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Editorial Update

Wei Zhou, MD, President Elect, Western Vascular Society



With my headphones in my ears I put my navigation on mute as I was driving to VAM along I-90. Content to stay in my lane I listened to the executive council discuss the True Lumen and how to make it more appealing...

The miles clicked by in the rental car and the call continued. The topics discussed included honoring founders and making sure the institutions are equally represented in the program without

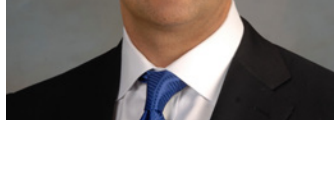
sacrificing scientific rigor. The tones of the council members on the call instead of having dinner or helping patients seemed so full of compassion for the society...

From Alaska to California, Utah to Montana our members scrub in everyday to be of service. Please let us know how we can be of service to you and create more benefits of membership in the years to come...



Membership Drive

Ali Azzadeh, MD, Membership Chair, Western Vascular Society



Please host a meeting with your partners and surgeons in your community as ask them specifically if they are members of Western Vascular...

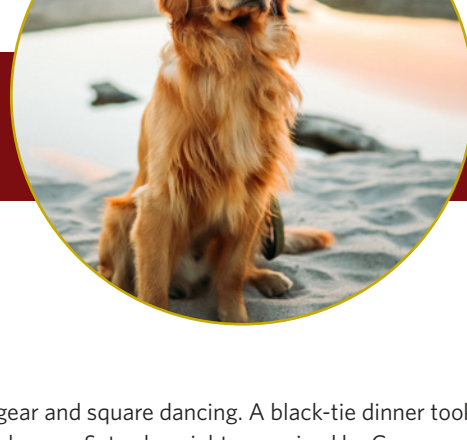
- Ability to sponsor papers for the meeting - bring to the table the research that matters to you!
Resource for support with patient care from experts who will be a text away if you spend the time to learn about their practice and get to know them around the beachfire at a Western meeting.

- Assess your institution's mentorship power and learn from specific vascular Surgery Interest Group
Webinars giving you the tools to personally fill the pipeline of talent in vascular surgery

Membership Applications Due: August 15, 2022

Help Wanted

WVS Senior member seeking a golden retriever - good home assured! Contact heather@surgicalcs.com with leads.



Historical Note - The First WVS Meeting

R. Eugene Zierler, MD, Historian, Western Vascular Society



The WVS was established in 1984 by an Organizing Committee consisting of Drs. Wesley S. Moore, Victor M. Bernhard, W. Sterling Edwards, Jerry Goldstone, John M. Porter, Robert B. Rutherford, and D. Eugene Strandness...

The first annual meeting of the WVS was held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Laguna-Nigel, California on January 23-26, 1986. A set of bylaws was approved, and W. Sterling Edwards was elected as the first President...

The meeting began on the afternoon of Thursday, January 23 with an Executive Council Meeting and extended over the next 2 and a half days with scientific sessions in the morning and sporting or social events in the afternoon and evening...

gear and square dancing. A black-tie dinner took place on Saturday night, organized by George and Marie Andros...

The first scientific session was opened by Dr. Moore, with subsequent sessions moderated by Drs. Rutherford, Edwards, and Bernhard...

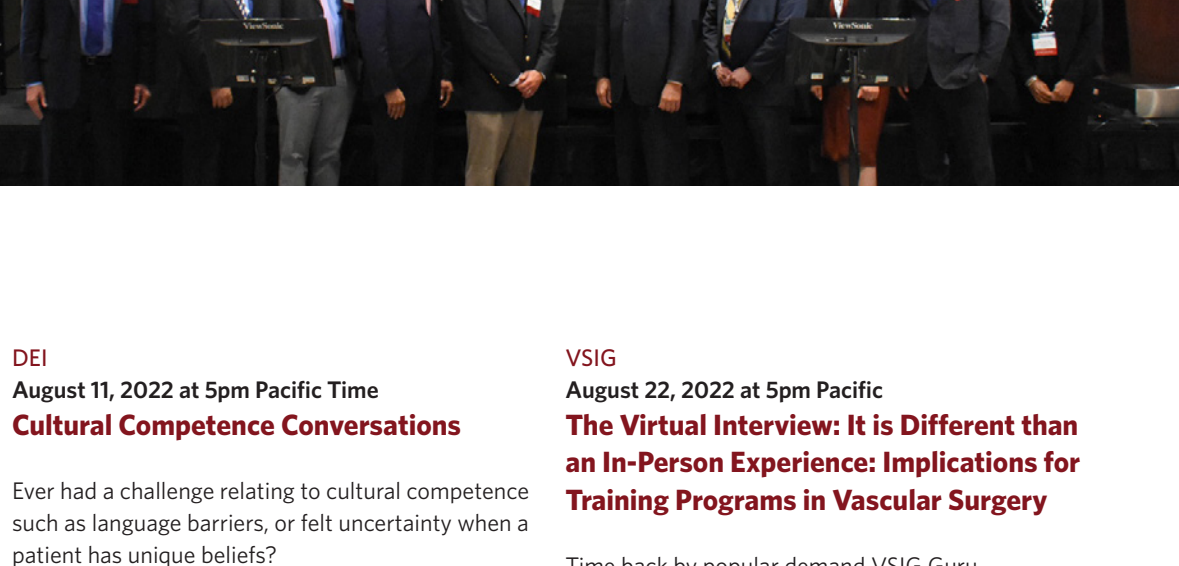
This first meeting of the WVS set the tone for the ensuing programs, and many of the features from this meeting have persisted up to the present...

(Thanks to Dr. Jerry Goldstone for reviewing this piece and contributing some important details.) Please send your photos of early meetings to heather@surgicalcs.com



How many Western Members can you find in this photo from PNEC?

Win a prize by registering for the annual meeting, downloading the Whova meeting app and answering the question!



Webinar Watch



DEI August 11, 2022 at 5pm Pacific Time Cultural Competence Conversations

Ever had a challenge relating to cultural competence such as language barriers, or felt uncertainty when a patient has unique beliefs?

Western DEI Committee is coming to the rescue! Join Chair Dr. LeAnn Chavez with her team Dr. Nii Kabu Kabutey, Dr. Kenneth Ziegler and Ex Officio Member Dr. Vincent Rowe WVS President for an hour of breakout room fun and scenarios...

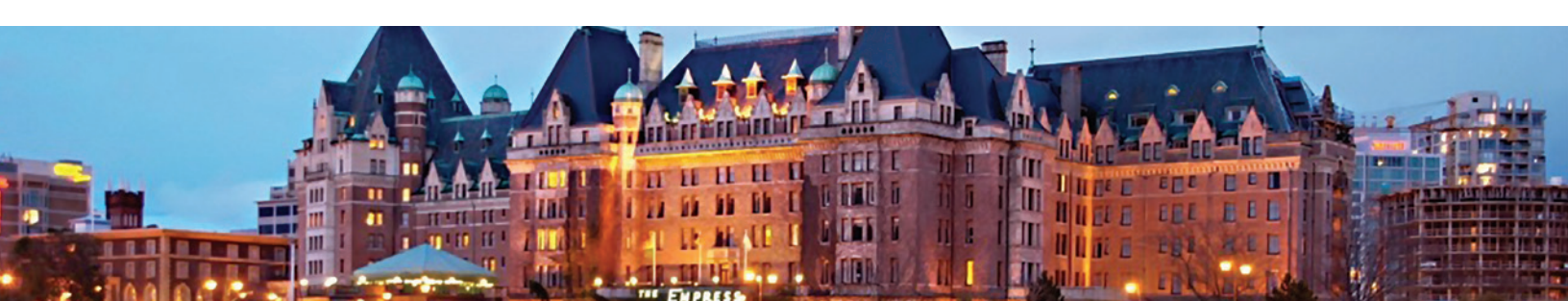
Please share this link to register in advance for this webinar: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/96binar/register?WN\_qJNk6BWWtBkXPJ93ZGkbQ

VSIG August 22, 2022 at 5pm Pacific The Virtual Interview: It is Different than an In-Person Experience: Implications for Training Programs in Vascular Surgery

Time back by popular demand VSIG Dr. Michael Amendola will inspire the program directors amongst us who grapple with the virtual interviews.

This session will be moderated by the VSIG Chair Dr. Niten Singh and the committee members Dr. Leigh Ann O'Banion, Dr. Gregory Magee and Ex Officio Member Dr. Vincent Rowe WVS President.

Interested in establishing your own V-SIG?



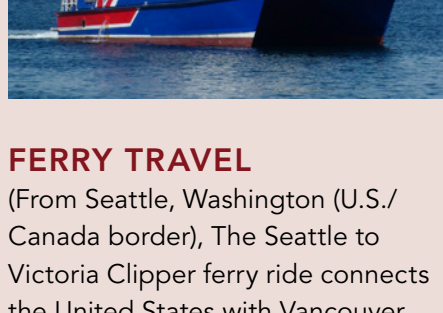
WESTERN VASCULAR SOCIETY

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

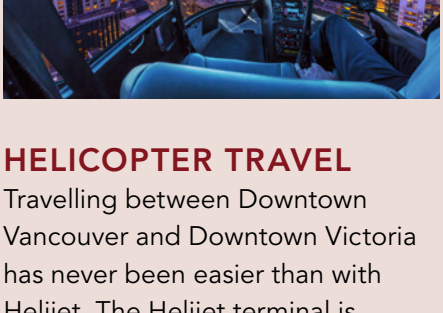
Make plans to attend the 37th Western Vascular Society Annual Meeting using the linked advance program with all the details on scientific program, social program and travel recommendations.

Advance Program

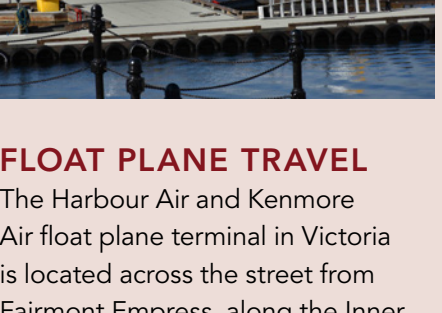
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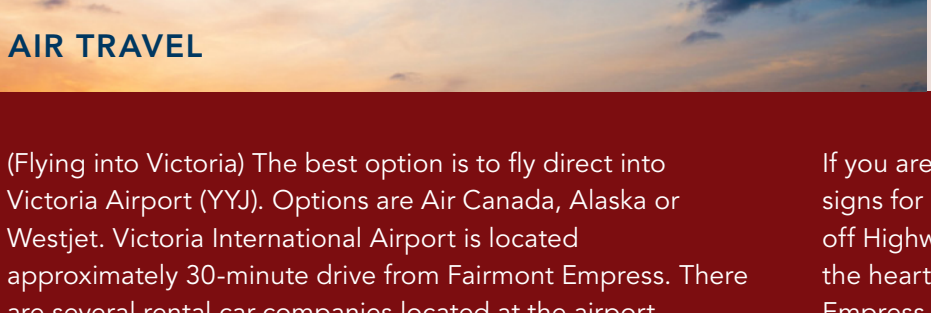
FERRY TRAVEL From Seattle, Washington (U.S./Canada border), The Seattle to Victoria Clipper ferry ride connects the United States with Vancouver Island...



HELICOPTER TRAVEL Heliporting Downtown Vancouver and Downtown Victoria has never been easier than with Helijet...



FLOAT PLANE TRAVEL The Harbour Air and Kenmore Air float plane terminal in Victoria is located across the street from Fairmont Empress...



AIR TRAVEL (Flying into Victoria) The best option is to fly direct into Victoria Airport (YYJ). Options are Air Canada, Alaska or Westjet...

If you are driving from the airport, simply follow signs for "Victoria". The airport is located just off Highway 17...

(Flying into Vancouver) Alternatively, you can fly into Vancouver (YVR) and rent a car and take a 2-hour BC Ferry to Swartz Bay, Victoria...

NOTE: In accordance with regulations for air passengers arriving in Canada, proof of vaccination requirements are in effect - more details can be seen here. A negative COVID-19 test is no longer required...

True Lumen welcomes institutional updates, celebrations of member accomplishments and photos - bring it on!

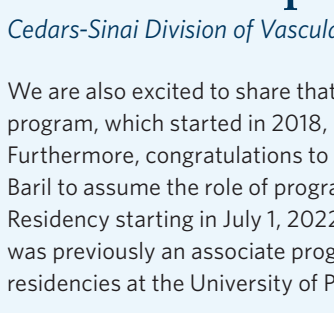
Thanks to Dr. Azzadeh, Western Vascular Society chairman who sent us News from Cedar Sinai.

CEDARS-SINAI DIVISION OF VASCULAR SURGERY UPDATES



Research Update

Sarah Parker, PhD, MS Cedars-Sinai Division of Vascular Surgery Newsletter Updates



Congratulations to Dr. Sarah Parker, PhD, MS who published her latest findings on proteomics of the aorta in the Journal of Vascular Surgery...

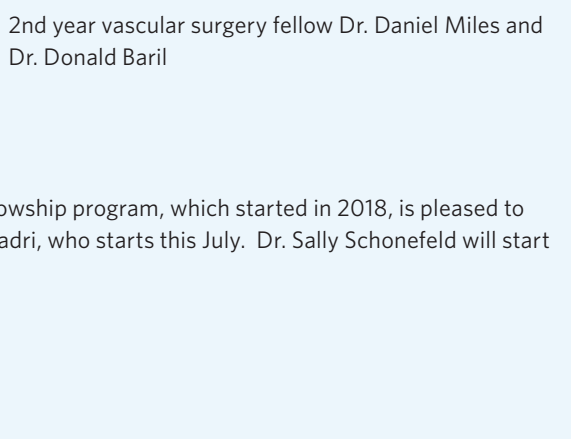
between aneurysm vs. spontaneous dissection events. Her goal is to identify circulating biomarkers that are predictive of disease progression.

Read the full article: https://jvs.org/article/S2666-3503(22)00001-3/fulltext

Education Updates

Cedars-Sinai Division of Vascular Surgery Updates

We are also excited to share that our ACGME accredited 2-year fellowship program, which started in 2018, is welcoming its fourth fellow, Dr. Lili Sadri...



2nd year vascular surgery fellow Dr. Daniel Miles and Dr. Donald Baril



Sally Schonefeld, MD



Lili Sadri, MD

Vascular Surgery Fellows

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The Western Vascular Society promotes and inspires education, research, inclusion and leadership in the art and science of compassionate vascular health in the Western United States, Canada and the Pacific Rim.

VISION

The Western Vascular Society (WVS) seeks to advance excellence and innovation in vascular health through education, research, public awareness and advocacy...

VALUES

Education | Research | Public Awareness | Advocacy | Career Development | Diversity