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Welcome to the Fall Edition of True Lumen!



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Dear Members of the Western Vascular Society,

I'm David Rigberg, your new editor and President-Elect of the Western Vascular Society. If you thought vascular surgery was just about patient care (which it mostly is, by the way), think again. This newsletter is your backstage pass to everything that makes our community the powerhouse it is—cutting-edge research, groundbreaking innovations, and the legends who inspire us to push the limits of what's possible.

As your editor, I'm here to deliver a publication that not only informs but energizes. We'll spotlight the game-changers, celebrate your victories, and keep you in the loop with the latest developments shaping our field. Expect bold stories, dynamic interviews, and features that highlight the brilliance and grit of our members.

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So, let's make this year unforgettable. Bring on your submissions, ideas, and feedback... True Lumen is your stage, and I'm here to make sure your voice echoes from Vancouver to Hawaii and all the WVS regions in between.

Let's make some noise!

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Congratulations to Dr. Ahmed Abou-Zamzam the 39th President of the Western Vascular Society.



Congratulations to Dr. David Rigberg President Elect of the Western Vascular Society.

ANNUAL SUMMARY REPORT: WESTERN VASCULAR SOCIETY

Presented by Jason Lee, M.D. on behalf of Ahmed Abou-Zamzam, Jr., M.D., WVS President and representative to SVS-SBOD

Following our strategic initiatives of 2024:

1. Maintaining the vitality of the WVS annual meetings: The Western Vascular Society is poised for an extraordinary future as we celebrate our legacy and embrace innovation. This past September, the 39th WVS Annual Meeting was held at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, drawing over 300 attendees. With the generous support of 15 industry partners, the event was an overwhelming success.

2. Scientific excellence within the annual meeting: Under the leadership of Dr. Jade Hiramoto, the 2024 Program Committee reviewed 119 abstracts, ultimately selecting 47 for presentation. UCSF's Riley Brian, MD, MAEd, won the Hye Competition with his impactful presentation on opioid overprescribing in dialysis access surgery.

3. Promoting research and discussion on DEI issues related to workforce, participation, and care delivery: Dr. Kenneth Ziegler, DEI Chair, and his committee launched

several initiatives, including the inaugural DEI grant, awarded to Dr. Cali Johnson for her outstanding research.

4. Filling the pipeline of trainees: VSIG Initiatives: Dr. Gregory Magee led efforts to enhance student engagement with 15 medical students and three residents receiving travel grants.

5. Continue upward growth in membership of the Society: WVS continues to grow, with 331 total members, including 179 active members. This year we received 29 new membership applications. The society also introduced a new membership category for medical students, further broadening our reach.

6. Expand the opportunities for member involvement: Three new ad-hoc committees were created this year—Budget & Finance, Communications, and Bylaws—and were officially approved as standing committees during the annual business meeting.

Looking Ahead: 40th Anniversary Meeting

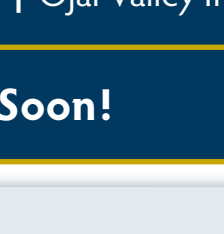
The 40th Annual Meeting will take place September 14-17, 2025, at the Farmhouse at Ojai Valley Inn, California. This landmark event will celebrate four decades of WVS excellence, featuring innovative research, networking opportunities, and a tribute to our society's history. Abstract submissions are due by April 20, 2025.

Future Meetings

- 41st Annual Meeting September 26-30, 2026, Fairmont Whistler, Whistler, B.C., Canada
42nd Annual Meeting September 13-17, 2027, Hyatt Regency Maui, Hawaii

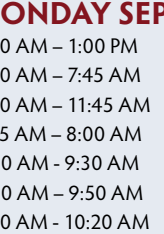


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Chief, Division of Vascular Surgery
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Save the Date

40th anniversary



WESTERN VASCULAR SOCIETY

Annual Meeting

Sept. 14-17, 2025 | Ojai Valley Inn | Ojai, CA

Registration and Group Room Block Open Soon!

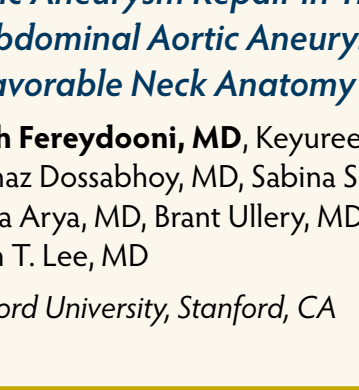


Program Committee Timeline:

Call for Abstracts
Opens: January 17, 2025
and Closes: April 20, 2025

Program Committee Meeting:

May 18, 2025



40TH ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

- 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM REGISTRATION
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM EXHIBIT SET UP
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM RAPID FIRE SESSION
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM CHAMPAGNE WELCOME RECEPTION
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM NON CME DINNER SYMPOSIUM
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM PAST PRESIDENTS DINNER

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

- 6:30 AM - 1:00 PM REGISTRATION
7:00 AM - 7:45 AM BREAKFAST SESSION
7:45 AM - 8:00 AM EXHIBITS
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM CALL TO ORDER & ANNOUNCEMENTS
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM COMPANION BREAKFAST
8:00 AM - 9:50 AM SCIENTIFIC SESSION I
9:50 AM - 10:20 AM COFFEE BREAK WITH EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITORS
10:20 AM - 11:00 AM PRESIDENTIAL GUEST LECTURE
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM SCIENTIFIC SESSION II
12:30 PM - 12:45 PM SVS UPDATE
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM INDUSTRY SPONSORED LUNCH
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM GOLF TOURNAMENT
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM ACTIVITY TOUR
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM WESTERN FAMILY DINNER

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

- 6:30 AM - 1:00 PM REGISTRATION
6:30 AM - 8:00 AM BREAKFAST
6:45 AM - 7:30 AM SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM
6:30 AM - 11:45 AM EXHIBITS
7:40 AM - 9:20 AM SCIENTIFIC SESSION III
9:20 AM - 10:00 AM PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM COFFEE BREAK WITH EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITORS
10:30 AM - 11:50 AM SCIENTIFIC SESSION IV
11:50 AM - 12:00 PM STRETCH BREAK
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM WVS BUSINESS MEETING - members only
12:30 PM - 2:30 PM DEI - VSIG LUNCH AND COOK SIZING
1:00 PM - 6:00 PM PRIVATE PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM PRESIDENTIAL BANQUET
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

- 7:00 AM - 7:30 AM BREAKFAST WITH EXHIBITORS
6:30 AM - 7:30 AM INDUSTRY BREAKFAST
7:00 AM - 11:45 AM EXHIBITS
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM SCIENTIFIC SESSION V
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM COFFEE BREAK WITH EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITORS
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM SCIENTIFIC SESSION VI
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM AWARDS AND ADJOURNMENT

ROBERT HYE RESIDENT AWARDS

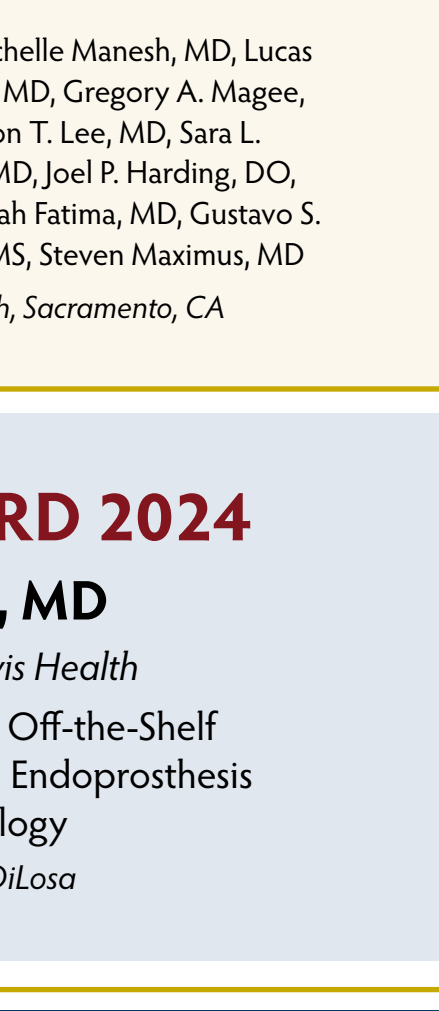
FIRST PLACE:

Sustained Impact of a "Just in Time" Educational Intervention for Opioid Overprescribing in Dialysis Access Surgery

Riley Brian, MD, MAEd, Elizabeth Lancaster, MD, MAS, Jade Hiramoto, MD

Department of Surgery, University of California, San Francisco, CA

Watch the Presentation



Riley Brian, MD, MAEd

SECOND PLACE

Propensity Score Matched Comparison of EndoSuture Versus Fenestrated Aortic Aneurysm Repair in Treatment of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms with Unfavorable Neck Anatomy

Arash Fereydooni, MD, Keyuree Satam, MD, Shernaz Dossabohy, MD, Sabina Sorondo, MD, Shipra Arya, MD, Brant Ullery, MD, Jason T. Lee, MD

Stanford University, Stanford, CA

THIRD PLACE

Multi-Center Experience with an Off-The-Shelf Single Retrograde Thoracic Branch Endoprosthesis for Acute Aortic Pathology

Kathryn L. DiLosa MD, MPH, Michelle Manesh, MD, Lucas Ruitter Kanamori, MD, Mabel Chan, MD, Jason T. Lee, MD, Sara L. Zettervall, MD, Matthew P. Sweet, MD, Joel P. Harding, DO, Shahab Toursavadkahi, MD, Javairiah Fatima, MD, Gustavo S. Oderich, MD, Sukgu M. Han, MD, MHS, Steven Maximus, MD

University of California, Davis Health, Sacramento, CA

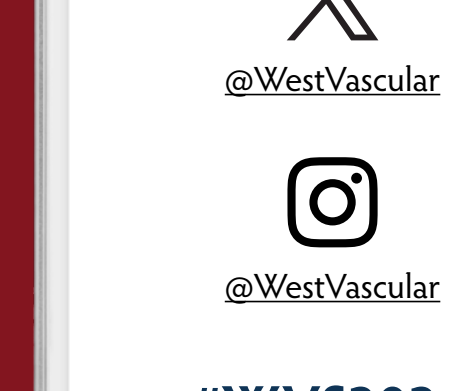
FOUNDERS AWARD 2024

Steven Maximus, MD
University of California, Davis Health

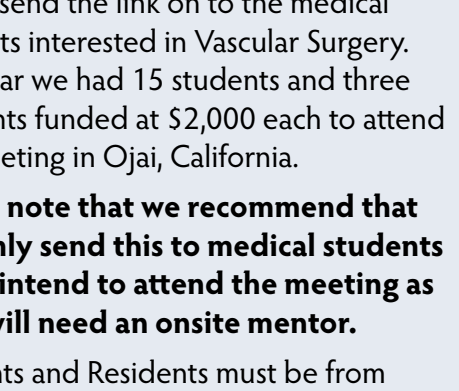
Multi-center Experience with an Off-the-Shelf Single Retrograde Thoracic Branch Endoprosthesis for Acute Aortic Pathology presented by Dr. Kathryn DiLosa



Welcome to the New Committee Members



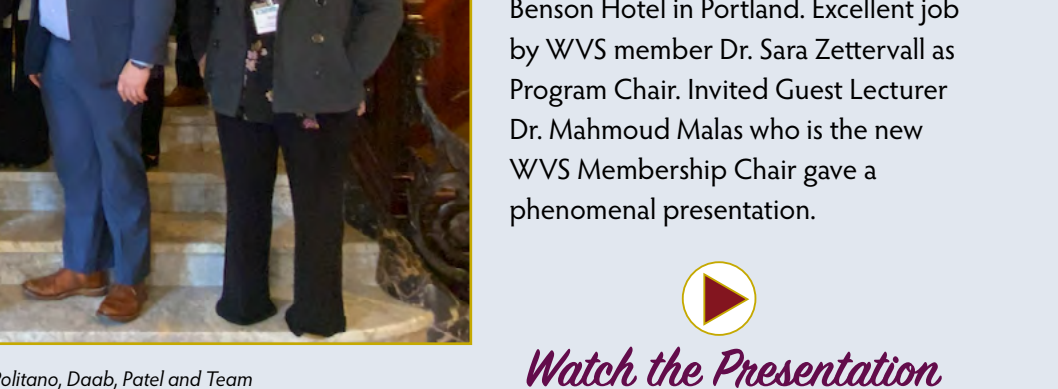
VSIG COMMITTEE
Gabriel Herscu, MD



DEI COMMITTEE
Elna Masuda, MD

MEMBERS UPDATE

On October 3rd, 2024 there were two "Firsts" at the University of Washington. Dr. Starnes and his team implanted the first Terumo Fenestrated TREQO Company Manufactured Device in the United States and the first Terumo "TREQO Fit" Physician Modified Endograft in the world. Both cases took less than an hour and the patients did beautifully post-operatively.



OHSU Members Dr. Shalhub, Politano, Daab, Patel and Team

On November 8th, 2024 University of Oregon Health and Sciences Vascular Department inspired by WVS member and OHSU Chief of Dr. Sherene Shalhub delivered a record number of presentations, attendees and exhibitors at the Pacific Northwest Vascular Society Annual Meeting at the Benson Hotel in Portland. Excellent job by WVS member Dr. Sara Zettervall as Program Chair. Invited Guest Lecturer Dr. Mahmoud Malas who is the new WVS Membership Chair gave a phenomenal presentation.

Watch the Presentation

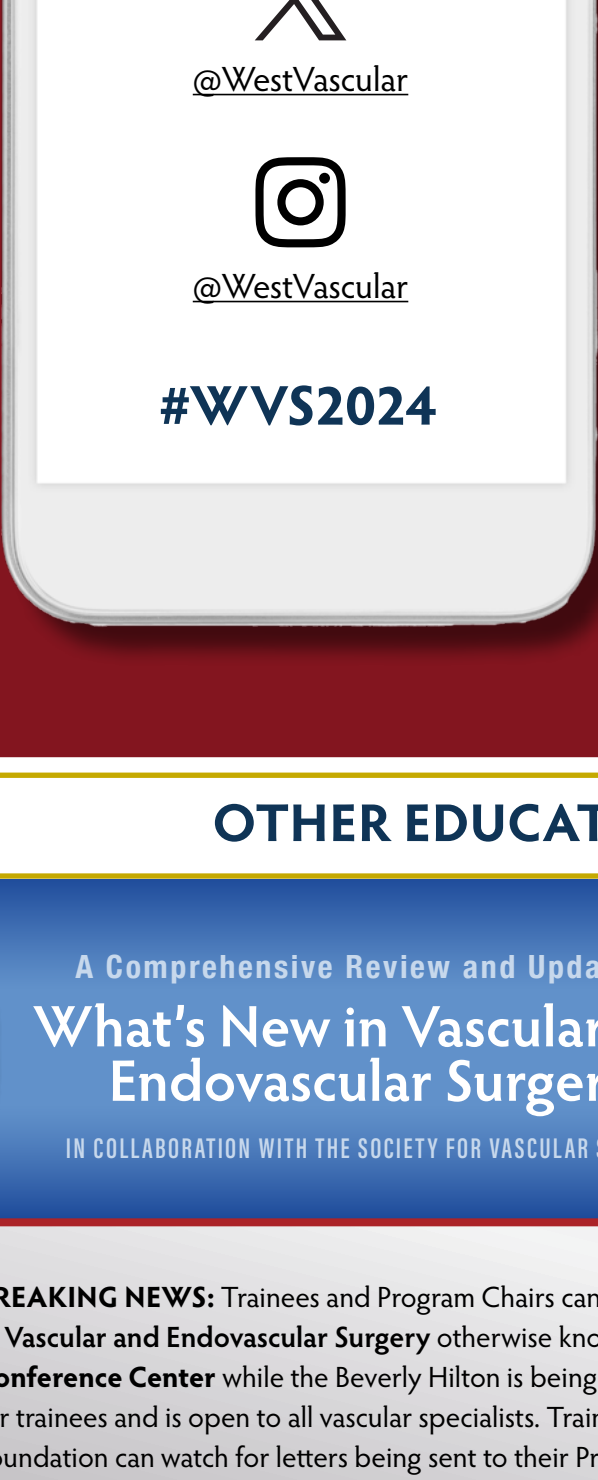


Dr. Sara Zettervall and New Candidate Member Dr. Blake Murphy



COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR Leigh Ann O'Banion reminds you to

JOIN US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Announcing the opening of the Vascular Surgery Interest Group Application for 2025 WVS Annual Meeting Scholarships.

Please send the link on to the medical students interested in Vascular Surgery. Last year we had 15 students and three residents funded at \$2,000 each to attend the meeting in Ojai, California.

Please note that we recommend that you only send this to medical students if you intend to attend the meeting as they will need an onsite mentor.

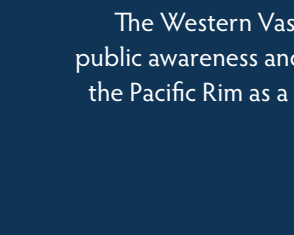
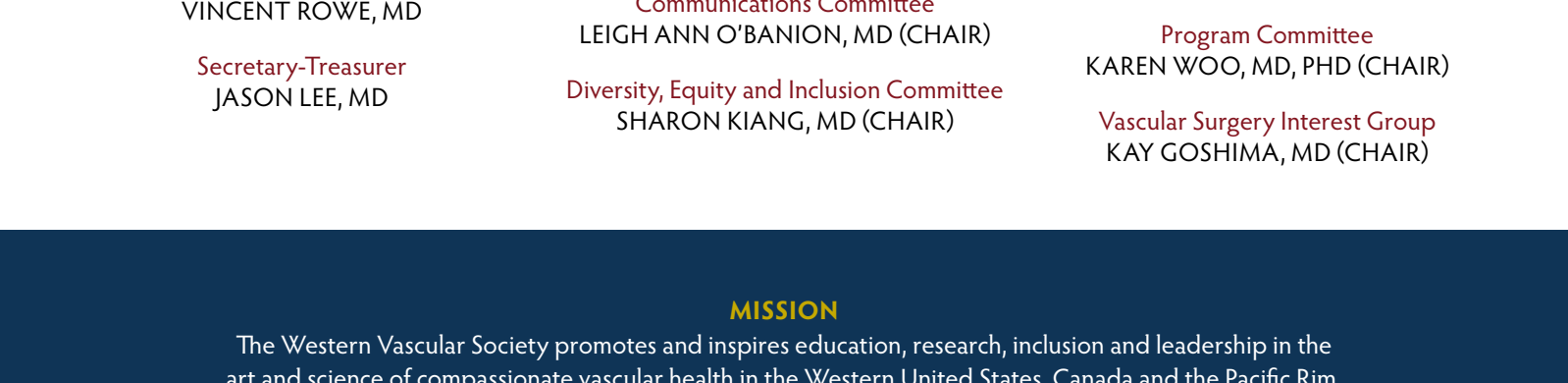
Students and Residents must be from outside of California for the full scholarship amount as it is intended to support the travel of the students.

Get the Link!

OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



BREAKING NEWS: Trainees and Program Chairs can save the date for The Comprehensive Review of What's New in Vascular and Endovascular Surgery otherwise known as "The Moore Course" is moving to the UCLA Luskin Conference Center while the Beverly Hilton is being renovated this year August 12-16, 2025. This event is not just for trainees and is open to all vascular specialists. Trainees looking to attend a scholarship from the Joash Medical Foundation can watch for letters being sent to their Program Directors in 2025 for nominations.



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!



WESTERN VASCULAR SOCIETY 2024 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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Vascular Surgery Interest Group: KAY GOSHIMA, MD (CHAIR)

MISSION

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. 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.

VALUES

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