



Welcome to the Autumn Edition of True Lumen!

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

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Dear Members and Friends of the Western Vascular Society,

As the vibrant hues of autumn foliage paint the landscapes of the Western United States, we are thrilled to usher in a fresh edition of True Lumen. The air is crisp, and the leaves are falling, mirroring the changes and growth we've witnessed in our society throughout the year.

In this fall newsletter, we are excited to share with you a wealth of updates, insights, and news from the world of vascular medicine and surgery. Our members have been hard at work, and we are proud to showcase their achievements and contributions to our field.

As we reflect on the past months, we also look forward to the upcoming Western Vascular Society Annual Conference next September in Colorado as we return to the Broadmoor, which promises to be an enriching and educational experience for all attendees.

In this issue, you can expect to find:



Member Spotlight: We shine a light on the accomplishments of some of our outstanding members who have made noteworthy contributions to the field of vascular surgery.



Research Highlights: Discover the latest breakthroughs and research findings that shaped our 38th Annual Meeting in Kauai and potentially the future of vascular medicine.

We are asking you to submit for a future edition the following content:



Upcoming Events: Send us key dates for the other important gatherings in the vascular community.



Collaboration and Networking: Please submit ideas about opportunities to connect with fellow members and participate in collaborative projects that promote excellence in vascular care.



Educational Resources: Explore recommended reading materials, webinars, and courses to enhance your knowledge and skills.

True Lumen is more than just a newsletter; it's a platform where we celebrate your achievements, and foster a sense of unity within our dynamic and diverse community. Together, we continue to push the boundaries of vascular science and provide the highest quality care to our patients.

We invite you to immerse yourself in the colors and insights of this autumn edition. As the leaves change, so too does the landscape of vascular medicine, and we are excited to journey through this season of transformation with you.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the Western Vascular Society.

Warm regards,

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MEETING APP OF THE FUTURE

Whether or not to use a meeting app is no longer a question!

After the delay of the printed program books our attendees used the meeting app more than ever. Check out the stats for messages and sponsors will be delighted to know their branding viewed over 67,459 times in three days.

App Downloads 262 <small>ATTENDEES WHO DOWNLOADED THE APP 70% of the attendees did not check out! Finished attendees to download</small>	Messages 408 <small>MESSAGES SENT (PRIVATE & COMMUNITY) 1304 in the average of 30 messages</small>	Community Board 26 <small>COMMUNITY BOARD TOPIC POSTS 14 is the average of 30 messages Create a new Discussion Topic</small>
Photos 108 <small>PHOTOS TAKEN 100 of the attendees Upload more event photos</small>	Meet-ups 4 <small>MEET-UPS CREATED At attendees convenience Add a new Meet-up</small>	Sponsors 67,459 <small>SPONSOR IMPRESSIONS 10 sponsors</small>

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: MATTHEW SWEET, M.D.



It's wonderful to witness our members of the Pacific Northwest Vascular Society Annual Meeting crossing the border to be hosted in Vancouver, Canada this November. President Dr. Matthew Sweet hosted a session titled 'My Most Challenging Complication and How I Managed It' featuring an esteemed panel of experts: Dr. Zierler, Dr. Hsiang, Dr. Johanson, and Dr. Tran. This engaging session was skillfully moderated by Dr. Sherene Shalhoub.

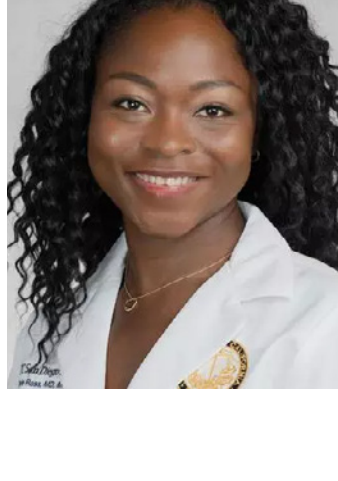
The highlight of the meeting was the distinguished guest lecturer, none other than WVS Past President Dr. Linda Reilly, delivering her unique take on the Eras Tour.



OHSU team of WVS Members attending PNWVS.

Drs. Timothy Liem, Amani Politano, and Sherene Shalhoub

CONGRATULATIONS DR. ELSIE GYANG ROSS



Congratulations to Dr. Elsie Gyang Ross, Western Vascular Society member, who was awarded a grant from the NIH to study Using artificial intelligence to enable early identification and treatment of peripheral artery disease. As True Lumen readers know peripheral artery disease is a prevalent yet under-diagnosed condition that can lead to limb loss, stroke, heart attacks and/or premature death. Work proposed in this grant

aims to develop technology using electronic health records and machine learning algorithms to automatically identify patients with undiagnosed peripheral artery disease and recommend treatment.

Such technology could improve the health and longevity of patients with peripheral artery disease by ensuring that patients are diagnosed early and appropriately treated.

SURGICAL OUTCOMES CLUB



Photo: C Sherman AV

Surgical Outcomes Club meeting was a huge success during the ACS Clinical Congress.

Congratulations to the WVS Members: Benjamin Brooke, M.D., Past President; Shipra Arya, M.D., President; and Karen Woo, M.D. PhD., Councilor at Large.

CONGRATULATIONS CHRIS DE VIRGILIO, M.D., F.A.C.S



Western Vascular Society long time member Chris de Virgilio, M.D. F.A.C.S. Chief from Harbor UCLA is to be congratulated in his Presidency of the Pacific Coast Surgical Association. The 95th Annual Meeting will be held February 9-12, 2024, at the Westin Rancho Mirage Golf Resort & Spa in Rancho Mirage, CA.

As an 11-month old infant in Argentina, de Virgilio suffered from a kidney condition that often led to death. The doctor treating him volunteered to donate his own blood, an act that saved de Virgilio's life and inspired his professional goal. "The kind and compassionate treatment of others will have long and lasting effects," he told students in his Loyola address.

CONGRATULATIONS DR. PETER SCHNEIDER



Photo: Ben Starnes

Western Vascular Recorder extraordinaire Dr. Niten Singh had the honor of presenting Western Vascular Past President Dr. Peter Schneider with the Atlas Award at VIVA this month.

Anyone who has heard Peter's approach to life or vascular surgery walks away humbled and inspired.

Does that slide say 30 years? Must be a typo.

Congratulations Dr. Sharon Kiang on the winning image for the WVS 2023 photo contest.

Drs. Humphrey, Arya, Kiang and Hedayati



IDEAS
WANTED

Call for Member Contributions

Please email heather@surcalcals.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!



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The Western Vascular Society (WVS) seeks to advance excellence and innovation in vascular health through education, research, public awareness and advocacy. WVS membership is recognized in the vascular communities of the Western United States, Canada and the Pacific Rim as a mark of the highest professional achievement. WVS seeks to advance excellence and innovation in vascular health.

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