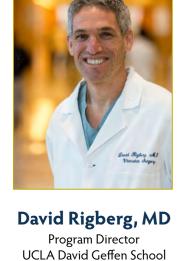
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Dr. David Rigberg, President Elect Western Vascular Society Dear Western Vascular Society Members,

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

We are all very excited for the upcoming



of Medicine Editor, True Lumen President-Elect Western Vascular Society

meeting in Ojai! Picture brilliant science, meaningful mentorship, oak trees, and a Coastal Casual Presidential Banquet show from The Dial Ups — so leave your tux at home and bring your dancing shoes! Want to sing something with us? Let me know and join us!. See you there, David Rigberg, MD

Annual Meeting

President Elect, Western Vascular Society



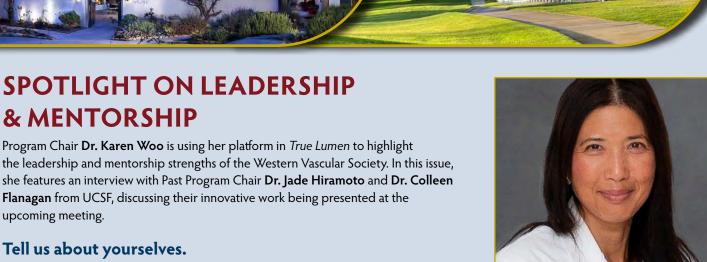




WESTERN

ASCULAR SOCIETY

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



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

AT THE BUSINESS MEETING

2025 Active New

Member Applicants

Riverside University

Health System

Membership Roster Update – Per Bylaws

2023-2025 professional development period. She is interested in the use of Al/machine learning to augment vascular surgery practice, clinical research, and efficiency in caredelivery. Jade Hiramoto is a Professor in Vascular Surgery at UCSF and the Vice Chair of

Clinical Affairs in the Department of Surgery. Both are passionate about the responsible application of AI/ML to transform unstructured clinical data (e.g. notes, images) into structured data to improve administrative efficiency, research database quality, and ultimately, clinical care. What motivated you to do this project?

Colleen Flanagan is a fourth-year resident in the UCSF Integrated Vascular Surgery Residency program and recently completed a fellowship in Clinical Informatics during her

Recently, there has been a move towards procedure-based post operative pain control,

our patients.

despite evidence that pain varies significantly from person to person. Data has shown that a non-individual approach to post operative pain control on discharge is associated with increased long term opioid use, so we felt that it was important to investigate this among our vascular patients. How do you hope that the results of your work will impact clinical practice/future research? While we want to limit the amount of postoperative opioid pain medications, we feel

that there is a range in the amount of pain experienced by patients who undergo similar procedures. This may lead to unnecessary suffering in scenarios of under-prescription as well as needless prescription of opioids in scenarios of over-prescription. We are hoping to establish a more tailored, individualized approach and improve the quality of care for

FROM THE DESK OF MEMBERSHIP CHAIR DR. MAHMOUD MALAS, ON BEHALF OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS; DRS. JC JIMENEZ AND JENNI ANN YI As we prepare for our upcoming annual meeting, I'm pleased to provide a membership update and share

Hammad Amer, MD Benjamin Greif, MD University of California, Davis American Vascular Specialists University of Oklahoma Spencer Hansen, MD Rumi Faizer, MD Donald Jacobs, MD **UP** Medical UC Health Heart and University of Colorado Vascular Center Clara Gomez Sanchez, MD Afshin Molkara, MD

Jake Hemingway, MD

University of Washington

Opportunity For those who have not yet paid, we are offering a limited-time **opportunity** to catch up on overdue dues at the historic

1990 rate of \$150 per year.

This discounted rate is available

through the conclusion of

Dues Reminder –

Special

University of California

San Francisco

Western members who helped

to bolster the membership by

sponsoring their colleagues.

Thank you to all the

the annual meeting. After that time, dues will revert to the new rate of \$250 per year, and any outstanding balances will be calculated at the updated rate.

PROGRAM CHAIR UPDATE

THE LEGACY OF

DR. ROBERT HYE

Awards. Selected by judges appointed by Program Chair

Dr. Karen Woo, these awards celebrate excellence in

research, presentation, and contribution to the field.

Three cash prizes—\$500, \$250, and \$100—along with

official commemorative certificates are awarded for the

best full presentations. In addition, the top Rapid-Fire

Presentation receives a certificate and a \$100 award.

These prizes are made possible through generous donations from our members and sponsors, collected

HONORING

administrator name] to confirm or submit payment. shared mission. We look forward to seeing you in person at the annual meeting. Warm regards,

Mahmoud Malas, MD

roster. Any member who:

ROBERT HYE RESIDENT AWARD **RECIPIENT**



in Dialysis Access Surgery

Overprescribing

lade Hiramoto, MD

San Francisco, CA

WESTERN SHOWDOWN COMPETITION

Road to SCVS Top Gun

PART 2

Suturing Event

A skills competition

to help residents and

medical students

enhance their suturing

skills of an abdominal

aneurysm and build

confidence.

Open to residents from the Western

Medical students may assist or try

out the simulators—but only after

the event (no cutting in line, future

To be eligible to win, residents

Department of Surgery,

University of California,

at registration. Dr. Hye was a dedicated and prolific researcher, and his impact on Western Vascular was profound—not as a ceremonial figure, but as a dedicated mentor who personally sponsored residents to present at our meetings every single year. His unwavering commitment has left a lasting mark on our society, reflected in the work and achievements of countless members.

PART 1 Penumbra P GETINGE 🛠

Thrombectomy Simulator

Participants will have

the opportunity to treat

deep vein thrombosis

(DVT) using the

Flash 2.0 Thrombectomy

case.

Official Rules for the

Serious Competition)

time-honored rules:

No whining.

creative.

Western Showdown (aka

Dr. Tran's Not-So-Serious

The legendary Dr. Tran is at the

helm of our pilot program's fun

competition—bringing with him his

Swearing is permitted—but

Canadians may use elbows.

Sunday Sept 14th Highlights

Welcome Reception & Networking

participants will have the opportunity

to treat deep vein thrombosis (DVT)

using the Flash 2.0 Thrombectomy

Terumo Aortic Breakfast Symposium

Guest lecturer - Dr. Timothy Sullivan

40th Anniversary Historical Session

with Founding Members, Dr. Wesley Moore and Dr. Jerry Goldstone

> 40 th Anniversary **Sept. 14–17, 2025** Ojai Valley Inn | **Ojai, C**A

View the **FLIPBOOK**

up to the meeting!

• Linen button-down shirts in soft

in khaki, stone, or navy

for evening events)

tones (white, sand, pale blue, sage)

· Lightweight chinos or tailored shorts

· Unstructured sport coats (optional

Loafers, boat shoes, or leather

Accessories: minimalist watches,

woven belts, sunglasses

may include grass and gravel)

FOR MEN

Here is a fun guideline if this is on your mind.

of laid-back sophistication.

Part 1 of the Trainee Showdown

Competition: Penumbra's

System in a simulated case.

Monday 15th Highlights

Scientific Sessions

Thrombectomy Simulator -

Rapid-Fire Session

only if it's impressively

System in a simulated

Eligibility:

region only.

surgeons).

Annual Meeting PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Gore & Associates Luncheon Symposium Part 2 of the Trainee Showdown **Competition: Getinge Suturing Event** - a skills competition to help residents and medical students enhance

their suturing skills of an abdominal

aneurysm and build confidence.

Western Family Dinner

Tuesday 16th Highlights

Welcome Reception must compete in all three events. Monday - Part 2: Before the Western Family Dinner Tuesday - Part 3: After the VSIG Leadership Lunch

Symposium Cook Medical Luncheon Symposium Don't miss the 40th Anniversary Historical Session with Founding Members,

← Dr. Wesley Moore and

Dr. Jerry Goldstone →

What to wear is the most asked question to the SCS team leading

> PLANNING AND PACKING TIPS: Ojai in September is coastal perfection—warm days in the low 80s, cool evenings in the 60s.

WHAT TO AVOID: Suits and ties (unless presenting or by preference) • Athletic wear

outfits for women – basically no work out gear # If you have a cowboy hat and boots...go for it!

recommended pocket squares are optional, good vibes are not.

GETTING THERE:

FOR WOMEN • Midi/maxi dresses in breathable fabrics (linen, cotton, silk) • Wide-leg trousers with tucked-in blouses • Jumpsuits or wrap dresses in coastal prints or soft solids

Flat sandals, espadrilles, or block-heel

· Accessories: straw bags, light jewelry

Think light layers, sun protection, and comfortable shoes for strolling the grounds.

attire for women - think less formal than VAM and more formal than scrubs.

For the Presidential Banquet, we're keeping it coastal casual: linen, light fabrics, and relaxed elegance. Ties and Dr. Azizzadeh

Hiking, walking town, riding the free bikes, golfing, pickleball and tennis are all possibilities onsite. You can also call and arrange beekeeping, artisan cottage crafts, and the best spa day you have ever had.

During scientific sessions most present in business casual attire – collared shirts for men and business

Western attire is welcome for the Western Family dinner you can wear khakis or jeans and family dinner

The Santa Barbara Airport (SBA) is your best bet—easy to navigate and scenic from the moment you land. From there, it's about a 75-minute drive to Ojai through beautiful mountain and valley roads. If you're carpooling, it's a great chance to catch up with friends or discuss which cases were coming in as large group).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Southern California Vascular Surgical Society

JW MARRIOTT, SAN JOSÉ DEL CABO | BCS, MEXICO

44th Annual Meeting

Photos submitted by the Southern California Vascular Society to highlight their upcoming meeting May 1-3, **2026** at JW Marriott in Cabo

Abstracts accepted until

travel stipend.

February for this great meeting. Presenters may be eligible for a

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Congratulations to Dr. Khoury

on his final day of fellowship

at Loma Linda! Pictured here

with Dr. Abou-ZAmzam

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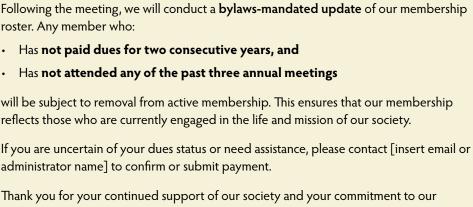
Hospital Central

Jesus Ulloa, MD

West LA VA/UCLA

2025 Candidate New

Member Applicants



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

Western Vascular Society Resident Showdown Competition: The Western Vascular Society is proud to host a high-energy Resident Competition that will showcase the technical skills, precision, and speed of our rising stars in vascular surgery throuh a three-part challenge. PART 3 COOK° MEDICAL **Planning & Sizing** Physicians-in-training evaluate their ability to accurately size aortic

aneurysms, choose the

right grafts, and explain

their decisions clearly

and quickly.

(These are the people you might want

Goshima, Kansal, Herscu, and Hemingway

to bake cookies for in advance): Drs.

will be judging across all three days.

Sunday - Part 1: During the

Sharpen your skills, flex your creativity, and remember it's all fun and games...

· Part 3 of the Trainee Showdown Competition: Cook Medical Aortic

Planning and Sizing - The goal is

to evaluate physicians-in-training on

their ability to accurately size aortic

aneurysms, choose the right grafts,

and explain their decisions clearly and

quickly, showing both technical skills

and critical thinking in vascular care.

Wednesday 17th Highlights

Scientific Sessions

Competition awards

Session Host:

R. Eugene

Zierler, MD

Presidential Banquet with the Dial Ups

Abbott Vascular Breakfast Symposium

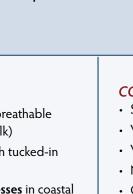
until someone gets the elbow.

Competition Schedule:

Meet the Judges

The grand prize? A coveted \$1,800 scholarship to represent Western Vascular Society at SCVS.

> · Penumbra Breakfast Symposium · Scientific Sessions · Presidential Address -Dr. Ahmed AbouZamzam · Leadership Roundtable Luncheon



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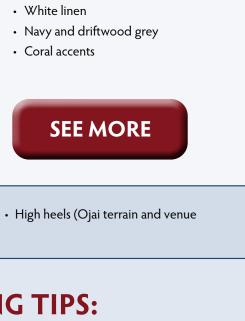
Dress Code Surgical Meeting Edition THEME: Effortlessly polished, breezy, and relaxed — think California coast meets elevated resort style. Suitable for a professional setting with a touch **COLOR PALETTE** Seafoam green Warm sand · White linen · Navy and driftwood grey Coral accents

Coastal Casual

40th anniversary

hardest to crack this year. **NEED SOME TIME? Spa Ojai**: This Spa is wide open for appointments. Artist Cottage: The Artist College an open studio concept guests can walk in (no reservations necessary — unless they are Our Experience Planners can assist with all activities. Email: discoverojai@ojaivalleyinn.com or call 805.640.3562 Be sure to register your companions so that they may enjoy the welcome reception, breakfast daily, Western Family Dinner and the Presidential Banquet all for a low price. Contact Fin at **admin@surgicalcs.com** to make sure they have a badge from day one. Kids are welcome too!

OHSU Vascular enjoying a celebration of graduation with a little help from WWF? PNWVS 2025
ANNUAL MEETING



ARCTIC CLUB, SEATTLE, WA

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Chair SHARON KIANG, MD, FACS Vascular Surgery Interest Group Chair KAY GOSHIMA, MD, FACS

Program Chair KAREN WOO, MD, PHD, FACS

Oct 23-24, 2025 Sarah Zettervall is the program chair and this promises to be an exceptional meeting. For out of town students stipends are available to help with travel costs. Apply today: https://fs21.formsite.com/surgicalcs/q2iwlcxu9w/index

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WESTERN VASCULAR SOCIETY 2025 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

VINCENT ROWE, MD Membership Chair MAHMOUD B. MALAS, MD, MHS, FACS

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