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Message from the President



Ross Milner, MD
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MVSS President

50 Years! I am excited for all of you to come to Chicago in September to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the MVSS. In addition to our usual outstanding scientific programming, we are having a Black-Tie Gala Event with a live band on Saturday night at The Drake Hotel to celebrate this milestone. It should be a fantastic meeting and a fabulous event to conclude our celebration of 50 years. Bring your black-tie attire and dancing shoes!

The annual meeting scientific program is stellar once again. We had a large number of abstracts submitted for consideration to be presented at the meeting. Dr. Loay Kabbani (MVSS Secretary) has designed a program full of the latest updates in Vascular Surgery clinical care and research. In addition, there are some amazing case reports and rapid presentations. A huge thanks goes out to Dr. Loay Kabbani and the entire Program Committee for their work on our annual meeting program and review of so many great abstracts. Thanks also to Dr. Greg Kaspar, Chair of the New Horizons Committee. Greg and his team have done a spectacular job of arranging debates and invited speakers that should be interesting for everyone at the meeting.

I have invited Dr. Ravi Veeraswamy (Chief of Vascular Surgery, Medical University of South Carolina) as my President's invited guest this year. I am excited to see Dr. Nicholson's Honorary Guest Lecturer, Dr. Geeta Lal from Surgical Ergonomics.

On behalf of the Executive Council, I would like to recognize and thank our friends in industry. The meeting simply would not be possible without the generous support of all of our industry partners. We greatly appreciate the partnership for all of our educational events.

On behalf of the Executive Council, I am excited to celebrate our 50th anniversary with all of you in Chicago on September 17th to 19th. See you at the annual meeting!



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Message from the Program Committee Chair

Loay Kabbani, MD
MVSS Secretary and Program Chair
on behalf of the 2026 MVSS Program Committee

We are thrilled to welcome everyone to Chicago for the **50th Annual Midwestern Vascular Surgical Society Meeting.** This year marks a remarkable milestone for our Society. Since its founding in 1977, the MVSS has grown from a small regional organization into one of the nation's most respected vascular societies, representing more than 600 members throughout the Midwest. For fifty years, the Society has provided a forum for scientific exchange, professional development, mentorship, and friendship among vascular surgeons dedicated to advancing the care of patients with vascular disease. And in a fitting tribute to our history, we return this year to the Drake Hotel in Chicago — the very venue that hosted our First Annual Meeting nearly five decades ago.

The scientific program remains the centerpiece of our annual meeting. The Program Committee has assembled an outstanding scientific program, including plenary session presentations, rapid-fire talks, and case reports spanning the full breadth of contemporary vascular surgery practice. The abstracts selected for consideration for the prestigious Szilagyi, Pfeiffer, and Guthrie Awards represent some of the finest work being done in our specialty today. Award recipients will be recognized by our President, Dr. Ross Milner, during the meeting.

Many additional excellent contributions have been selected for the Poster Competition. We encourage all attendees to join the poster session and, as always, we welcome volunteers to serve as judges. The Poster Competition winner will present Saturday morning, and e-posters will be available for viewing throughout the meeting.

The New Horizons Program looks outstanding. Dr. Gregory Kasper and his committee have put together a forward-looking agenda featuring cutting-edge topics in emerging technology, artificial intelligence, and innovation in vascular care. In addition, we welcome **Ravi Veeraswamy, MD** from the Medical University of South Carolina as this year's Presidents Invited Guest Speaker, and we are honored to host **Geeta Lal, MD** from Johns Hopkins University as the Honorary Guest Lecturer.

As in prior years, the meeting will emphasize the development of vascular professionals at every career stage:

- Medical Students are invited to participate in dedicated sessions designed to introduce them to vascular surgery and connect them with mentors and peers through our live surgical skills and mentorship program.

- Vascular Surgery Fellows will have access to simulation-based assessments to refine technical skills and prepare for board certification.
- The Advanced Practice Provider Symposium continues to grow, offering nurse practitioners and physician assistants specialized educational content tailored to their essential role in multidisciplinary vascular care teams.

We are deeply grateful to our industry sponsors, whose generous support makes possible the Trainees Hands-on Simulation Program as well as the symposia planned throughout the meeting. A sincere thank you to the Program Committee members for their dedication and hard work in building this year's program.

And please — make plans to join us for the **50th Anniversary Gala Dinner** on Saturday evening, September 19th. This black tie (optional) celebration is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to honor the Society's legacy and the remarkable colleagues who have shaped it. Reserve your room at The Drake early and plan to stay the full weekend.

We look forward to celebrating with you in Chicago.

Loay S. Kabbani, MD, MHSA, FACS
MVSS Secretary and Program Committee Chair on behalf of the 2026 MVSS Program Committee

View the "MVSS: 50 Years of Excellence" Timeline

(Excerpts pulled from the current MVSS Historical Book)



Join us in celebrating 50 Years of MVSS!!

Saturday, September 19, 2026
7:00pm

Get ready for a night of dancing, dining and reminiscing with new colleagues and old friends.

Ticket Price: $75.00

Purchase Tickets

2026 Trainee Education Programs

2026 Mock Orals Program / "Recap"

Our Midwestern Vascular Surgical Society's educational mission of promoting vascular health through excellence in the diagnosis, management, and treatment of vascular disease has led to another successful Mock Orals Event.

On Monday, May 4, MVSS hosted 12 senior vascular surgery trainees along with 22 MVSS volunteer physicians serving as examiners. This opportunity afforded residents and fellows to

experience a simulated version of the American Board of Surgery Certifying Exam (ABS-CE). In this live virtual activity, the candidates from all areas of the Midwest where placed in three different rooms where they were lead through new dynamic vascular surgery cases encompassing a variety of vascular surgery topics for an hour and a half. Each candidate had multiple unfamiliar examiners from various academic and community programs who provided written confidential feedback to the candidates and their respective program directors.

The goals of this program were achieved by providing trainees familiarity with the certifying exam format, gaining experience with examiners from outside their training program and receiving constructive feedback. The event allows for identifications of the candidate and institutional strengths and weaknesses to improve our educational responsibilities to our Midwestern trainees.

2026 LIVE Technology & Technique Vascular Simulation Program
Thursday, September 17, 2026 * Chicago, IL

(Prior to the start of the MVSS Annual Meeting)

The primary goal of this four-hour intensive program is to provide vascular surgery residents and fellows from across the Midwest with meaningful exposure to advanced technologies.

High-Stakes Competition & New APDVS Station
The program will also contain a trainee competition in which the winner will be sponsored by the MVSS to compete in the prestigious national Top Gun Competition at the Society for Clinical Vascular Surgery (SCVS) Annual Meeting. Trainees will be scored on technical execution across several high-fidelity simulation stations, including fenestrated EVAR, TCAR, and ruptured AAA repair.

Additionally, we are excited to be debuting a brand-new station this year in collaboration with the Association of Program Directors in Vascular Surgery (APDVS). Fundamentals of Vascular Surgery (FVS) is soon to be required for all trainees, and this station will feature some of the skills that are tested.

Sign up during the Annual Meeting Registration process.







COOK MEDICAL - MVSS 2026
SIZING SHOWDOWN: The Aortic Planning & Sizing Challenge

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026
12:15 - 2:15PM
@ The Drake Hotel

The Cook Medical Fellows & Residents Program, in collaboration with the Midwestern Vascular Surgical Society , invites you to an engaging educational session on planning and sizing aortic cases—followed by a dynamic, hands-on competition. Trainees will work with anonymized CT scans from real patients to plan and size an abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) case, guided by Cook

Medical representatives. This event offers valuable experience, reinforcing existing knowledge or introducing a key aspect of vascular surgery.

Open to all fellows, residents, and medical students—limited to **30 competition spots, but all are welcome to attend!**

Register for the Sizing Showdown

2026 Medical Student Education Programs

MVSS VSIG Webinar
Interesting Case Presentations
"Recap"

On Monday, Thursday, May 7, the MVSS Medical Student Education Committee hosted a Virtual VSIG Webinar to provide an education series on infectious vascular surgery.

Students presented with the help of faculty moderators to discuss pathology, diagnosis and treatments for these complex problems.

University of Nebraska Medical Center – Jason Cook, MD
Infected Aortic Aneurysm

McLaren Health – Nicholas Mouawad, MD
Infected Diabetic Foot Wound

Medical College of Wisconsin – Abby Rothstein, MD
Infected Dacron Carotid Patch

The Ohio State University – Shannon McDonnell
Infected Tibial Pseudoaneurysm from Endocarditis

Watch the VSIG Webinar on the MVSS You Tube Channel

"Introduction to Vascular Surgery"
Medical Student Webinar
Wednesday, August 12, 2026 * 5:00pm CST

Visit the website to view the program and sign up for the webinar

2026 Medical Student LIVE Surgical Skills Session
Friday, September 18, 2026 * 2:40pm

Chicago, IL

This program provides an excellent opportunity for student learners of all levels to meet other learners with similar interests and provides the opportunity to meet members and leaders of the Society. The primary training objective is to introduce vascular surgery simulation and skills training to medical students as a vehicle to enhance their educational experience during medical school and help direct them towards consideration of a career in vascular surgery. We will also be hosting a mentoring event to follow the skills sessions, where students will be matched with MVSS members to further promote their interest in vascular surgery.
Sign up when you register for the MVSS 2024 Annual Meeting.

Visit the MVSS Website for more information.





Programming for the ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDER

TUESDAY, JUNE 16 @ 5:30pm CST
WEBINAR RECAP

ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDER WEBINAR 2025
"New Guideline Review for the Vascular Surgery APP"

Webinar Objectives:

- Summarize major updates in recent vascular and cardiovascular guidelines from the Society for Vascular Surgery, American College of Cardiology, American Heart Association, and the Surviving Sepsis Campaign.
- Apply evidence-based guideline recommendations to clinical practice across key areas, including aortic pathology, lipid management, and sepsis care.
- Incorporate current research and evolving best practices into APP workflows to improve patient outcomes and interdisciplinary care.

Watch the APP Webinar Recording

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th @ 7:45am CST / Chicago, IL

ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDER SYMPOSIUM 2026
"Head to Toe Flow: PAD and Carotid Artery Stenosis Focus"

Learning Objectives:

1. Differentiate the pathophysiology, risk factors, and natural history of peripheral arterial disease (PAD) and carotid artery stenosis (CAS).
2. Recognize key clinical presentations of PAD (ex. claudication, limb ischemia) and CAS (ex. asymptomatic vs. symptomatic carotid disease, stroke/TIA risk).
3. Apply evidence-based screening and diagnostic strategies, including appropriate use of ABI, duplex ultrasound, and advanced imaging.
4. Compare current guideline-directed medical therapies for PAD and CAS, including antiplatelet, lipid-lowering, and risk factor modification approaches.
5. Apply principles of the enhanced recovery after surgery (ERAS) in lower extremity bypass to improve outcomes.
6. Evaluate indications for intervention in both PAD and CAS including surgical management and wound care.
7. Summarize key updates in the 2026 pulmonary embolism guidelines.

Program is included in the registration fee for the 2026 Annual Meeting. (Note: You can sign up for this event when you register for the Annual Meeting.)

View the Program Outline



The **MVSS Educational Outreach Committee** has plans to host 3 educational webinars in the 2025-2026 New Horizons Webinar Series.

Members, both senior and junior volunteer their time and will share their expertise on a variety of topics during these virtual events.

Should you have any industry contact with interest in hosting a webinar, please put them in contact with our administrative office.

Video Recordings of each webinar can be found on the MVSS You Tube Channel.

2025-2026 Webinars

6/23/2026
Challenging BTK Anatomy in CLTI: The Case for IVL-first Therapy
(Shockwave Medical)

9/1/2026
Topic TBD
(Cook Medical)

Oct/Nov
Topic TBD
(Abbott Vascular)

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