TRIAL EVIDENCE INTO VA PRACTICE: THE CASE OF CAROTID REVASCULARIZATION**
Keyhani S, Cheng E, Bravata D, Madden E, Seife MG, Abraham A, Zhang S, Halm E, Austin P, Johanning J
San Francisco VA/UCSF, Los Angeles VA/UCLA, Indianapolis VA, UT Southwestern, Nebraska VA/University of Nebraska
77. **ASSOCIATION BETWEEN NON-INVASIVE FIBROSIS MARKERS AND PERIOPERATIVE MORTALITY AFTER HEPATECTOMY FOR HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA AMONG US VETERANS**
Maegawa FB, Shehorn L, Kettelle J, Riall TS
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System; University of Arizona
78. **IMPACT OF PREOPERATIVE ANEMIA AND PERIOPERATIVE TRANSFUSION ON POSTOPERATIVE OUTCOMES COLECTOMY IN 35,863 COLON CANCER PATIENTS**
Liu Z^{1,2}, Luo J², Pei K^{2,3}, Khan S², Zhao Z¹, Wang X², Johnson C⁴, Wang X¹, Zhang Y^{2,4}
¹Cancer Hospital, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences; ² Department of Surgery, Yale School of Medicine; ³ Department of Surgery, Veterans Affairs Medical Center; ⁴Department of Environmental Health Sciences, Yale School of Public Health
79. **PROCESS REDESIGN RESULTS IN IMPROVED CLINIC ACCESS, PATIENT THROUGHPUT AND NET REVENUE FOR ROUDEBUSH VAMC UROLOGY CLINIC**
Gardner T^{1,2}, Slack R¹, Munshi I¹, Spear J², Western O¹, Balazs P¹, Tatikonda M²
Roudebush VAMC¹ and Indiana University Kelley School of Business², Indianapolis, IN
80. **ANTITHROMBOTIC USE AFTER BIOPROSTHETIC AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT IN THE VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM**
Bravata DM¹⁻³, Coffing JM¹, Kansagara D⁵, Myers J^{1,2}, Murphy L², Homoya B^{1,2}, Snow K¹, Ying Z^{2,3}, Quin J⁴, Myers L¹⁻³
(1) VA HSR&D Cntr for Health Info and Communication; (2) VA HSR&D QUERI; (3) Indiana University School of Medicine; (4) VA Boston Healthcare System; (5) Oregon Health and Science University; VA HSR&D Cntr for Involvement of Veterans in their Care
81. **UTILIZATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE INPATIENT NUTRITIONAL SCREENING PROGRAM TO DETECT MALNUTRITION AMONG 1,454 VETERANS ADMITTED TO SURGICAL SERVICES AT A MAJOR QUATERNARY CARE CENTER**
Probstfeld L, Johnson AB, Massarweh NN, Chai CY, Taylor JM, Naik A, Awad SS, Tran Cao HS
Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Baylor College of Medicine

82. **PREVENTING URINARY CATHETER REINSERTION (PUCR) IN VETERANS UNDERGOING VASCULAR SURGERY**
Danczyk RC, James EW, Hinzman JA, Ketteler ER
 New Mexico VA Health Care System
83. **AGE IS NOT A CONTRAINDICATION TO COLORECTAL RESECTION IN OCTOGENARIANS**
 Swaminathan S, Chao L, Stephens D, Heimann TM
 JJP VAMC, the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY
84. **INHIBITION OF TGF-B IN TUMOR MICROENVIRONMENT CAN RESTORE MESOTHELIN CHIMERIC ANTIGEN RECEPTOR (CAR) T-CELL ACTIVITY IN PANCREATIC CANCER**
 Batchu RB, Gruzdyn OV, Mahmud EM, Dachevall R, Tavva PS, Puttagunta US, Mostafa G, Weaver DW, Gruber SA
 Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, MI 48201; John D. Dingell VA Medical Center, Detroit, MI 48201; Med Manor Organics Pvt. Ltd., Dilsukhnagar, Hyderabad, 500036, India; Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar, Guntur 522510, India
85. **CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS GRAFTING: THE INFLUENCE OF TRANSIT TIME FLOW PROBES ON GRAFT REVISION IN THE REGROUP TRIAL**
Quin JA^{1,2}, Gabany J^{1,2}, Phillips A¹, Stock E³, Biswas K³, Haime M^{1,2}, MacCallum G¹, Zenati M^{1,2}
 (1) VA Boston Healthcare System, West Roxbury, MA; (2) Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA (3); VA Cooperative Studies Program, Perry Point, Maryland, MD

10:00 – 10:30 am BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS

QUICKSHOT SESSION D

(10:30 – 11:45 AM)

Moderators: Samir Awad, MD and Kenneth Lipshy, MD

86. **NECROTIZING INFECTION OF THE UPPER EXTREMITY**
Coady-Fariborzian L, Anstead C
 Malcom Randall VA Medical Center, Gainesville, FL
87. **POSTOPERATIVE CASTING OF BELOW THE KNEE AMPUTATION REDUCES STUMP RELATED COMPLICATIONS**
Bikk A, Snider D, Lopez MN, Wille GA, Navaran P
 VA-Central California Health Care System Department of Surgery
88. **COMPARING ANTITHROMBOTIC STRATEGIES AFTER BIOPROSTHETIC AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW**
 Papak J^{1,2}, Chiovaro J^{1,2}, Noelck N^{1,2}, Healy L², Freeman M^{1,2}, Paynter R^{1,2}, Low A^{1,2}, Kondo K^{1,2}, McCarty O², Quin J³, Kansagara D^{1,2}
 1. VA Portland Health Care System, 2. Oregon Health and Science University, 3. VA Boston Healthcare System

89.	<p>IS INGUINAL HERNIA SURGERY MORE DIFFICULT UNDER LOCAL ANESTHESIA COMPARED TO GENERAL ANESTHESIA?</p> <p><u>Balentine C</u>, Phung T, Pham T, Huerta S Dallas VA Hospital</p>
90.	<p>SURGEON WELLNESS AND JOB SATISFACTION WITHIN THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION</p> <p><u>Bahadursingh AM</u>, Longo WE Kansas City VA Medical Center</p>
91.	<p>POST-ACUTE CARE AMONG OLDER ADULTS TREATED FOR STAGE I-III COLORECTAL CANCER COMPARED TO THE GENERAL POPULATION</p> <p>Kenzik K, Williams G, Bhatia S, <u>Balentine C</u> University of Alabama at Birmingham; University of Texas Southwestern; Dallas VA Hospital</p>
92.	<p>LAPAROSCOPIC REPAIR OF A GIANT PARAESOPHAGEAL HERNIA WITH SHORT ESOPHAGUS</p> <p><u>Chai CY</u>, Makris KI, Rubio F, Arita N Michael E DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center / Baylor College of Medicine</p>
93.	<p>ADVANCED COLECTOMY TRAINING (ACT): A STANDARDIZED APPROACH FOR TEACHING MINIMALLY INVASIVE (MIS) COLORECTAL SURGERY</p> <p><u>Awad SS</u>, Chiu L, Gillory L, Makris K, Becker NS, Lee DS, Tran-Cao HS, Massarweh NN, Chai CY MED VAMC/Baylor College of Medicine</p>
94.	<p>ROBOTIC ASSISTED GENERAL SURGERY: A PROPENSITY SCORE MATCHED ANALYSIS OF NATIONAL INPATIENT SAMPLE IN COST AND OUTCOMES</p> <p><u>Chiu AS</u>, Liu J, Asuzu D, Chiu AS, DeWane MP, Fleming MM, Jean RA, Merola J, Resio B, Zhang Y, Pei KY West Haven Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Yale School of Medicine</p>
95.	<p>CAV-1 REGULATES EPHB4-MEDIATED ARTERIOVENOUS FISTULA MATURATION</p> <p><u>Isaji T</u>, Hashimoto T, Yamamoto K, Yatsula B, Hu H, Wang T, Liu H, Guo X, Liu S, Wolf K, Ono S, Setia O, Lopes L, Dardik A Vascular Biology and Therapeutics Program, Yale School of Medicine</p>
96.	<p>TRANSFORMING GROWTH FACTOR-B-ACTIVATED KINASE 1 IS REQUIRED FOR ARTERIOVENOUS FISTULA MATURATION</p> <p><u>Haidi Hu</u>, Toshihiko Isaji, Hualong Bai, Tun Wang, Katherine Wolf, Xiangjiang Guo, Takuya Hashimoto, Jianming Guo, Bogdan Yatsula, Alan Dardik 1Department of Surgery, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT, USA 2 Vascular Biology and Therapeutics Program, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT, USA 3 Veterans Affairs Connecticut Healthcare Systems, West Haven, CT, USA</p>
97.	<p>DISPARITY IN ROBOTIC ASSISTED GENERAL SURGERY: AN ANALYSIS OF NATIONAL INPATIENT SAMPLE</p> <p><u>Merola J</u>, Liu J, Chiu AS, DeWane MP, Fleming MM, Jean RA, , Resio B, Zhang Y, Pei KY West Haven Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Yale School of Medicine</p>

98.	<p>SAFETY OF PHENYLEPHRINE INFUSION THROUGH PERIPHERAL INTRAVENOUS CATHETER IN THE OPERATING ROOM: A PILOT STUDY John P, Cheloff G, Paraniyam S, <u>Fernandes K</u>, Norris E Baltimore VA Medical Center</p>
99.	<p>DOES THE GENDER OF THE PRESENTER MATTER? ANALYSIS OF THE VA YOUTUBE CHANNEL Dharmaraj BS¹, Ibanez M¹, <u>Amendola MF</u>^{1,2} 1. McGuire Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Richmond, VA, 2. Virginia Commonwealth University Health System, Richmond, VA</p>
100.	<p>WHO IS FOLLOWING WHO: AN ANALYSIS OF THE VA INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT <u>Dharmaraj BS</u>¹, Amendola MF^{1,2} 1. McGuire Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Richmond, VA, 2. Virginia Commonwealth University Health System, Richmond, VA</p>

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