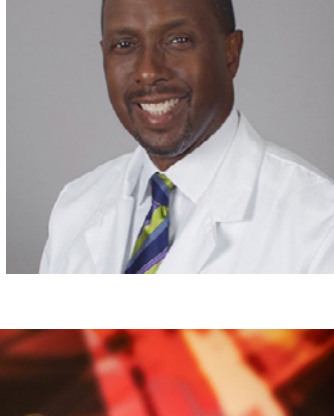




PRESIDENTIAL WELCOME

Vincent Rowe, M.D. FACS; President, Western Vascular Society



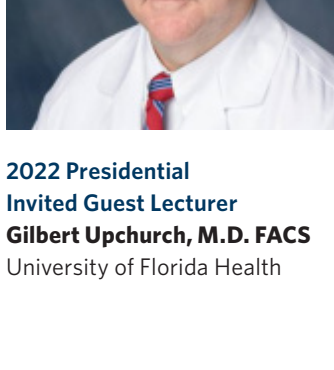
Dear Colleagues,

Being a member of WVVS has been helpful for me. When I started practice, I kept my head down and took care of the next patient in front of me. I did not come up for air. I thought the grind was the way to succeed...

Being elected President was a huge surprise. Not that I did not feel worthy, but that I did not follow the traditional path to leader. I have observed the commitment to excellence in Western Vascular Society by senior members and felt humbled by this nomination...

As Program Chair, I felt supported every step toward the 2020 virtual meeting with record numbers of abstracts coming from all over the region. No doubt the pandemic has been a devastating time to work healthcare, yet residents still did the work...

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2022 Presidential Invited Guest Lecturer Gilbert Upchurch, M.D. FACS University of Florida Health

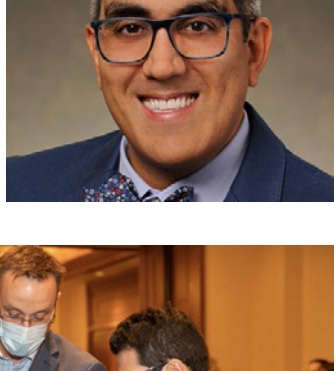


Call for Member Contributions

Please email heather@surgicalcs.com your OR photos, stories of patient success or research victory. You can also nominate a colleague for the Member Feature, or just send us your ideas!

PROGRAM COMMITTEE UPDATE

Omid Jazaeri, M.D., FACS; Western Vascular Society Program Chair



Hello Western Vascular Community!

Happy belated New Year. We know this past year has brought many of you uncertain challenges. As a vascular community we continue to thrive and look towards a year full of possibilities.

We will continue to raise the bar as we plan the 37th Western Vascular Society Annual Meeting for September 17-20, 2022 at the Fairmont Empress and Victoria Conference Center in Victoria, B.C.

As always, we plan to feature original research and scientific studies from our expert membership. Please note the Call for Abstracts is now open and will remain open until our deadline of April 15, 2022.

Be sure to indicate on the submission process if you prefer a full, mini, or rapid-fire presentation. Please bear in mind the full presentations make up less than 15% of the accepted abstracts and have strict expectations associated with them including completion of manuscript prior to the conference...

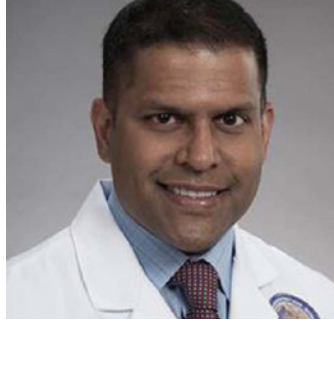
Keep in mind our overall learning objectives: This activity is designed for: vascular surgeons, vascular fellows, vascular residents, and general surgeons along with other individuals interested in vascular interventions and treatments.

The art and science of vascular surgery is rapidly changing with respect to scientific discovery and surgical technology. We hope to make sense of this rapid growth for our members by our members. Looking forward to seeing you all in Victoria in September!



VASCULAR SURGERY INTEREST GROUP REPORT

Niten Singh, M.D.; VSIG Committee Chair



Hope that spring is bringing growth and vitality to your vascular program. Here at UW we have the cherry blossoms popping and restrictions lifting in WA.

Join us April 11, 2022 at 5pm PST for the first medical student focused webinar:

Vascular Surgery: Why I Do It and You Should Too!

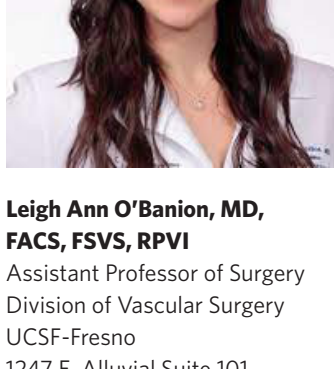
Moderator: Gregory Magee, M.D. Speakers include the VSIG committee and Dr. Elsie Ross, our new WVVS member from Stanford and Dr. Sarah Zetervall from University of Washington

Spread the word!

Check your emails for all details on registration or email heather@surgicalcs.com for assistance.



MEMBER FEATURE: DR. LEIGH ANN O'BANION



Leigh Ann O'Banion, MD, FACS, FSVS, RPVI Assistant Professor of Surgery Division of Vascular Surgery UCSF-Fresno

Dr. Leigh Ann O'Banion represents all that is excellent in the next generation of WVVS vascular surgeons. Recognized by leadership early as she was awarded the first ever Western Vascular Society Founder Award in 2020 for her multicentered collaborative work on traumatic popliteal injuries.

After some thought, she shared with me her love of cooking. Finding a recipe for her family and friends is her favorite way to relax after a busy day with patients.

MEMBER FEATURE: DR. NIKHIL KANSAL



Nikhil Kansal, MD, FACS

Dr. Nikhil Kansal was nominated by WVVS leadership as a surgeon quietly making a big difference for both patient care and in evolving the practice of vascular surgery.

and excited to have begun Harbor-UCLA's first integrated vascular surgery residency in 2021 to complement the over 50-year-old fellowship training program.

Dr. Kansal considers his career highlight to be his success as a local youth soccer coach for his 5 and 8 yo kids; win or lose, his teams always have the most fun.

Nikhil holds membership with SVS, WVVS, SCVSS and VESS. This year he was elected to be the President of the Society of South Asian Vascular Society.

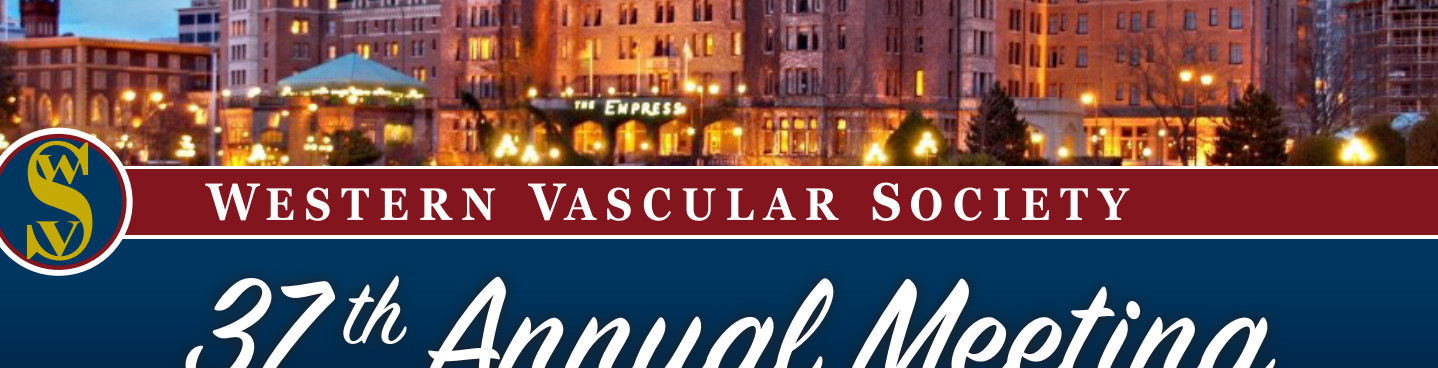


Dr. Gelabert and resident Dr. Ajalat, doing a thoracic outlet case from the axillary approach. Dr. Gelabert is an international TOS expert. Photo credit Dr. Karen Woo UCLA

Call for Abstracts

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SAVE THE DATE



WESTERN VASCULAR SOCIETY

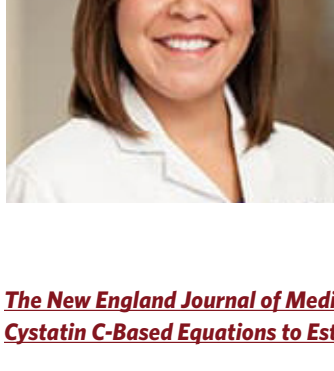
37th Annual Meeting September 17 - 20, 2022 Fairmont Empress, Victoria, B.C. Canada



The venue for the 37th Western Vascular Society Annual Meeting is a National Historic Site of Canada, the Fairmont Empress began its story as Victoria, British Columbia's, most iconic hotel in 1904.

DIVERSITY EQUITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE REPORT

LeAnn Chavez, M.D.; DEI Committee Chair



The Mission of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee for the Western Vascular Society is to promote an academically enriching and supportive climate that allows all members of the Society to thrive and succeed.

The WVVS DEI wishes to acknowledge the Diversity Calendar Events.

February: Women's History Month, March: Black History Month, March 8: International Women's Day

Representative media links are provided in this issue of True Lumen. Please take a moment to read the following articles. The WVVS DEI hope these articles will spark discussions among colleagues, residents, and medical students to promote an academically enriching and supportive climate.

The New England Journal of Medicine: New Creatinine- and Cystatin C-Based Equations to Estimate GFR without Race

The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF MEDICINE

New Creatinine- and Cystatin C-Based Equations to Estimate GFR without Race

November 4, 2021 N Engl J Med 2021; 385:1737-1749 DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa2102953

JAMA: Career Goals, Salary Expectations, and Salary Negotiation Among Male and Female General Surgery Residents

JAMA Surg. 2019;154(11):1023-1029. doi:10.1001/jamasurg.2019.2879

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