

2025 APDVS Spring Meeting
Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel
March 7-8, 2025

**Please note all times are in Central Time and the Business Meeting will take place Saturday, March 8th*

Friday, March 7, 2025

8:00 – 9:00 am

VascuPITCH: Empowering Future Leaders in Vascular Surgery Education

Moderators: Gabriela Velazquez, MD (Wake Forest) and Benjamin Pearce, MD (UAB)

Pitch 1: LUNGES: Longitudinal Understanding of Growth and Excellence among Surgical trainees

Presenter: Christina Cui, MD, MAS (Duke University)

Pitch 2: OpLog

Presenter: Karan Chawla, MD, MBA, MS (Loyola University)

Pitch 3: VTRACT: VSITE TRacker And VSCE probability CalculaTor

Presenter: Fachreza Aryo Damara (Cleveland Clinic)

9:00 – 10:30 am

Program Director's Workshop: Updates on Critical Issues

Moderator: Jeffrey Jim, MD (Abbott Northwestern Hospital)

Topic 1: How to maximize your relationship with your Program Coordinator?

Speaker: Pearl Adams (UT Houston)

Topic 2: Is my APD going to replace me?

Speaker: Dan Han, MD (Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai)

Topic 3: Protected time/salary

Speaker: Jason Lee, MD (Stanford University)

Discussion/Q&A

EPA Update

Speaker: Brigitte Smith, MD (University of Wisconsin)

FVS Update

Speaker: Yana Etkin, MD (Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine)

Discussion/Q&A

10:30 – 10:45 am

Coffee & Exhibit Break

10:45 – 12:00 pm

Scientific Abstract Session

Moderators: Dawn Coleman, MD (Duke University), Libby Weaver, MD (University of Virginia), Brigitte Simth, MD (University of Wisconsin)

1. Single Center Trends in Open Abdominal Case Volume in ACGME Trainees Over Time

Presenter: Juliet Blakeslee-Carter MD (University of Alabama at Birmingham)

2. Gender Differences in Confidence Feedback for Vascular Surgery Trainees

Presenter: Libby Weaver, MD (University of Utah)

3. Operative Confidence of Graduating Vascular Surgery Trainees

Presenter: Jin Park (Thomas Jefferson University)

4. Enhancing Communication and Teamwork in Vascular Surgery: Evaluating the Impact of a Structured Morning Report

Presenter: Jeffrey Silpe, MD (Hofstra/Northwell University)

5. Exploring the Influence of Gender-Concordant Representation and

Mentorship Among Female Surgical Residents and Medical Student Applicants

Presenter: Lydia Faber, BS (Wake Health University)

12:00 -12:15 pm

Boxed Lunch & Exhibit Break

12:15 – 1:30 pm

Keynote Address & Lunch: “Conflict Resolution and How to Have Tough Conversations with Trainees and Faculty”

Moderator: Benjamin Pearce, MD (UAB)

Speaker: Alan Friedman, CEO, J3P Health

1:30 – 2:40 pm

Panel 1: “Dear Aunt Abby”—Things I Have Learnt from Challenging Cases

Moderators: Jonathan Bath, MD (University of Missouri), Gabriela Velazquez, MD (Wake Forest), Pearl Adams (UT Health Houston)

- 1:30 – 1:40 pm- **HARASSMENT AND BEHAVIORAL REALIGNMENT**
Speaker: Megan Tracci, MD (University of Virginia)
 - Managing trainee behavior in an increasingly complex educational and workplace environment
 - Strategies to ensure trainees are aware of their professional surroundings and if unprofessional behavior occurs, how best to get them back on track
- 1:40 – 1:50 pm- **Injury and Illness During Training**
Speaker: Evan Deutsch, MD (Einstein Medical Center)
 - How to manage schedules, expectations and graduation targets when faced with trainee illness
- 1:50 –2:00pm- **Managing Industry Relations as a Trainee**
Speaker: Venita Chandra, MD (Stanford)
 - Industry plays an important and vital role in the clinical advancement of patient care.
 - Trainees often have an incomplete or altered perception of best practices to engage with industry as well as the role of industry in a successful clinical practice
 - Lessons learnt from trainee interactions with industry will be highlighted in this talk
- 2:00-2:10pm- **Trainee Performance and Non-Advancement**
Speaker: Paul DiMusto, MD (University of Wisconsin)
 - Remediating trainees who are underperforming has become a sensitive issue as is the related topic of when and how to decide that a trainee should not advance to completion
 - This talk aims to provide some best practices for identifying, documenting and ultimately deciding that a trainee should not graduate
- 2:10-2:20pm- **Litigation Issues in Training**
Speaker: Ruth Bush, MD, JD, MPH (UTMB John Sealy School of Medicine)
 - Training in the current era exposes trainees, programs and patients to a far greater risk of litigation than ever before.
 - An overview of the issues facing those involved in training will be presented with ways to mitigate exposure for all stakeholders involved.
- 2:20-2:40pm- **Panel Discussion/ Q&A**
 - All the contact outside the formal match is risk for loss of equity

2:40 - 3:00 pm

Coffee & Exhibit Break

3:00 – 4:45 pm

Panel 2: At the Heart of Change: Addressing Key Issues in Vascular Surgery Training and Team Dynamics

Moderators: Gabriela Velazquez MD, (Wake Forest), Tej Singh, MD (Chicago)

- 3:00 – 3:25 pm- **THE FELLOWSHIP EQUATION: Navigating Unique Strengths and Challenges for Vascular Surgery Fellowships**
Speaker: Ulka Sachdev, MD (UPMC)-Programs with Residency and Fellowship Training Programs

Speaker: Salvatore Scali, MD (University of Florida) - Programs with Fellowship Program alone

- Addressing some of the unique challenges Fellowship PD's are facing – based on survey feedback
- Increasing recruitment to vascular surgery fellowships and continued growth into the vascular surgery work force
- Addressing inclusivity for fellowships as integrated programs grow in numbers and integrating of trainees at different levels

- 3:25 – 3:35 pm: **Discussion/ Q&A**

- 3:35-3:45 pm - **CONNECTING THE DOTS: From Training to Reality, Strategies to Guide Graduating Trainees to the Right Career Fit and Job Opportunity**

Speaker: Lori Pounds, MD (U Texas San Antonio)

- Job market increasing increasingly offering “crazy” contracts driven by financial gains without really knowing if the group setting would be a good fit.
- How to guide trainees to the right job opportunity especially for those trainees that will still need significant amount of mentorship or had some deficiencies during their training.
- Address the importance of matching skills with job opportunities along with effective communication between trainees and potential employers

- 3:45 – 3:55 pm: **Discussion/ Q&A**

- 3:55-4:10 pm – **RESTORING BALANCE: Navigating the Impact of Resident attrition on Team Morale**

Speakers: Sandra Vale (Houston Methodist, APAVS)

Speaker: Sunita Srivastava, MD (Mass General)

Importance of addressing the significance of resident loss in a program and the emotional and professional impact to the remaining team members.

- Strategies and insights for restoring balance and morale, communication strategies, team rebuilding and long term recovery
- Changes in workload distribution and supporting residents and faculty
- Managing external perception and maintaining program integrity

- 4:10 – 4:20 pm: **Discussion/ Q&A**

- 4:20-4:35 pm - **GENERATION NEXT: Understanding and Empowering New Generations in the Workplace**

Speaker: Satish Nadig, MD (Northwestern University)

- Professionalism and Education with new generations
- Unlocking what makes new generations thrive – strategies and management tools.
- Gen Z and social media
- Bridging work ethic gaps

- 4:35 – 4:45 pm: **Discussion/ Q&A**

4:45 - 5:15 pm

Committee Meetings

5:15 pm

Reception