

2024 APDVS Spring Meeting  
Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel  
April 5-6, 2024

*\*Please note all times are in Central Time and the Business Meeting will take place Saturday, April 6*

**Friday, April 6, 2024**

**8:00 or 9 am**

**Industry Breakfast**

10:00 – 12:00

**New and Returning PD Workshop**

1. *EPAs*

2. *#EmpowerThePD – what resources should they be armed with? What resources are PD's accountable for providing new trainee? How are resources acquired in a fiscally constrained institution? Implications for unionized programs?*

3. *Risk mitigation for the pregnant trainee – consider APDVS guidance statement (coming soon)*

4. *Preparation and Impact of the annual ACGME program survey*

12:15 – 1:15 pm

**Keynote Panel: The Role for Coaching in Surgical Education**

*Speakers: Gurjit Sandhu, PhD, University of Michigan; Janet Pinkerton Dombrowski, MHSA, JCD Advisors*

1:30 - 3:15 pm

**Panel 1: Recruitment: Pre-clinical contact, Mentorship, and the Interview Process**

*Moderators: Benjamin J Pearce MD, TBD President Program Coordinators Group*

- 1:30 – 1:38 pm- **How to write a fair, un-biased and informative LOR**

*Speaker: Mark Mattos, MD*

- For the medical student applying to residency
- For fellowship
- For the person you may have reservations about

- 1:38 – 1:46 pm- **Remote Mentorship – Intentional Inclusion of Medical Students from Schools without Vascular Surgery Representation**

*Speaker: Mrinal Shukla, MD*

- “Remote Mentoring”
- Counseling on Gen Surg v straight Integrated applications
- Role for regional recruitment
- Skills Assessment?

- 1:46 – 1:54pm- **Maximizing Sub-I Rotations**

*Speaker: Claire Motyl PGY 3 + Ben Pearce, UAB*

- Standardized Curriculum
- Operative experience
- Scholarships to prevent it from being biased

- 1:54-2:02pm- **Program Coordinators Peri-interview Contact with Applicants**  
*Speaker: TBD Program Coordinator*
  - Should all communication be through ERAS?
  - How many emails are too many?
  - Things that you have found helpful
- 2:02-2:20p **Discussion First 4 Talks**
- 2:20-2:50pm- **Debate 1: Supplemental Applications/Signaling**
  - **2:20-25p PRO**  
*Speaker: Misty Humphries, MD*
    - Reasons these efforts help equity in the match
    - Improving programmatic fit
    - Things we don't realize it does for us
  - **2:25-2:30p CON**  
*Speaker: Guillermo Escobar, MD*
    - All the contact outside the formal match is risk for loss of equity
    - If it ain't broke, don't fix it
  - **2:30-2:35 Rebuttals**
  - **2:35-2:50 Discussion**
- 2:50-3:25pm- **Debate 2: Interviews: In person v Virtual/Hybrid**
  - **2:55-3:00p PRO I need you back in my office**  
*Speaker: Derrick Green, MD*
    - Why we are going back to in person
    - The things we lost during virtual and why it is worth the extra time/expense of in person
  - **3:00-3:05p CON: Virtual/Hybrid is what we all needed and just didn't know it**  
*Speaker: David Rigberg, MD*
    - We did the work and I'm sticking with it
  - **3:05-3:10p Rebuttals**
  - **3:10-3:25p Discussion**

3:25 - 3:45 pm

**BREAK**

3:45 - End

**Panel 2: Pulse of Progress: Evolving Training and Curricula for the Vascular Surgery Trainee**  
*Moderators: Gaby Velazquez MD, President Program Coordinators Group, Enjae Jung MD, Mike McNally*

- 3:45 – 3:55 pm- **Navigating Dilemmas in Vascular Surgery Training: Balancing Patient Safety and Resident Autonomy**  
*Speaker: Libby Weaver, MD*
  - Balancing supervision and autonomy
  - Trainee perspective – how much autonomy is too much
- 3:55-4:05 pm - **Supporting Residents from Underrepresented Minorities in Vascular Surgery: Are we doing it right?**  
*Speaker: Chandler Long, MD*
  - How to we optimize the clinical learning environment for the inclusive cohort of trainees we are recruiting?
  - Mitigating trainee isolation
  - Opportunities for collaborative and extramural mentorship, peers support, etc...

4:05-4:35 pm – **Beyond the Scalpel: The Pros and Cons of AI and Simulation in Vascular Surgery Training**

*Speakers: Mal Sheahan, MD and Michael Sgroi, MD*

- Local resource guidance, acquisition

- Role for simulation and AI to mitigate curricular limitations in case-constrained environment (ie: limited ‘case’ resources like open aortic, vascular trauma)
  - Incorporation of simulation into EPAs/Milestones
  - Challenges and potential caveats of over use of AI in training
- 4:35-5:05 pm - **Addressing Underperformance in Vascular Surgery Residency: Identification, Support, Remediation Strategies and Legal Implications.**  
Speaker: *Elina Quiroga, MD*
    - Assessment and documentation
    - Escalating performance to disciplinary action
    - Partners in remediation – the role of GME, extramural mentorship, peer mentorship, coaching
    - Legalities of remediation