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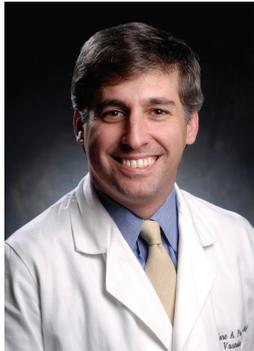


Scenes from the Winter PVSS Meeting 2011



President's Corner

PVSS Strategic Planning – Meeting the Expanding Role of Our Society for Young Vascular Surgeons



As the premier society for young vascular surgeons within the first 15 years of their career, the Peripheral Vascular Surgical Society (PVSS) continues with its global expansion this year to meet its stated mission – To provide “a forum for the young vascular surgeon to promote the field of vascular and endovascular surgery through education, scholarship, advocacy, and leadership.”

As part of its effort to promote more active participation among our young members, PVSS has been in the process of an administrative restructuring over the past few years. The Executive Committee's focus on the mission has resulted in expanded opportunities for involvement and participation, an open-minded approach toward innovative ideas, and increased efforts for communication including social media. PVSS is also forging partnerships with other vascular societies to find common ground for our young vascular members.

To continue the momentum that has been building over the past few years, a strategic planning retreat was held during this past Winter meeting with the Executive Council members, PVSS representatives and Committee Chairs. Topics covered included: 1) Overview of Current Status, 2) Membership Development, 3) Young Vascular Surgeon Initiatives, 4) Fundraising, 5) Partnerships. Input during the strategic planning retreat was tremendously successful, resulting in action plans that will take place over the next few months.

I am pleased to report that our society is in an excellent position to move forward with our sustained mission in both the near future and for years to come.

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Medicine and Business Corner:

Changes in Coding For Lower Extremity Endovascular Interventions

Recent changes in the **Current Procedural Technology (CPT)** codes will be certain to impact the practices of vascular surgeons across the country. These changes involve the removal of the codes most commonly used in lower extremity endovascular interventions.

Through a process called “bundling”, separate and distinct codes that were previously used to describe endovascular interventions have now been combined into a single codes or groups of codes. For example, prior to 2011, a case that involved SFA angioplasty, stenting, and atherectomy would use at least three distinct CPT codes (35456, 37205, and 35493, respectively*). However, with the new coding schemes implemented in 2011, the same procedure would be billed using a single code (37227).

For further details, read more at <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/physician-resources/solutions-managing-your-practice/coding-billing-insurance/cpt/applying-cpt-codes.shtml>. (*presuming the angioplasty was a primary procedure, and not post-dilation of a primarily placed stent.)

Philip Goodney, MD



2011 PVSS Winter Meeting Summary

Thanks to all the support from the membership for an outstanding Winter PVSS meeting last month. The incredible weather in Steamboat and perfect skiing conditions mirrored the quality of the scientific papers. After a record-setting number of abstracts submitted for a Winter meeting, 24 papers from 23 institutions were selected for presentation at the plenary sessions. The ever popular Interesting Cases session allowed for another 12 case reports to be presented. Lively discussion and debate provided an opportunity for all attendees to learn a great deal in a wonderful venue. Of the 36 presentations, 31 were by trainees, highlighting the mission of the PVSS to be the forum for young vascular surgeons.

We cannot thank **Cook Medical, Inc.**, enough for their generosity in sponsoring our first **Young Vascular Surgeon's session**, which provided to 24 scholarship recipients the opportunity to participate in the meeting. A pre-meeting session geared towards young vascular surgeons and trainees covered topics related to identifying a future job, finding role models and research fits, and tips to avoid complications early in ones career. We hope this type of session will be a mainstay in future PVSS meetings. Attendance at all the sessions was high and we again appreciate the contributions of all our membership as well as new members. Please don't hesitate to let the program committee know how we can make upcoming meetings even better in the future. See you in Chicago and Vail!



Jason Lee, MD

Thank You For Your Support of *Annals of Vascular Surgery*

After 24 years as the Editor of *Annals of Vascular Surgery*, **Ramon Berguer, MD, PhD** has assumed the role, along with **Eduard Kieffer, MD**, as a Founding Editor. During this time, *Annals* has become an avenue for original articles on vascular and endovascular therapy, as well as a place for the expression of novel ideas and therapies. Parodi's original work on endovascular aortic aneurysm repair was published in *Annals*, after having been rejected as 'too radical' by the vascular surgery establishment.

The success of *Annals* is, in very large part, due to the support that she has received from her sponsoring societies, especially the Peripheral Vascular Surgery Society. We are proud to have one of your members, currently **W. Darrin Clouse, MD**, as an Associate Editor for the PVSS; the manuscripts and case reports submitted from your society continue to be some of the best that *Annals* receives. The January issue of AVS contains no less than 22 original scientific articles and case reports from the 2010 PVSS Winter Meeting. It is my hope, as the new Editor, that we can continue to enhance the relationship between *Annals* and the PVSS.

Regards,

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Editor-in-Chief



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7:00pm Depart McCormick for Presidential Banquet
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