

FINAL  
**PROGRAM**

2026

**22<sup>ND</sup>**  
ANNUAL

**APRIL**  
23 - 25

**RESIDENTS' DAY**

Thursday, April 23

**GENERAL PROGRAM**

Friday & Saturday, April 24 & 25

# CONFERENCE GOALS

This multidisciplinary conference's main objective is to provide attendees up-to-date, cutting-edge information through an engaging platform and immersive learning environment. Vascular surgery thought leaders will discuss developments in clinical reasoning, research, medical education, and practical experience that can be applied for improvement and enhancement of vascular surgery in Canada.

## ADVANCE LEARNING

Speaker presentations, debates, keynote lectures, and case studies emphasize relevant issues and topics that are authentic and original.

Every year, Residents' Day is a highlight of the symposium, where residents from all vascular surgery training programs across Canada give presentations on a range of vascular topics.

## DYNAMIC NETWORKING

Being around like-minded individuals fosters inspiration and innovation. Bringing together professionals from all provinces and regions of the nation offers a unique opportunity to network and exchange ideas with those who are committed to expanding and enhancing vascular surgery for all Canadians.

# ACCREDITATION

## RCPSC

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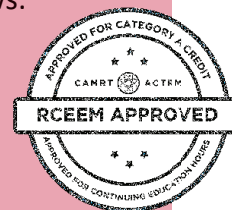
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645 - 730

## REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

730 - 735

## Opening & Welcome

*Joshua Koulack, Program Director - University of Manitoba*

## SESSION I

### AORTA

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

*At the end of this session, participants will be able to:*

- Evaluate the evidence for treatment of endoleaks
- Describe techniques and management options for fistulas and aneurysms

**MODERATED BY** *Joshua Koulack, Program Director - University of Manitoba*

735 - 840

#### Contemporary Management of Aorto Enteric Fistulas

*Farhad Udawadia, PGY4 Resident - University of British Columbia*

#### Pre-EVAR Embolization of IMA/Lumbar to Prevent Endoleaks - Is There Any Evidence?

*Nivethan Vela, PGY6 Resident - University of Ottawa*

#### Management of Aneurysms in Connective Tissue Disorder Patients

*Yazan Abu Yousef, PGY3 Resident - McMaster University*

#### Management of Isolated Common Iliac Aneurysms

*Ievgen Gegiia, PGY4 Resident - Laval University*

Panel Discussion

840 - 855

#### Aorta Case Presentation

*Nadia Oliveira Trabelsi, PGY2 Resident - University of Montreal*

## SESSION II

### PERIPHERAL VASCULAR DISEASE

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

*At the end of this session, participants will be able to:*

- Describe treatment options for aorto iliac occlusive disease
- Compare and evaluate management options for femoral/popliteal occlusive disease
- Analyze and determine best treatment options for subclavian steal syndrome

**MODERATED BY** *Elie Girsowicz, Program Director - McGill University*

855 - 945

#### Comparison of Angioplasty and Bypass in Femoral/Popliteal Occlusive Disease

*Kelsey Ambrose, PGY4 Resident - Western University*

#### Subclavian Steal Syndrome - Diagnosis, Indications and Management of

*Mahdi Baba, PGY3 Resident - McGill University*

#### Optimal Treatment for Aorto Iliac Occlusive Disease - Patency and Complications

*Hesham Alghofili, PGY4 Resident - University of Toronto*

Panel Discussion

945 - 1000

#### PVD Case Presentation

*Abdullah Masood, PGY3 Resident - University of Manitoba*

1000 - 1030 | **REFRESHMENT BREAK**

## SESSION III

### SELECTED TOPICS IN VASCULAR SURGERY

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

*At the end of this session, participants will be able to:*

- Evaluate options for steal syndrome in hemoaccess treatments
- Describe management techniques for renovascular hypertension, vasculitides, mesenteric aneurysms and axillosubclavian DVT

**MODERATED BY** *Elisa Greco, Program Director - University of Toronto*

1030 - 1150 | **Steal Syndrome Decision-Making in Hemoaccess - When to Salvage vs Ligate**

*Ibrahim Al-Kindi, PGY4 Resident - University of British Columbia*

**Renovascular Hypertension - Physiology and Management**

*Hugo Perrier, PGY2 Resident - Western University*

**Vasculitides - Diagnosis and Management**

*Naomi Wedel, PGY3 Resident - University of Calgary*

**Guidelines for Management of Mesenteric Aneurysms**

*Rabab Alabdullah, PGY6 Resident - University of Ottawa*

**Management of Axillosubclavian DVT**

*Felix Savoie-White, PGY3 Resident - Laval University*

Panel Discussion

1150 - 1205 | **Mesenteric Case Presentation**

*Cierra Stiegelmar, PGY2 Resident - University of Calgary*

1205 - 1245 | **LUNCH**

## SESSION IV

### RESIDENTS' JEOPARDY

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

*At the end of this session, participants will be able to:*

- Evaluate their level of knowledge of various diseases, conditions, and processes

**MODERATED BY** *Prasad Jetty, Program Director - University of Ottawa*

1245 - 1345 |

## SESSION V

### CAROTID

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

*At the end of this session, participants will be able to:*

- Assess multiple treatment options for the carotid artery
- Evaluate the efficacy of carotid endarterectomies and the use of the carotid stent

**MODERATED BY** *Pascal Rheaume, Program Director - Laval University*

**1345 - 1450**

#### Who Benefits from a Carotid Stent?

*Asha Kothari, PGY4 Resident - University of Manitoba*

#### Optimal Timing of CEA After an Acute Event

*Emily Hodgson, Fellow - McMaster University*

#### Carotid Subclavian Bypass vs Transposition for TEVAR - Is One Better Than the Other?

*Morgan Gold, PGY3 Resident - McGill University*

#### Is CEA Appropriate for Asymptomatic Disease?

*Kennedy Ayoo, PGY3 Resident - University of Toronto*

Panel Discussion

**1450 - 1505**

#### Carotid Case Presentation

*Marie-Lyne Bourque, PGY4 Resident - University of Montreal*

**1505 - 1515**

#### REFRESHMENT BREAK IN MEETING ROOM

### VASCULAR RESIDENTS, FELLOWS & PROGRAM DIRECTORS

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

*At the end of this session, participants will be able to:*

- Plan and prepare for future exams and real life situations

**MODERATED BY** *John Landau, Program Director - Western University + Kirk Lawlor, Vascular Surgeon - University of British Columbia*

**1515 - 1715**

#### Mock Oral Exam Preparation Session + Top Gun Skills Competition - Preliminary Rounds

**1830**

#### Residentluminaries Dinner

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700 - 745 | **REGISTRATION & HOT BREAKFAST**

745 - 800 | **Opening & Welcome**

*Randy Guzman & April Boyd, Vascular Surgeons - Winnipeg, MB*

**George Louridas Education Awards for Top Three Residents' Day Presentations**

*April Boyd, Vascular Surgeon - Winnipeg, MB*

## SESSION I

### LOWER EXTREMITY

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

*At the end of this session, participants will be able to:*

- Evaluate and determine the best treatment options for peripheral vascular disease
- Discuss treatment options for distal tibial and pedal diseases
- Describe vascular medicine techniques and how they are beneficial in vascular surgery

**MODERATED BY** *April Boyd, Vascular Surgeon - Winnipeg, MB*

800 - 840 | **Advanced Techniques for Distal Tibial and Pedal Disease - Is There Hope for the Desert Foot?**

*Elie Girsowicz, Vascular Surgeon - Montreal, QC*

**Update in Vascular Medicine for the Vascular Surgeon**

*Sean McMurtry, Internal Medicine Physician - Edmonton, AB*

Panel Discussion

840 - 910 | **DEBATE: Endovascular First Therapy for PVD Increases Overall Healthcare Costs**

**For the Motion** - *Jonathan Misskey, Vascular Surgeon - Vancouver, BC*

**Against the Motion** - *John Harlock, Vascular Surgeon - Hamilton, ON*

Discussion

915 - 930 | **Sponsored Rapid Fire Session**

930 - 1000 | **REFRESHMENT BREAK**

## SESSION II

### SELECTED TOPICS IN VASCULAR SURGERY

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

*At the end of this session, participants will be able to:*

- Consider options available for the use of artificial intelligence and robotics in vascular surgery
- Understand and evaluate current information for bioengineered conduits

**MODERATED BY** *William Fortin, Vascular Surgeon - Montreal, QC*

1000 - 1100 | **Vascular Surgery Robotics - Is There a Role?**

*Leonard Tse, Vascular Surgeon - Toronto, ON*

**Artificial Intelligence in Vascular Surgery**

*David Szalay, Vascular Surgeon - Toronto, ON*

**Current Progress in Bioengineered Conduits**

*April Boyd, Vascular Surgery - Winnipeg, MB*

Panel Discussion

**1100 - 1130** | **Case Presentation**  
*Virginia Gunn, Vascular Surgeon - Edmonton, AB*

**Case Presentation**  
*Annie Ducas, Vascular Surgeon - Barrie, ON*

**1130 - 1330** | **Top Gun Skills Competition - Semi-Finals + LUNCH**

## SESSION III

### SELECTED TOPICS IN VASCULAR SURGERY

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

*At the end of this session, participants will be able to:*

- Evaluate treatment options for chronic mesenteric ischemia
- Summarize the best treatment and management options for symptomatic and asymptomatic carotid occlusive disease

**MODERATED BY** *Jonathan Misskey, Vascular Surgeon - Vancouver, BC*

**1330 - 1415** | **Revascularization Options for Chronic Mesenteric Ischemia**

*Stephane Elkouri, Vascular Surgeon - Montreal, QC*

**Current Evidence for Medical Management of Asymptomatic Carotid Occlusive Disease**

*Elisa Greco, Vascular Surgeon - Toronto, ON*

Panel Discussion

**1415 - 1445** | **DEBATE: CEA Will Remain the Gold-Standard for Management of Symptomatic Carotid Occlusive Disease**

*For the Motion - Nicholas Peti, Vascular Surgeon - Saskatoon, SK*

*Against the Motion - Joseph Silvaggio, Neurosurgeon - Winnipeg, MB*

Discussion

**1450 - 1505** | **Sponsored Rapid Fire Session**

**1505 - 1530** | **REFRESHMENT BREAK**

## SESSION IV

### VENOUS

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

*At the end of this session, participants will be able to:*

- Describe techniques and management options for deep venous incompetence
- Analyze and determine treatment options for iliac veins and IVC occlusion
- Understand and review GSV stripping techniques and the use of tumescence anaesthetic

**MODERATED BY** *John Harlock, Vascular Surgeon - Hamilton, ON*

**1530 - 1615** | **Modern Surgical Treatment for Deep Venous Incompetence**

*Gary Yang, Vascular Surgeon - Kelowna, BC*

**Endovascular Treatment of Iliac Vein and IVC Occlusion**

*Alexa Mordhorst, Vascular Surgeon - Halifax, NS*

Panel Discussion

# GENERAL PROGRAM

# FRIDAY

**1615 - 1630** | **How I Do It: GSV Stripping and Tumescence Anaesthetic**  
*Jerry Chen, Vascular Surgeon - Vancouver, BC*

**1630 - 1830** | **Top Gun Skills Competition - Finals + COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

# GENERAL PROGRAM

# SATURDAY

**715 - 800** | **REGISTRATION & HOT BREAKFAST**

**800** | **Opening & Welcome**  
*Gregory Harding, Vascular Surgeon - Winnipeg, MB*

## SESSION V

### ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

*At the end of this session, participants will be able to:*

- Consider treatment options and their validity for numerous aortic aneurysms
- Evaluate and assess conditions relating to AAA repairs and type 2 endoleaks

**MODERATED BY** *Gregory Harding, Vascular Surgeon - Winnipeg, MB*

**800 - 915** | **Endovascular Strategies to Decrease Spinal Cord Ischemia Risk in F-BEVAR**  
*Philippe Charbonneau, Vascular Surgeon - Montreal, QC*

**Are We Overtreating? The Elderly, The Frail, and the Co-Morbid - Who Should Get a AAA Repair?**  
*Paul Petrusek, Vascular Surgeon - Calgary, AB*

**Are Type 2 Endoleaks Really Dangerous? Natural History of the Untreated Type 2 Endoleak**  
*Gautamn Sarwal, Vascular Surgeon - Vancouver, BC*

## What is the Role of Open Thoracoabdominal Aneurysm Repair in 2026?

*Michael Tronccone, Vascular and Cardiac Surgeon - Winnipeg, MB*

Panel Discussion

915 - 945

## DEBATE: FEVAR Should be Used for all Aneurysms with a <4mm Neck

*For the Motion - Samuel Jessula, Vascular Surgeon - Halifax, NS*

*Against the Motion - Derek Roberts, Vascular Surgeon - Ottawa, ON*

Discussion

950 - 1005

## Sponsored Rapid Fire Session

1005 - 1030

## REFRESHMENT BREAK

## SESSION VI

## THORACIC AORTA

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

*At the end of this session, participants will be able to:*

- Summarize endovascular intervention options and management techniques for the thoracic aorta
- Discuss management of long term complications and understand the use of physician modified grafts

**MODERATED BY** *Michael Tronccone, Vascular and Cardiac Surgeon - Winnipeg, MB*

1030 - 1145

## Endovascular Arch Repairs in Emergencies

*William Fortin, Vascular Surgeon - Montreal, QC*

## Complications of Complex Aortic Intervention

*Matthew Cwinn, Vascular Surgeon - Edmonton, AB*

## Saccular Aneurysms of the Thoracic Aorta - How to Measure Diameter and When to Repair

*Nicholas Peti, Vascular Surgeon - Saskatoon, SK*

## In Situ Fenestration for Aortic Repair: A Valuable Option?

*Pascal Rheume, Vascular Surgeon - Quebec City, QC*

Panel Discussion

1145 - 1200

## How I Do It: Physician Modified Graft

*Joel Gagnon, Vascular Surgeon - Vancouver, BC*

1200 - 1300

## LUNCH

## SESSION VII

### KEYNOTE LECTURES

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

*At the end of this session, participants will be able to:*

- Modify and update treatment and surgical techniques based on new information provided
- Understand new endovascular technologies and how they impact vascular surgery
- Discuss provincial screening programs and their effects on patients

**MODERATED BY** *Audra Duncan, Vascular Surgeon - London, ON*

**1300 - 1415**

#### Top Ten Papers of 2025

*Audra Duncan, Vascular Surgeon - London, ON*

#### How I Did It: Provincial Screening Program for AAA in Ontario

*Varun Kapila, Vascular Surgeon - Toronto, ON*

#### Rational Use of New Endovascular Technology in Vascular Surgery

*Thomas Lindsay, Vascular Surgeon - Toronto, ON*

Panel Discussion

**1415 - 1430**

### REFRESHMENT BREAK + PRIZE DRAWS IN MEETING ROOM

## SESSION VIII

### CASE PRESENTATIONS

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

*At the end of this session, participants will be able to:*

- Identify and implement treatment options in their practice

**MODERATED BY** *Paul Petrasek, Vascular Surgeon - Calgary, AB*

**1430 - 1530**

#### Case Presentation

*Samuel Jessula, Vascular Surgeon - Halifax, NS*

#### Case Presentation

*Leonard Tse, Vascular Surgeon - Toronto, ON*

#### Case Presentation

*Kirk Lawlor, Vascular Surgeon - Vancouver, BC*

#### Case Presentation

*Paul Petrasek, Vascular Surgeon - Calgary, AB*

**1530**

### CLOSING REMARKS

*Greg Harding, Vascular Surgeon - Winnipeg, MB*

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