



Association of
Program Directors in Vascular Surgery

2026 APDVS Spring Meeting
Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel
March 5-7, 2026

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

Friday, March 6, 2025

7:00 – 8:00am **Industry Breakfast with Executive Council**

8:00 – 9:00 am **VascuPITCH: Empowering Future Leaders in Vascular Surgery Education**
Moderators: Gabriela Velazquez, MD (Wake Forest) and Benjamin Pearce, MD (UAB)

9:00 – 10:30 am **New Program Director's Workshop: Updates on Critical Issues**
Moderator: Jeffrey Jim, MD (Abbott Northwestern Hospital), Anna Boniakowski, MD (Maine Medical), Paul DiMusto, MD (University of Wisconsin)

9:00-9:02 am Introduction: Maintenance for your program
• *Anna Boniakowski, MD (Maine Medical)*

9:02-9:09 am How to prepare for Annual Update/APE (work w/DIO/DOS)
• *Michael McNally, MD (University of Tennessee, Knoxville)*
o How close do you communicate with other surgery programs/DIO
o How to “improve” based on results?
o Do you always need to have “Major Changes” ever year?

9:09-9:16 am How to prepare for ACGME survey
• *Bobby Beaulieu, MD (University of Michigan)*
o How to “prep” your trainees?
o How to “improve” based on results?

9:16-9:23 am How to prepare for semi-annual evaluations (work with your CCC/APD?)
• *Kristyn Mannoia, MD (Riverside University Health System)*
o Best practices to collate evaluations
o Structured format for discussion with trainees

9:23-9:50 Discussion

9:50-9:57 am How to deal with citations (or prevent them)?
• *Paul DiMusto, MD (University of Wisconsin)*
o How to figure out what is really going on?
o How to “improve” based on results?

9:57-10:04 am How to Prepare for a Site Visit
• *Heather Waldrop, MD (Duke University)*
o How to prep paperwork?
o How to organize peoples (DIO, Department, Faculty, Trainees)

10:04-10:20 Discussion

10:20-10:30 am NRMP Update on “Signaling”

- *Donna Lamb, PhD (NRMP)*

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 Utah), Brigitte Smith, MD (University of Wisconsin)

- 1) **A National Comparison of a Decade of Operative Case Logs for Vascular Surgery Integrated Residents and Fellows by Sex, Race, and Ethnicity**
Carly Sobol, MD, University of Wisconsin
10:46-10:54
Discussion: 10:54-11:01
- 2) **Inter-rater Reliability of Objective Structured Assessment of Technical Skills in Cadaveric Vascular Skills Assessment**
Subhan Ahmed, University of Alabama Birmingham
11:01 – 11:09
Discussion: 11:09-11:16
- 3) **Attrition in Integrated Vascular Surgery Training: A 15-Year Longitudinal Analysis of Patterns and Outcomes**
Rahardhika Utama, ACGME
11:16-11:24
Discussion: 11:24-11:31
- 4) **Graduate Performance Profiles to Support Vascular Surgery Residency/Fellowship Program Improvement**
Brigitte Smith, MD, University of Wisconsin
11:31-11:39
Discussion: 11:39-11:46
- 5) **Top 5 Papers in Education Research-Research Committee 11:46-11:52**
 - a. **Discussion 11:52-12:00**

12:00 – 12:15 pm

Boxed Lunch & Exhibit Break

12:15 – 1:45 pm

Dr. Robyn Macsata Memorial Lectureship* & Workforce Panel: Patricia Turner, MD, MBA,

FACS, Executive Director and CEO, American College of Surgeons; (45 minutes)

Workforce Panel: Donna Lamb; Clark Ruttinger; Megan Tracci (25 minutes)

Discussion (20 minutes)

1:45 – 3:10 pm

Panel 1: Mentorship for the Ages: Mentoring up and down throughout your career.

Moderators: Christopher Abularrage, MD (Johns Hopkins) & Yana Etkin, MD (Northwell)

- **1:50-1:55pm Intro**
Speaker: Chris Abularrage, MD (Johns Hopkins)
- **1:55 – 2:03pm - What I am looking for in a mentor: The trainee perspective**
Speaker: Karan Chawla, MD (Loyola University Chicago)
- **2:04-2:12 pm - How I mentor my trainees for success**
Speaker: Loay Kabbani, MD (Henry Ford Health)
- **2:13-2:26pm - Panel Discussion 1**
- **2:27 –2:35pm - I finally became PD, now how do I become the mentor?**
Speaker: Sonia Talathi, MD (Montefiore)
- **2:36-2:44pm - How to choose a mentor: Getting both what you want and what you need to become a better educator**

Speaker: Salvatore Scali, MD (University of Florida)

- 2:45-2:53 - **How can I help mentor my PD to succeed**
Speaker: Pearl Adams, Program Administrator (UT Houston)
- 2:54-3:10pm **Panel Discussion 2**

3:10 - 3:30 pm

Coffee & Exhibit Break

3:30 – 5:00 pm

Panel 2: Professional Development for the Educator

Moderator Jonathan Bath, MD (University of Missouri), Anne Long (University of Washington)

- 3:30-3:35pm **Intro**
Speaker: Jonathan Bath, MD (U of Missouri)
- 3:35-3:42pm **Vascular Surgeons as Leaders – we shape our buildings; thereafter they shape us**
Speaker: Faizal Aziz, MD (Penn State Hershey)
- 3:42-3:49pm **Surgical Coaching – Put Me in, Coach!**
Speaker: Murray Shames, MD (University of South Florida)
- 3:49-4:01pm **Vascular Surgeons as Educators – see one, do one, do a course, teach one?**
Speaker: Elina Quiroga, MD (University of Washington)
- 4:01-4:08pm **Panel Discussion Leaders/Coaching/Educators**
- 4:08-4:35pm **Invited Lecture: Artificial Intelligence in Education**
Speaker: Andrew Gonzalez, MD, JD, MPH (Indiana University)
- 4:35-4:55pm **Panel Discussion AI**

5:30 pm

Robyn Macsata Memorial Lecture Reception*

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