



President's Message

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GVS 11th President
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Dear GVS Members & Colleagues:

I am humbled and honored to serve as the 11th President of the Georgia Vascular Society. Through the years, I have enjoyed the benefits of being a member of our society and have developed a strong network of colleagues and dear friends throughout the state.

Before we look forward, I want to take a moment to thank Dr. Chuck Ross and the Program Committee for making the 2022 meeting the most well attended Annual Meeting to date. The six guest speakers on the program gave excellent talks and the interaction with our members was outstanding. Several of the speakers have vowed to come back to the meeting with their residents. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the members of the Program Committee and Executive Committee for their time, hard work, and support - these individuals are invaluable to our society.

Next year, we will once again meet at The Ritz Carlton, Lake Oconee. This venue continues to be the perfect location to enjoy our scientific program, spend quality time with family, and of course, that famous GVS camaraderie.

We are fortunate to have four outstanding guest speakers for our 2023 scientific program. William Quinones-Baldrich, MD – David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA; Julie A. Freischlag, MD – Wake Forest School of Medicine; Peter A. Schneider, MD – University of California Health at San Francisco; and Benjamin J. Pearce, MD – University of Alabama-Birmingham. We will continue next year with having our guest speakers engage us with their expertise with a clinical and non-clinical talk. We have allowed more time during each session for the presentations as well as Q&A.

New to the program this year will be a late Friday afternoon virtual Mock Orals examination that is being organized by J. Middleton Chang, MD, Julie Duke, MD, and Mrinal Shukla, MD. This will be available for Post Graduate Trainees in their final year of training and first year attending physicians who are preparing for the Vascular Surgery Qualifying Examination. We hope to expand the number of trainees examined in future meetings and will be reaching out for examiners.

Our 2023 Program Committee (J. Middleton Change, MD – Chair, Guillermo Escobar, MD, Jeffrey Pearce, MD, Emily Lagergren, MD) will be adding a Saturday Lunch Session “How Vascular Surgeons Do It” (video presentations). This will conclude in time for you to enjoy the afternoon with family and participate in our sporting activities. Speaking of activities, we will be adding a Tennis and Pickleball round robin to the Golf and Shooting Clays on Saturday afternoon!

I want to ask everyone who is mentoring a resident or medical student this year to encourage them to participate in our abstract submission process. Our Society is dedicated to attracting the best and the brightest students to our specialty.

To conclude, I want to remind everyone to “Save the Date” for our 2023 Annual Meeting. The event will take place September 15-17, 2023, at Lake Oconee. Abstract submissions will open in February, and I hope that you will consider submitting to the program.

I thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your President. I welcome any input you may have to help me better shape our society to serve its members. I wish you all good health and well-being for the coming year.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS