

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 5, 2024**

8:00 am **Industry Roundtable Breakfast**

9:15 – 10:00 am **A Primer for EPA's: What Every PD needs to know**

*Speaker: Brigitte Smith, MD (University of Utah)*

10:00 – 11:45 am **New and Returning PD Workshop**

*Moderators: Anna Boniakowski, MD (Maine Medical Center); Jeffrey Jim, MD (Abbott Northwestern Hospital)*

10:15 – 11:00 am **#EmpowerThePD – what resources do you need to succeed and how to get them???**

What are you responsible to get for your trainees? (computer, travel, equipment, CME, wellness)

*Speaker: Sunita Srivastava, MD (Massachusetts General Hospital)*

Consideration for “trainee union”...what difference does it make?

*Speaker: John Lane (UC San Diego)*

How to get resources in fiscally constrained climate?

*Speaker (academic): Sharif Ellozy, MD (Cornell University)*

*Speaker (community): Patrick Muck, MD (Good Samaritan Hospital)*

11:10 – 11:45 am **Other Useful Topics**

How to help our pregnant/“new” parent trainees

ABS examination guidelines, HR resources, salary/financial impact

*Speaker: Kelly Kempe, MD (University of Oklahoma Tulsa)*

ACGME program survey

How to best prepare for it? How to interpret it? What if I have <4 trainees?

*Speaker: Frank Caputo, MD (Cleveland Clinic)*

11:45 – 12:15 pm **Lunch**

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 (University of Alabama), Fredd Brewer (Albany Medical Center)*

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

*Speaker: Mark Mattos, MD (Michigan Vascular Center-McLaren, Flint Hospital)*

- 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 (University of Mississippi)*
  - “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, (University of Alabama), Ben Pearce, MD (University of Alabama)*
  - Standardized Curriculum
  - Operative experience
  - Scholarships to prevent it from being biased
- 1:54-2:02pm- **Program Coordinators Peri-interview Contact with Applicants**  
*Speaker: Pearl Adams (University of TX Health Science Center, Houston)*
  - 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 (UC Davis)*
    - 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: Mal Sheahan, MD (Louisiana State University)*
    - 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 (University of Minnesota)*
    - 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 (UCLA Medical Center)*
    - 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 (Wake Forest University), Trina Smidt (University of Colorado), Enjae Jung MD (Oregon Health & Science University), Mike McNally, MD (University of Tennessee)*

- 3:45 – 3:55 pm- **Navigating Dilemmas in Vascular Surgery Training: Balancing Patient Safety and Resident Autonomy**

*Speaker: Libby Weaver, MD (University of Virginia)*

- 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 (Duke University)*

- 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: Jessica Simons, MD, MPH (University of Massachusetts) and Michael Sgroi, MD (Stanford University)*

- 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 (University of Washington) and Josh Goldstein, MD (Northwestern University)*

- Assessment and documentation
- Escalating performance to disciplinary action
- Partners in remediation – the role of GME, extramural mentorship, peer mentorship, coaching
- Legalities of remediation

5:05 - 5:30pm

**Committee Meetings**

5:30pm

**Reception**