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Midwestern Vascular 2022-2023
New Horizons Webinar Series

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MVSS 47th Annual Meeting
September 7-9, 2023
Minneapolis, MN



Message from the President

Jeffrey Jim, MD

2022-2023 MVSS President

Dear Members & Colleagues,

As the seasons change from Winter to Spring, it is time to start planning for the many activities the MVSS has planned for the remainder of 2023. Your fellow members have been hard at work during the past few months preparing a full slate of events that caters to all members of our society (practicing physicians, mid-level providers as well as candidate trainee/student members).

First and foremost, I want to highlight our Annual Meeting that is schedule to take place September 7th to 9th in Minneapolis. I hope you've already saved the dates and plan to attend. This meeting is always a great opportunity to connect with friends and network with other vascular providers. The "Call for Abstract" was sent out in early March and I know that our Program Committee (led by our Secretary Dr. Ross Milner) will undoubtedly select the best leading-edge research presentations for the program. There will be New Horizon sessions

covering the latest advances in vascular surgery, including the always entertaining debate on controversial topics. Vascular surgery trainees will have the opportunity to work with faculty during the Live Simulation/Technical Skills Assessment session. We will once again have the always popular and highly rated Medical Student session. New this year, we will plan to have a session for the "Associate" membership of the society, focusing on issues that are of particular interest to this group of providers. With programming that should appeal to ALL members of the society, you can see why I am super excited for the meeting this year.

In addition to the above, the Society is continuing with the popular New Horizons Webinar program. The sessions that we had so far have all been very educational and well received. We had almost 150 members signed on during the most webinar. We have additional sessions planned for the coming months so please watch for announcements. Due to popular demand, the Society will now be offering Virtual Mock Oral Exams twice a year to accommodate as many trainees as possible. There will also a Vascular Surgery Interest Group Webinar scheduled for late May for interested medical students.

For those that want to get be more engaged with the society, there is a call for volunteers to help with the Virtual Mock Oral Programs as well as the Simulation/Technical Skills Assessment. Education has long been a focus for our Society and this is a great way for our members to help train the next generation of vascular surgeons (our future colleagues). Finally, I encourage all members to appeal to their students, trainees, partners, colleagues and friends within the Midwest to apply for membership. As you can see, the Society truly is able to offer something for everyone.

The Executive Committee and I always welcome any input you may have to help us better shape our society to serve its members. I look forward to seeing everyone throughout the year.

2023 CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Submission Deadline: **Monday, April 17, 2023**

The Society is now accepting abstracts for the **2023 Annual Meeting**. The Society encourages members to submit original work, or sponsor original work of a colleague.

Authors are requested to review the [Abstract Submission Guidelines](#) prior to submission. These guidelines include the MVSS Dual Presentation/Publication Policy, the Abstract Preparation instructions for the *Journal of Vascular Surgery Publications*, and the MVSS Manuscript Submission Policy.

[Submit Your Abstract](#)

2023 MVSS SIMULATION & SURGICAL SKILLS ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Thursday, September 7, 2023

The MVSS is pleased to announce the 2023 Simulation and Surgical Skills Assessment Program to be held Thursday, September 7th, prior to the start of the 47th Annual Meeting, September 7-9, 2023 at the Renaissance Hotel / The Depot in Minneapolis, MN. Please share this information with your Vascular Surgery Trainees.

- **There is a limited availability of 20 spots on a first come first serve basis**, with priority given to those in their final year of training (i.e. PGY 7 Fellowship or 5th year of Integrated Vascular

Surgery Residency), and to those who have not done the program in the past, but other fellows or residents will be accepted if space allows.

- Trainees, to **Sign Up** for the SIM Course, start by [Registering for the Annual Meeting](#). There is a section included to register for the course.



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS FACULTY

We are calling on Active Members to volunteer their time to serve as Faculty for this course. Please click on the link above to sign up if you are planning to attend the meeting in September.

2023 MOCK ORAL EXAMS

Tuesday, May 9th & Wednesday, September 20th

The MVSS is pleased to announce the **12th Annual Mock Orals Examination**. Due to popular demand the Society will be offering the course twice this year to help accommodate more trainees. The dates for the VIRTUAL events are Tuesday, May 9th and Wednesday, September 20th both starting at 5:00pm CST.

The goals of this program are to provide trainees familiarity with the certifying exam format, gain experience with examiners from outside their training program and receive constructive feedback from examiners to improve their exam-taking skills.

Space is limited to 15 trainees per event.

[Trainees, Click Here to Sign up for the Mock Orals Exam](#)

Signing up does not guarantee you a spot in the course. You will be notified in the near future if you are accepted.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVES AS EXAMINERS

We are calling on Active Members to volunteer their time to serve as Examiners during one or both of the Mock Orals Exams. Please click on the link above to sign up.
We appreciate your commitment to the Society.

2023 MEDICAL STUDENT PROGRAMMING

The Medical Student Education Committee is pleased to announce the following opportunities for

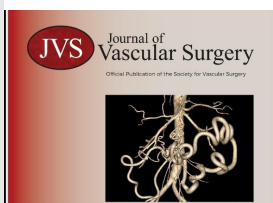
Medical Students in the region. For full information about program details and how to register for each event, visit the the [Society Website](#).

Tuesday, May 30th
VSIG Webinar on Vascular Trauma

Monday, August 21st
Virtual Introduction to Vascular Surgery Course & Vascular Residency Fair

Friday, September 8th
Live Hands-on Skills Session

Featured Article from Midwestern Vascular Surgical Society 2022 Annual Meeting



Presentations from the Midwestern Vascular Surgical Society are preferentially reviewed by the *Journal of Vascular Surgery* portfolio of journals. This article will highlight an article recently accepted from #MWVSS2022 in question and answer format with the first Author, Kyla Bennett. Dr. Bennett is a vascular surgeon and associate professor in the Department of Surgery of the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health in Madison Wisconsin.



PAPER: “Effect of preservation of antegrade hypogastric flow on development of claudication following aortoiliac aneurysm repair”
<https://doi.org/10.1016.j.jvs.2022.12.022>

AUTHORS: Kyla M. Bennett, Landon Hurley, Tassos C. Kyriakides, Jeniann A. Yi, Julie A. Freischlag, Jon S. Matsumura on behalf of the OVER Investigator Group

QUESTION: Briefly describe the question you were trying to answer and the design of your study to answer this question.

ANSWER: Our goal was to examine the relationship between preservation/sacrifice of hypogastric arteries during aneurysm repair and the development of claudication. We felt there was a gap in the literature with respect to the risk of developing claudication in the aneurysm population in the absence of intraoperative changes to hypogastric flow. The studies addressing the effects of hypogastric flow are often limited to the cohort undergoing changes to the hypogastric flow with no comparator group of similar patients without intraoperative alteration to hypogastric perfusion. To address these questions and to contribute to the discussion on indications for hypogastric flow preservation, we utilized the Veterans’ Affairs OVER trial (funded through the VA CSP program #498) population. This aneurysm dataset was optimal because investigators were trained in two important areas critical to this outcome: (1) embolization of the main trunk only of the hypogastric with preservation of the branches and (2) querying at all follow-up visits for the presence of any symptoms of claudication. Our team supplemented the available information by reviewing all the operative notes to ensure we were certain regarding hypogastric flow status in open and endovascular repairs. We then divided the patients into four groups based on these operative notes: those with both hypogastric arteries preserved, those with only the left preserved, those with only the right preserved and those with neither preserved. We then developed a multivariable survival model analyzing the time to onset of buttock claudication.

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Welcome New Members

MVSS would like to welcome the following New Members who have joined the Society since September 2022.

ACTIVE MEMBERS

- **Huiting Chen**, *MSU/McLaren*
- **Steven Cheung**, *University of Missouri*
- **Frank Davis**, *University of Michigan*
- **Jon Henry**, *Grant Medical Center*
- **Nathan Kugler**, *Medical College of Wisconsin*
- **Stacey LeJeune**, *Surgical Associates*
- **Christopher Leville**, *CentraCare*
- **Jonathan Morrison**, *Mayo Clinic*
- **Jose Oyama Moura Leite**, *University of Cincinnati*
- **Louisa Pecchioni**, *Dayton VA Medical Center*
- **Sarah Strot**, *Ascension St Vincent*
- **Nader Tehrani**, *Northwest Community Healthcare*
- **Axel Thors**, *University Of Kansas Health System*
- **Zachary Wanken**, *Washington University in St. Louis*

We also welcomed 16 new trainees as Candidate Members & 11 Medical Student Members

We encourage you to recruit your trainees & colleagues to join MVSS!!

For information regarding the Society go to our website: <https://www.midwestvascular.org>

For Membership Information and Applications go to [MVSS Membership](#)

Attention Members - Renew Your 2023 Membership Today!

To Pay Your Dues, [Login In Here](#)

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