Final touches are being made in preparation for the 35th Annual Meeting of the Southern Association for Vascular Surgery at the Ritz-Carlton in Naples, Florida from January 19–22, 2011. My expectations are that this year’s program will be memorable and worthwhile. Many of you will recall that the Ritz-Carlton, Naples is a Five-Star Diamond resort overlooking the Gulf of Mexico on Florida’s Paradise Coast. Hotel amenities include world-class restaurants and spa, and spacious grounds with pools, tennis courts and gardens. I recommend that you visit their website for a description of the resort’s recreational opportunities and other local attractions. The Ritz-Carlton also has some of the finest meeting facilities we have ever used. It is an elegant and relaxing atmosphere which is sure to enhance the quality of our educational program. South Florida weather in mid-January is usually pleasant, and I hope this year will be no exception so that everyone can take advantage of the area’s excellent shopping and outdoor activities.

We will again conduct Mock Oral examinations for vascular residents on Wednesday morning January 19, 2011 and I thank all of our members who volunteer to arrive a day early so that they can participate in this valuable educational experience. The SAVS Mock Orals were initiated some years ago by the late Dr. Jim Seeger and fulfill his vision of challenging and mentoring young vascular surgeons so that they can succeed in the board certification process and become better vascular surgical practitioners. This commitment to the future of our profession is a great credit to the SAVS. I also thank CME Chairman,
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2011

SCIENTIFIC SESSION I

A Cost and Outcome Analysis of Endovascular vs. Open Repair of Blunt Traumatic Aortic Injuries
Long-term Secondary Procedures after Aneurysm Repair: Is EVAR Really Worse Than Open Repair?
National Utilization and Outcome of Carotid Artery Revascularization in Octogenarians
Renal Artery Stenting for Salvage of Renal Function: Preoperative Predictors of Outcome Guide Patient Selection
Carotid Revascularization Outcomes Comparing Distal Filters, Flow Reversal and Endarterectomy

FOUNDERS’ AWARD PAPER

Endovascular Aneurysm Repair and the Anatomic Severity Grading Score: A Validation Study with Early Outcomes and Cost Analysis
Sadaf S. Ahanchi, Megan Carroll, Babatunde H. Almaroof, Jean M. Panneton

SCIENTIFIC SESSION II

Mesenteric/Celiac Duplex Ultrasound Interpretation Criteria Revisited
Impact of Metabolic Syndrome on SFA Interventions
Randomized Clinical Trial of Open-cell vs. Closed-cell Stents for Carotid Stenting: Effects of Stent Design on Cerebral Embolization
The Role of Statin Therapy and Angiotensin Blockade on Asymptomatic Moderate Carotid Artery Stenosis: A Clinical and Pharmacoeconomic Analysis
Trends, Charges, and Outcomes in Endovascular Therapy for Peripheral Arterial Disease in Florida

DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE

Ronald M. Fairman, MD
Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2011

ENDOVASCULAR CASE CONFERENCE

Moderator: Mark Farber, MD
Panelists: Scott Stevens, MD, Christopher Kwolek, MD, David Minion, MD

Endovascular Retrieval of a Permanent IVC Filter Placed within the Aorta
Stent-Assisted Coiling of Carotid Aneurysm with Symptomatic Stenosis Under Embolic Protection with Flow Reversal
DYNA CT Scanning Image Fusion, and Virtual Guidance Systems for Direct SAC Access in Therapy of Persistent Type II Endoleaks after EVAR
Transeptal Renal Preservation During Endovascular Exclusion of a Chronic Aortic Dissection

SCIENTIFIC SESSION III

The Value of Carotid Duplex Surveillance Program for Stroke Prevention
Preoperative Thrombus Load/Location and Type II Endoleak and Late Sac Regression/Expansion
Endovascular Treatment of Acute and Chronic Aortic Pathology in Patients with Marfan’s Syndrome

SCIENTIFIC SESSION IV

Protocol Implementation of Selective Post-Operative Lumbar Spinal Drainage after Thoracic Aortic Endograft
Emergency Procedures on the Descending Thoracic Aorta in the Endovascular Era
Volumetric Analysis of the Thoracic Aorta in Type B Dissection Treated with TEVAR

CASE REPORT OPEN/ENDO PANEL DISCUSSION

Moderator: William Jordan, MD
Panelists: Marshall Benjamin, MD, R. Clement Darling, MD, Patrick Stone, MD

Program details and online registration available at: www.savs.org

DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION: DECEMBER 20, 2010
A Longitudinal Study of the Positional Stability of TEVAR Using Computational Fluid Dynamics
Aortic to Meandering Mesenteric Artery Bypass in Chronic Mesenteric Ischemia: A Case Report
Carotid Endarterectomy for Treatment of Instant Restenosis Bilateral Common Carotid Occlusion in Type IV Ehler Danlos Syndrome

**PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**
Daniel S. Rush, MD

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2011**

**BASIC SCIENCE SESSION**
Proteomic Analysis of Microparticles from Patients with Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms
Does Estrogen Replacement Improve Exaggerated Hyperplasia Following Endarterectomy? Intraluminal Stent Effects on Duplex Velocity Estimates Hormone Replacement Therapy Influences Matrix Metalloproteinase Expression and Intimal Hyperplasia Development after Vascular Injury: A Follow-up Study

**SPECIAL TOPICS SESSION: CONTROVERSIES IN VASCULAR/ENDOVASCULAR SURGERY**
Moderator: Marc Mitchell, MD, Spence Taylor, MD
Small AAA (equal or < 5cm) should be Repaired with EVAR Small AAA (equal or < 5cm) should not be Repaired with EVAR Life after CREST: Carotid Stenting is as Least as Good as CEA Life after CREST: CEA is Still the Gold Standard

**SCIENTIFIC SESSION V**
National Trends in Repair of Intact Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms in the Medicare Population Surgical Site Infection after Arterial Intervention with a Groin Incision Timing of Venous Thromboembolism After Colorectal Cancer Resection

**SCIENTIFIC SESSION VI**
Diastolic Function Predicts Survival After Renal Revascularization Treatment of Proximal Vertebral Artery Disease Outcomes of Acute Surgical Conversion during Endovascular Aortic Aneurysm Repair A Single Center Experience Comparing Tibial Bypass with Heparin Bonded PTFE Versus Saphenous Vein

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2011**

**POSTGRADUATE COURSE: VENOUS DISEASE: UPDATE ON EXPANDING TREATMENT OPTIONS**

**SESSION I**
Moderator: W. Charles Sternbergh, MD
An Overview of Venous Disease: Scope of the Problem Incidence of DVT and Post-Phlebitic Morbidity Chronic Venous Insufficiency
*Peter Gloviczki, MD*
Interventional Treatment for Acute DVT Guidelines from ACCP Pharmacologic, Mechanical, Radiofrequency Assisted What Works Best? Tricks and Tips for Best Outcome Briefly Discuss Thrombolysis for PE
*Frank Arko, MD*
Vena Cava Filter Use Indications: Therapeutic and Prophylactic Are They Needed Therapeutically During Venous Thrombolysis? Trauma? Bedside Placement with IVUS
*Marc Passman, MD*
Iliac and Caval Occlusion Techniques, Tricks and Tips for Treatment Management of the Chronically Occluded IVC filter
*Ruth Bush, MD*
May-Thurner Syndrome - How to Diagnose and Treat Effectively
*Ross Milner, MD*
SVC Syndrome
*Mark Davies, MD*

**SESSION II**
Moderator: David Minion, MD
Saphenous Vein Reflux Treatment: What’s New? EVLT vs. Radioablation Foam Sclerotherapy Small Saphenous? Imaging? (i.e., What to Look for on Ultrasound, Role of MR, CT, etc.)
*Peter Nelson, MD*
Varicose Vein Treatment Beyond the Saphenous Vein Sclerotherapy vs. Laser Stab Phlebectomy: How and When? Spider Veins? Perforator Vein Intervention
*William Marston, MD*
Venous Angioplasty as a Treatment for Multiple Sclerosis: Should it Become More Commonplace
*Eletherious Xenos, MD*
Pelvic Congestion Syndrome
*David Gillespie, MD*
Paget-von Schrotter Syndrome
*Nancy Harthun, MD*
Dr. Chip Sternbergh and Dr. David Minion who have put together an excellent Postgraduate Course entitled, “Venous Disease: Update on Expanding Treatment Options” which will be offered on Wednesday afternoon January 19, 2011 from 12:25 pm until 4:00 pm. Since its inception several years ago, the SAVS Postgraduate Course has become a major, well-attended addition to the annual meeting. I encourage everyone who can possibly do so to arrive early and take advantage of this informative educational opportunity.

Program Chairman, Dr. Ali AbuRhama and his committee members are also to be congratulated for another outstanding and balanced scientific program. Included are a variety of pertinent scientific papers, an endovascular case conference, interesting case reports, and a special topics session directed toward current controversies in vascular and endovascular surgery. I especially wish to welcome Dr. Ronald Fairman from the University of Pennsylvania, who will be this year’s Honored Guest Lecturer. Again this year, special credit goes to our Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Spence Taylor “the hardest working man in the SAVS” who makes it all happen.

Overall, the 35th Annual Meeting of the SAVS promises to be exciting and enjoyable. I look forward to seeing you all in Naples this coming January.

**2011 Annual Meeting Schedule at a Glance**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2011**

- 6:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Registration
- 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Mock Oral Exams
- 10:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Speaker Ready Room
- 12:25 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Postgraduate Course
- 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Executive Council Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Welcoming Reception

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2011**

- 6:30 a.m. - 5K Fun Run
- 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. New Members Breakfast
- 6:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Registration
- 6:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Speaker Ready Room
- 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Exhibits
- 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Welcome & Introduction
- 8:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Scientific Sessions
- 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite
- 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Women’s Tennis Tournament
- 10:05 a.m. - 10:35 a.m. Coffee Break – Visit Exhibits
- 12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. Distinguished Guest Lecturer
- 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. General Reception

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2011**

- 6:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Registration
- 6:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Exhibits
- 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 6:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Speaker Ready Room
- 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Endovascular Case Conference
- 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Scientific Sessions
- 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite
- 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break – Visit Exhibits
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Open/Endo Panel Discussion
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Presidential Address
- 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Annual Golf Tournament
- 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Men’s Tennis Tournament
- 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. President’s Reception
- 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. President’s Banquet

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2011**

- 6:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Registration
- 6:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Exhibits
- 6:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Speaker Ready Room
- 6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Basic Science Session
- 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Special Topics Session
- 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Hospitality Suite
- 9:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. Scientific Sessions
- 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Coffee Break – Visit Exhibits
- 11:50 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. Annual Business Meeting

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**About the Resort**

- Stunning views of the Gulf of Mexico.
- 450 guest rooms, including 35 suites and 70 Ritz-Carlton Club Level rooms and suites, each with a view of the beach and Gulf of Mexico, and all but eleven with private balconies. Two Presidential Suites.
- An exclusive world-class spa nestled in the grounds of our Naples, Florida, hotel - featuring more than 30 treatment rooms that combine relaxation and body therapies with wellness and nutrition programs and a complimentary fitness center.
- Two heated outdoor pools including a family pool, a junior Olympic lap pool, a whirlpool and a children’s pool.
- New interactive environmental children’s program, Nature’s Wonders.
- A sleek, modern high tech entertainment lounge, featuring the latest in video games.
- More than 35,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting space including the two-story Gulf-front Beach House.
- Access to the Tiburon Golf Club, two 18-hole Greg Norman-designed courses, offering championship golf and instruction at The Rick Smith Golf Academy, located nearby at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples.

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The SAVS reserves the right to change the program at any time.
FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

Spence M. Taylor, M.D.

2011 ANNUAL MEETING

The 35th Annual Meeting of the Southern Association for Vascular Surgery will be held January 19-22, 2011 at the Ritz Carlton in Naples, Florida. Details regarding the meeting and hotel registration information can be found online (http://savs.vascularweb.org). We encourage you to make your airline reservations early in order to secure the best possible fares and itinerary.

Postgraduate Course on VENOUS DISEASE: UPDATE ON EXPANDING TREATMENT OPTIONS

A postgraduate course will be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 and will feature an update on venous disease. The first session will be moderated by W. Charles Sternbergh and the second session will be moderated by David Minion. Registration will be limited. Please contact the SAVS office at (978) 927-8330 or email: savs@prri.com for further details.

Mock Oral Board Examinations

Mock oral board examinations will be offered to individuals preparing for the Vascular Surgery Certifying Examination. Examinees should reside in the states comprising the SAVS region. Interested individuals should contact Dr. Thomas Huber at (352) 273-5515 or thomas.huber@surgery.ufl.edu.

Guests

Members who wish to invite non-member physicians as their guests should contact the office of Spence M. Taylor, MD, Greenville Hospital System University Medical Center, Academic Department of Surgery, 701 Grove Road, Greenville, South Carolina 29605, (864) 455-5795 / staylor2@ghs.org. Invited guests will receive a letter of invitation and the necessary reservation forms, as well as meeting information.

ACTIVE, CANDIDATE, AND CORRESPONDING MEMBERSHIPS

If you wish to sponsor a colleague for SAVS Membership, an application form must be requested from the Secretary-Treasurer by the sponsoring member.

Qualifications for Active Membership:

1. The active membership consists of those surgeons recommended by the Executive Council from the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington, DC; 2. Applicants must be certified by the American Board of Surgery and/or the American Board of Thoracic Surgery, with Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons; 3. Applicants must document at least fifty (50) major peripheral vascular reconstructive procedures in each of the three years preceding application, exclusive of residency and fellowship training; 4) The application must be accompanied by letters of sponsorship (1) and endorsement (2) by three members in good standing of the Association. One of these members must be from the Applicant’s home state.

Qualifications for Candidate Membership:

1. The candidate membership consists of Fellows in approved Vascular Surgery training programs, General Surgery residents accepted into approved Vascular Surgery training programs, or Vascular Surgeons who do not yet meet the requirements for active membership within the region of the SAVS; 2. A letter of sponsorship is required from either the applicant’s Program Director or a member in good standing of the Association from the applicant’s home state; 3. Candidate membership has a maximum term of five years following completion of training.

Qualifications for Corresponding Membership:

1. Corresponding membership consists of those surgeons residing outside the United States recommended by the Executive Council. 2. Applicants must meet the requirements for Active Membership in Article I, Section 5(a) of the bylaws. 3. Certification in Vascular Surgery from the American Board of Surgery or its equivalent is highly desirable. 4. The application must be accompanied by letter of sponsorship (1) and endorsement (2) by three members in good standing of the Association.

All application materials should then be returned to the office of the Secretary-Treasurer, Spence M. Taylor, MD, Greenville Hospital System University Medical Center, Academic Department of Surgery, 701 Grove Road, Greenville, South Carolina 29605.
GOLF TOURNAMENT
Friday, January 21 / 1:00 p.m.
The Golf Tournament will be held at the Tiburon Golf Club. Transportation will be provided. A fee will be charged. Please sign up when you register.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT*
- Women’s Tournament - Thursday, January 20 / 9:00 a.m.
- Men’s Tournament - Friday, January 21 / 1:00 p.m.
Tennis Courts
Open to all skill levels, this fun event is a perfect way to mingle with colleagues.

5K FUN RUN *
Thursday, January 20 / 6:30 a.m.
What a better way to start your day than a fun 5K run. The run will start at 6:30 am at North Beach. Enjoy cool refreshments and pick up your official Fun Run T-shirt after you cross the finish line.

SPORTING CLAYS
Thursday, January 20 / 1:30 p.m.
Sporting Clays will be held at the Port of the Islands Gun Club. A fee will be charged. Please sign up when you register.

WELCOME RECEPTION*
Wednesday, January 19 / 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
The Welcome Reception offers a chance to renew old acquaintances and unwind on Center Court.

GENERAL RECEPTION*
Thursday, January 20 / 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Don’t miss the chance to relax after a day of scientific sessions in Salons III & IV.

PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION & BANQUET*
Friday, January 21 / 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Please join us for the President’s Reception and Banquet. The evening will begin with a cocktail reception, followed by dinner and entertainment in the Vanderbilt Courtyard.

* Included in Registration Fee. Sign up for Tennis Tournament and 5K Run is required.