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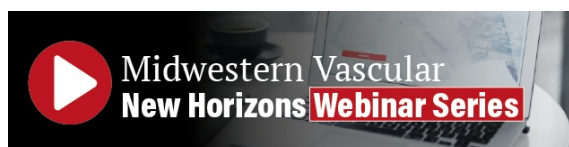
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News from the MVSS

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UPCOMING EVENTS...

New Horizons Webinar Series
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Save the Dates
MVSS 48th Annual Meeting
September 12-14, 2024
Chicago, IL



Message from the President

Bernadette Aulivola, MD

2023-2024 MVSS President

Dear Members & Colleagues,

I am honored to serve as the 46th President of the Midwestern Vascular Surgical Society. Throughout my years of practice in the Midwest, I have found this organization to be welcoming, inclusive and innovative. I have always been impressed by the unwavering dedication of the Society's leadership and membership to scientific investigation, education, mentorship and sponsorship. The Society truly serves as a regional family of vascular surgeons, trainees and colleagues all collaborating on a mission of enhancing vascular disease care. I can't emphasize enough how much I treasure the strong network of colleagues and dear friends that I have developed over the years through my membership within the MVSS.

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2024 CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Submission Deadline: Monday, April 15, 2024

The Society is now accepting abstracts for the **2024 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**

2024 MVSS SIMULATION & SURGICAL SKILLS ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Thursday, September 12, 2024 * Westin River North * Chicago, IL

The MVSS is pleased to announce the 2024 Simulation and Surgical Skills Assessment Program. Please share this information with your Vascular Surgery Trainees.

- Space is limited to 20 attendees *(Priority given to those in their final year of training)*
- Trainees...To sign up for the SIM Course, start by **[Registering for the MVSS Annual Meeting](#)**. *(There is a section included to register for the course.)*



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS SIM COURSE FACULTY

We are calling on Active Members who plan to attend the MVSS Annual Meeting in September to volunteer their time to serve as Faculty for the 2024 SIM course.

[Click Here to Volunteer as SIM Faculty](#)

2024 MOCK ORAL EXAMS

Thursday, May 9th & Thursday, September 5th

The MVSS is pleased to announce the **13th Annual Mock Orals Examination**. The Society will be offering the course twice this year to help accommodate more trainees. The dates for the VIRTUAL events are Thursday, May 9th and Thursday, September 5th 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.
- **We are only accepting applications for the MAY event at this time.**
- *Signing up does not guarantee you a spot in the course. You will be notified in the near future if you are accepted.*

TRAINEES - Apply for the MAY Mock Orals Exam

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVES AS MOCK ORAL EXAMINERS

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

[Click Here to Volunteer as Examiner for the Mock Orals](#)

2024 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 - 2023

VSIG Webinar on Vascular Trauma

Monday, August 21st - 2023

Virtual Introduction to Vascular Surgery Course & Vascular Residency Fair

Friday, September 13th, 2024 - *(During the 48th Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL)*

Live Hands-on Skills Session

MVSS AUTHOR INTERVIEWS

Presentations from the MVSS Annual Meeting are reviewed by the *Journal of Vascular Surgery* portfolio of journals for publication. We are pleased to highlight the following published manuscripts from MVSS 2023.



Objective Assessment of Physician work in Infrainguinal Bypass Surgery

Matthew Blecha, MD

Loyola University Medical Center

[Read Full Interview](#)

Slowly Moving The Needle Away From Fistula First

Hani Ghandour, MD

University of Illinois



MVSS Supporting it's Membership

The MVSS is invested in supporting the professional development of its members. We are awarding two scholarships to cover the cost of registration for the **SVS Leadership Program**. This is a 7 month long, interactive learning experience for vascular surgeons who are 5-10 years out of training. The aim is for the participants to reach their full potential as leaders and make a positive impact in the specialty. Congratulations to...



Gabriel Wallace, MD
Northwestern University



Joseph Karam, MD
Minneapolis Heart Institute



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

MVSS would like to welcome the following New Members who have joined the Society since September 2023.

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Robert Beaulieu * University of Michigan
Jose Borromeo * Iowa Heart Center/ MercyOne
Brandon Downing * Community Physician Network
Ashley Gutwein * Indiana University School of Medicine
Katherine Holzem * Washington University School of Medicine
Kaleb Kohler * OhioHealth
Laurie Kuestner * Iowa Heart and Vascular Institute
Kyongjune Lee * The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
Luke Pesonen * Gundersen Health System
Aric Wogsland * University Hospitals Cleveland Med Ctr., Case Western Reserve

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Ellen Brateng * Minneapolis Heart Institute
Chrystal Craft * Medical College of Wisconsin
Joseph Dauwalter * Allina Minneapolis Heart Institute
Troy Decker * Minneapolis Heart Institute
Jessica Giannelli * Loyola University Medical Center
Sarah Jacobson * University of ChiCago
Theresa McMullen * UChicago Medicine
Tiffany Meller * University of Missouri

Khine Tian * MHI Vascular Surgery
Nancy Vanderbilt * IU Health Physicians

We also welcomed 20 new trainees as Candidate Members & 15 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](#)

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

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