

NINTH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

A Comprehensive Review and Update of
**What's New in Vascular
and Endovascular Surgery
(Moore Course)**

IN COLLABORATION WITH THE SOCIETY FOR VASCULAR SURGERY

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This 3.5 day course represents a joint effort of the Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery at UCLA and Society for Vascular Surgery. This program will offer an in-depth review of our specialty for those preparing to take the vascular board examinations as well as providing the basic didactic education for the vascular residents and fellows in training. The course recognizes four major pillars of vascular surgery practice, which include (1) conventional open operations, (2) catheter based intervention (endovascular surgery), (3) the medical aspect of patient management, (4) diagnostic imaging and noninvasive testing.

An internationally recognized faculty will present a comprehensive survey of generally accepted views, including basic science, pathogenesis, diagnosis, and management of the broad spectrum of vascular disorders. In addition, each speaker has been asked to take a portion of their allotted time in order to review the important new developments, as related to their topic that have taken place within the last year. This year, we will continue to add sections of interactive Q&A following each morning and afternoon session with questions relevant to the topics that have been presented. The questions will be in board format in order to give the participants a preparatory exercise.

In recognition of the increasingly important role of endovascular intervention in the vascular surgeon's practice, we continue to add topics that provide an update on endovascular surgery together with interactive case presentations involving those techniques. This course addresses the needs of practicing vascular surgeons who wish to review the specialty and update their knowledge of new topics in this rapidly expanding field. In addition, vascular surgery residents will find this course a comprehensive overview of the subject that is designed to supplement their training and to provide a foundation of basic science necessary for their complete understanding of the subject. It conforms to the clinical and basic science curriculum as outlined by the vascular surgery program directors (APDVS).

Finally, we are pleased to announce that the Society for Vascular Surgery has honored the program by their willingness to offer co-branding of the program.

Objective

The primary objective of this course is to provide the evidence basis for the clinical practice of vascular disease management.

At the conclusion of this course, participants should be able to affirm or modify their approach to patient management in the following areas:

- Describe the indications, technique, and results of the spectrum of open vascular operations including such common procedures as carotid endarterectomy, repair of abdominal aortic aneurysm, aorto-femoral bypass, and infra-inguinal bypass
- Outline the management of varicose veins and deep venous occlusive disease
- Identify the indications, technique, and results of the spectrum of catheter-based intervention including endovascular repair of thoracic and abdominal aortic aneurysm, aorto-iliac and femoral-popliteal-tibial occlusive disease, and carotid artery stenting
- Manage vascular disease including treatment of hypertension, risk factor modification, the use of anti-platelet, anti-coagulant, and statin therapy
- Interpret diagnostic studies including duplex ultrasound, magnetic resonance angiography, CT angiography, and catheter-based contrast angiography

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PROGRAM

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Wednesday, August 21, 2024

MORNING

6:30 AM **Registration/Breakfast**

7:15 AM **Welcome and Introduction**

Wesley S. Moore, MD and David A. Rigberg, MD

Moderator: Wesley S. Moore, MD

7:30 AM **Anatomy, Physiology, and Pharmacology of the Vessel Wall**

Steven Dean, DO, RPVI, FSVM

8:00 AM **Principles of Imaging in Vascular Disease-CTA, MRA, Contrast Angiography, and Fusion**

Alan B. Lumsden, MD

8:40 AM **The Vascular Diagnostic Laboratory**

Ankur Chandra, MD, RPVI

9:25 AM **Coffee Break/Visit Exhibits**

9:55 AM **Exposure of Blood Vessels**

Erica L. Mitchell, MD, MEd SE, FACS, DFSVS

10:35 AM **Vascular Trauma**

Niten Singh, MD

11:20 AM **Round Table Discussion, Q&A**

Moderator: Wesley S. Moore, MD

Panelists: Drs. Chandra, Dean, Lumsden, Mitchell, and Singh

12:00 PM **Lunch Break**

AFTERNOON

Moderator: David A. Rigberg, MD

1:30 PM **Atherosclerosis: Pathology, Pathogenesis, Risk Factor Modification**

Jessica B. O'Connell, MD

2:20 PM **Non-Atherosclerotic Vascular Disease**

Gregory J. Landry, MD

3:10 PM **Lymphedema-Evaluation and Management**

Lori L. Pounds, MD

- 3:40 PM **Coffee Break/Visit Exhibits**
- 4:10 PM **Management of the Thoracic Outlet Syndrome**
Hugh A. Gelabert, MD
- 4:40 PM **Management of Upper Extremity Arterial and Venous Occlusive Disease**
Claudie Sheahan, MD
- 5:10 PM **Round Table Discussion, Q&A, Case Examples**
Moderator: David A. Rigberg, MD
Panelists: *Drs. Gelabert, Landry, O'Connell, Pounds, Sheahan*
- 5:40 PM **Adjourn**

Thursday, August 22, 2024

MORNING

- 6:30 AM **Breakfast**
Moderator: Vincent L. Rowe, MD
- 7:00 AM **Management of the Incompetent Axial Superficial Veins**
David A. Rigberg, MD
- 7:30 AM **Management of Chronic Venous Obstruction (Open, Endo)**
Manju Kalra, MBBS
- 8:10 AM **Vascular Malformations: Diagnosis and Management**
Steven Farley, MD
- 8:40 AM **Primary Arterial and Vascular Graft Infections: Etiology, Diagnosis, Management, and Prevention**
Audra A. Duncan, MD, FACS, FRCSC
- 9:20 AM **Management of Acute Arterial and Graft Occlusions**
Johnathon C. Rollo, MD
- 9:50 AM **Coffee Break/Visit Exhibits**
- 10:20 AM **Management of Non-Infectious Complications in Vascular Surgery**
Juan Carlos Jimenez, MD, MBA
- 11:00 AM **Evaluation of Patient Risk for Vascular Intervention**
John S. Lane, MD
- 11:30 AM **Critical Care Management for the Vascular Surgical Patient**
Megan Brenner, MD
- 11:50 AM **Round Table Discussion, Q&A, Case Examples**
Moderator: Vincent L. Rowe, MD
Panelists: *Drs. Brenner, Duncan, Farley, Jimenez, Kalra, Lane, Rigberg, Rollo*
- 12:10 PM **Lunch Break**

AFTERNOON

Moderator: Audra A. Duncan, MD, FACS, FRCSC

- 1:30 PM **Management of Renal Vascular Hypertension**
Benjamin J. Pearce, MD, FACS
- 2:00 PM **Management of Acute Venous Thrombo-Embolism-Thrombectomy, Thrombolysis**
Anthony J. Comerota, MD, FACS, FACC
- 2:30 PM **Vena Cava Filters: Indications, Selection, and Management**
John Rectenwald, MD
- 3:00 PM **Coffee Break/Visit Exhibits**
- 3:30 PM **The Role of Leadership Development and Mentorship in Vascular Surgery**
Julie Ann Freischlag, MD, FACS, FRCS(Edin), DFS/VS
- 4:00 PM **Pediatric Vascular Surgery**
Dawn M. Coleman, MD, FACS
- 4:30 PM **Management of Acute and Chronic Mesenteric Arterial Occlusive Disease**
W. Darrin Clouse, MD
- 5:00PM **Round Table Discussion, Q&A, Case Examples**
Moderator: Audra A. Duncan, MD, FACS, FRCSC
Panelists: *Drs. Clouse, Coleman, Comerota, Freischlag, Pearce, Rectenwald*
- 5:30 PM **Adjourn**

Friday, August 23, 2024

MORNING

- 6:30 AM **Breakfast**
Moderator: Juan Carlos Jimenez, MD, MBA
- 7:00 AM **Cerebrovascular Disease-I-Introduction to Carotid Re-Vascularization for Prevention and Management of Brain Injury**
Wesley S. Moore, MD
- 7:50 AM **Cerebrovascular Disease-II-Carotid Bifurcation Intervention-CEA Technique and Results**
Caron B. Rockman, MD
- 8:20 AM **Cerebrovascular Disease-III-Carotid Bifurcation Intervention-CAS Technique and Results**
Vikram S. Kashyap, MD, FACS
- 8:50 AM **Cerebrovascular Disease-IV-Management of Aortic Arch Trunk and the Vertebral Artery Occlusive Disease**
William D. Jordan, Jr., MD

- 9:20 AM **Aneurysms of the Abdominal Aorta- Etiology and Diagnosis**
Jerry Goldstone, MD, FACS, FRCSEd(hon)
- 9:50 AM **Open Repair of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm-Technical Considerations**
Kellie R. Brown, MD
- 10:20 AM **Coffee Break/Visit Exhibits**
- 10:50 AM **Endovascular Repair of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm- Technique and Comparative Results of Currently Available Devices**
Malachi G. Sheahan, MD
- 10:20 AM **Spine Exposures and Vascular Surgery Collaborative Support of Other Surgical Specialties**
Todd Rasmussen, MD
- 11:40 AM **Round Table Discussion, Q&A, Case Examples**
Moderator: **Juan Carlos Jimenez, MD, MBA**
Panelists: *Drs. Brown, Goldstone, Jordan, Kashyap, Moore, Rasmussen, Rockman, Sheahan*
- 12:10 PM **Lunch Break**

AFTERNOON

Moderator: **Audra Duncan, MD**

- 1:30 PM **Thoracic and Thoraco-Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm: Diagnosis, Prognosis, and Open Surgical Management**
Hazim J. Safi, MD
- 2:00 PM **Endovascular Repair of Thoracic Aortic Aneurysm-Currently Available Devices and Results**
Michel S. Makaroun, MD
- 2:40 PM **Coffee Break**
- 3:10 PM **Management of Ruptured Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm**
Benjamin W. Starnes, MD, DFSVS
- 3:40 PM **Management of Acute and Chronic Thoracic Aortic Dissection**
Jason T. Lee, MD
- 4:10 PM **Management of Aorto-Iliac Occlusive Disease- Medical, Open, Endo**
Jeffrey Jim, MD, MPH, FACS
- 4:40 PM **Round Table Discussion, Q&A**
Moderator: **Audra Duncan, MD**
Panelists: *Drs. Jim, Lee, Makaroun, Safi, Starnes*
- 5:10 PM **Adjourn**

Saturday, August 24, 2024

MORNING

6:30 AM **Breakfast**

Moderator: Peter F. Lawrence, MD

7:00 AM **Hematologic Problems: Bleeding, Clotting, and Anticoagulant Drugs**

Thomas W. Wakefield, MD

7:30 AM **Dialysis Access**

Karen Woo, MD, PhD

8:00 AM **Visceral Artery Aneurysms: Diagnosis, Prognosis, and Management**

James C. Stanley, MD

8:30 AM **Management of Peripheral Arterial Aneurysms**

R. Clement Darling, III, MD

9:00 AM **Background and Introduction to Limb Salvage**

Frank J. Veith, MD

9:30 AM **Coffee Break/Visit Exhibits**

10:00 AM **Medical Management of the Patient with Intermittant Claudication**

Jesus Ulloa, MD

10:15 AM **Infra-Inguinal Arterial Occlusive Disease-Surgical Management**

Vincent L. Rowe, MD

10:45 AM **Infra-Inguinal Arterial Occlusive Disease-Endovascular Management**

Brian G. DeRubertis, MD, FACS

11:15 AM Introduction to the Vascular Board Examination

Malachi G. Sheahan, MD

11:30 AM **Round Table Discussion, Q&A**

Moderator: Peter F. Lawrence, MD

Panelists: Drs. Darling, DeRubertis, Rowe, Sheahan, Stanley, Ulloa, Wakefield, Woo, Veith

11:50 AM **Closing Comments and Course Adjourns**

Wesley S. Moore, MD and David A. Rigberg, MD

12:00 PM **Lunch**

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