

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January 2025

Dear GVS Members and Colleagues,

I hope you are all having a wonderful holiday season thus far.

It is my honor to serve as the 13th President of the Georgia Vascular Society. As we enter the New Year, I would like to provide some updates on the current state of our society, as well as a glimpse into the program for our 2025 Annual Meeting.

Our Society now has 113 Members, and I encourage all of you to join me in continuing to reach out to the remaining vascular surgeons in Georgia and encouraging them to join the GVS. The connections and friendships built through the GVS are part of the foundation our society is built upon, and the continued expansion of our organization benefits us all.

I would also like to thank Dr. Jonathan Woody and the 2024 Program Committee for a fantastic meeting this past year. Their work, along with the work of our Executive Committee, led to an extremely productive meeting filled with outstanding talks, education, and networking. I have no doubt the future of our society and specialty are bright.

Our next meeting, scheduled for September 12-14, 2025, will once again be held at The Ritz Carlton, Lake Oconee. Aside from being a fantastic venue for our scientific discussions, it continues to allow us to spend quality time with family and friends.

HAPPY

It is my distinct pleasure to announce the three guest speakers for our 2025 Scientific Program. Each of them represents the best of the best in our field, and I hope you will join me next September in learning about the insights they have to provide us.

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Based on the feedback we received from our 2024 Evaluations; we will be pursuing several initiatives this year in line with your requests. This includes exploring the addition of a "Practice Management" session in our Annual Meeting, aimed at providing valuable insights into successfully running and managing a vascular practice as well as increasing the "expert talks".

As part of the continued success of our organization, I would like to encourage all of you who are currently mentoring medical students and residents to have them submit an abstract to the 2025 meeting. One of our Society's main goals is continuing to attract the best and brightest to the field of vascular surgery, and a portion of our 2025 program will be geared towards mentorship.

To conclude, please "Save the Date" for our 2025 Annual Meeting. The meeting will take place September 12-14, at the Lake Oconee Ritz Carlton. Abstract Submissions will open on March 1st, and I encourage all of you to consider submitting your work for consideration.

Thank you all once again for providing me with the opportunity to serve you as President of GVS. Best wishes for the New Year!

Gautam Agarwal, MD President, Georgia Vascular Society

