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Welcome

Welcome to the American Venous Forum Annual Meeting (AVF 2026)!

On behalf of the American Venous Forum, we are delighted to welcome you to **Denver, Colorado, for AVF 2026**. We are excited to gather once again with colleagues and friends from across the country and around the world for a meeting emphasizing outstanding **education, collaboration, and connection**.

The AVF has a long and proud history of advancing **education and scientific research** in venous and lymphatic disease. In recent years, we have expanded our focus to include more **clinical applications and practical educational content**, ensuring the annual meeting not only advances the science, but provides tools and insights applicable directly to patient care. Our goal is simple: for everyone to learn something meaningful while engaging with colleagues and having a great experience. We are stronger together, and this year we are proud to feature a **multidisciplinary faculty** from across the country and the world.

Our theme for 2026, "**Solutions Through Science**," reflects the remarkable momentum in our field and the number of high quality **original abstract submissions** we received. We worked hard to include as many abstracts as possible while also adding outstanding invited speakers—recognized experts who will enhance many of our key sessions. **Discussion is encouraged**, and we look forward to the exchange of ideas making AVF 2026 such a unique and rewarding meeting.

Returning by popular demand this year's program offers educational learning for everyone, including a **two-day Advanced Practice Provider (APP) course**, and the highly anticipated **Physician in Training (PIT) course**, designed to be practical and comprehensive. Attendees will also benefit from **late-breaking trials**, emerging technologies, guideline updates, poster competition, and an excellent lineup of scientific sessions. Throughout the meeting, we are proud to present **58 abstracts and 35 poster presentations** spanning the full spectrum of venous and lymphatic disease.

We are excited to feature a **new and improved Case Competition** and welcome reception, and to close each full day with a favorite highlight: the **Doctor's Lounge**, where challenging real-world cases will be presented with engaging audience and expert panel discussion. In addition, several **industry-sponsored breakfast and lunch sessions** will provide more opportunities to continue learning and connect with our valued industry partners.

New programming on Tuesday morning includes a dedicated **Pulmonary Embolism (PE) session** led by world-renowned experts. This session includes practical guidance on understanding basic principles and recognition and the creation and management of a PERT program. Our annual **Villavicencio Session** will once again spotlight excellence, featuring the **top three abstracts** along with presentations from nationally and internationally recognized speakers. We are also proud to highlight international programming developed by our **International Committee**, offering timely and high-yield didactics and a highlight of this year's meeting.

To celebrate the week together, we warmly invite you to our **Après-AVF Celebration** – an evening to relax, reconnect with friends and colleagues, and enjoy time with the AVF community outside of the scientific sessions. Dress up if you'd like, keep it Denver-chic with Western and Ski Apparel **embracing the Après-Ski theme**, and enjoy great food and drinks, **music, dancing**, and a few **surprise magical moments** throughout the night.

We are honored to welcome you to AVF 2026 and look forward to an inspiring meeting filled with learning, innovation, and community. We are pleased to offer a **hybrid format**, with both in-person and virtual options, and we hope you will join us in Denver to celebrate the research, clinical expertise, and collegial spirit that define the **AVF Annual Meeting**.



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Don't Miss These Special Events!

Monday, March 2

6:00pm – 7:30pm Welcome Reception

Tuesday, March 3

10:30am – 11:00am **STRANDNESS KEYNOTE: Frontiers in Venous Leg Ulcer Research**
Sarah Onida, BSc (Hons), MD, PhD, FRCR

11:00am – 12:10pm President's Session: Our Path Forward

7:00pm – 10:00pm Après AVF Celebration





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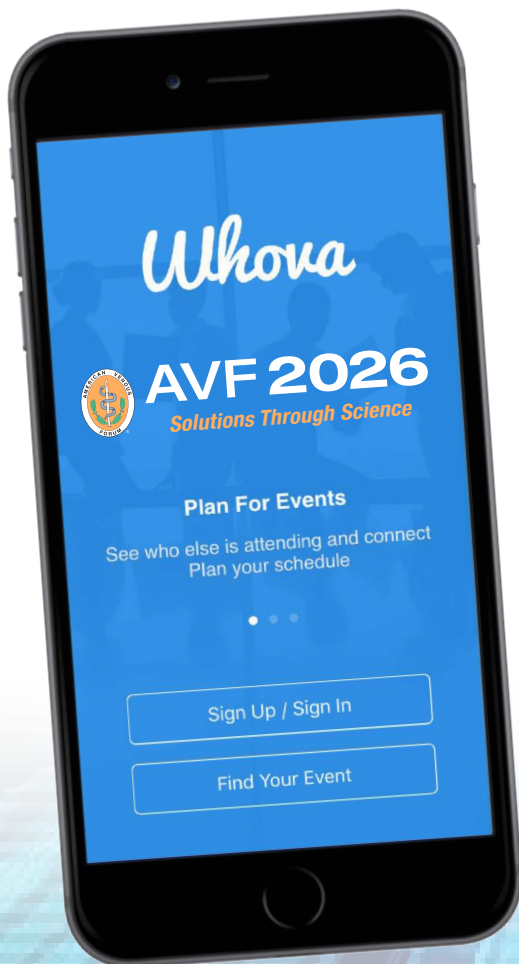


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Scientific Symposia

(Non-CME)

Sunday, March 1

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Treating the Full Spectrum of CVI: Evidence-Based Use of Varithena™ and the CEDAR® Endovenous Radiofrequency Ablation System

Keith Sterling, MD

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Scientific**

Monday, March 2

7:30 AM – 8:20 AM

Venous Voices:

From Flow to Function

Eric Hager, MD; Patrick Muck, MD;

Gloria Salazar, MD



Tuesday, March 3

7:30 AM – 8:20 AM

From Evidence to Impact:

Applying Long-term DVT

Data to Daily Practice

Steven Abramowitz, MD; Stephen Black, MD



7:30 AM – 8:20 AM

Women Leading Venous

Excellence Breakfast

Medtronic

7:30 AM – 8:20 AM

Post-operative Wound

Management and SSI Prevention

Mark Iafrati, MD; Kathleen Ozsvath, MD;

Robert McLafferty, MD



12:15 PM – 1:15 PM

New Innovation in Venous Care:

Clinical Outcomes and Procedural

Best Practices with the GORE® VIABAHN®

FORTEGRA Venous Stent

Professor Stephen Black;

Steven Abramowitz, MD; Kathleen Gibson, MD



12:15 PM – 1:15 PM

Complex Venous Disease:

Approaches to Outflow Obstruction

and Superficial Reflux

Karem Harth, MD (moderator);

Leigh Ann O'Banion, MD;

Jake Hemingway, MD; Eric Hager, MD

Medtronic

12:15 PM – 1:15 PM

The Expanding Evidence

Base: New Techniques and Data

in VTE and PE Management

Leigh Ann O'Banion, MD (Moderator);

Patrick Muck, MD; Dejah Judelson, MD



Wednesday, March 4

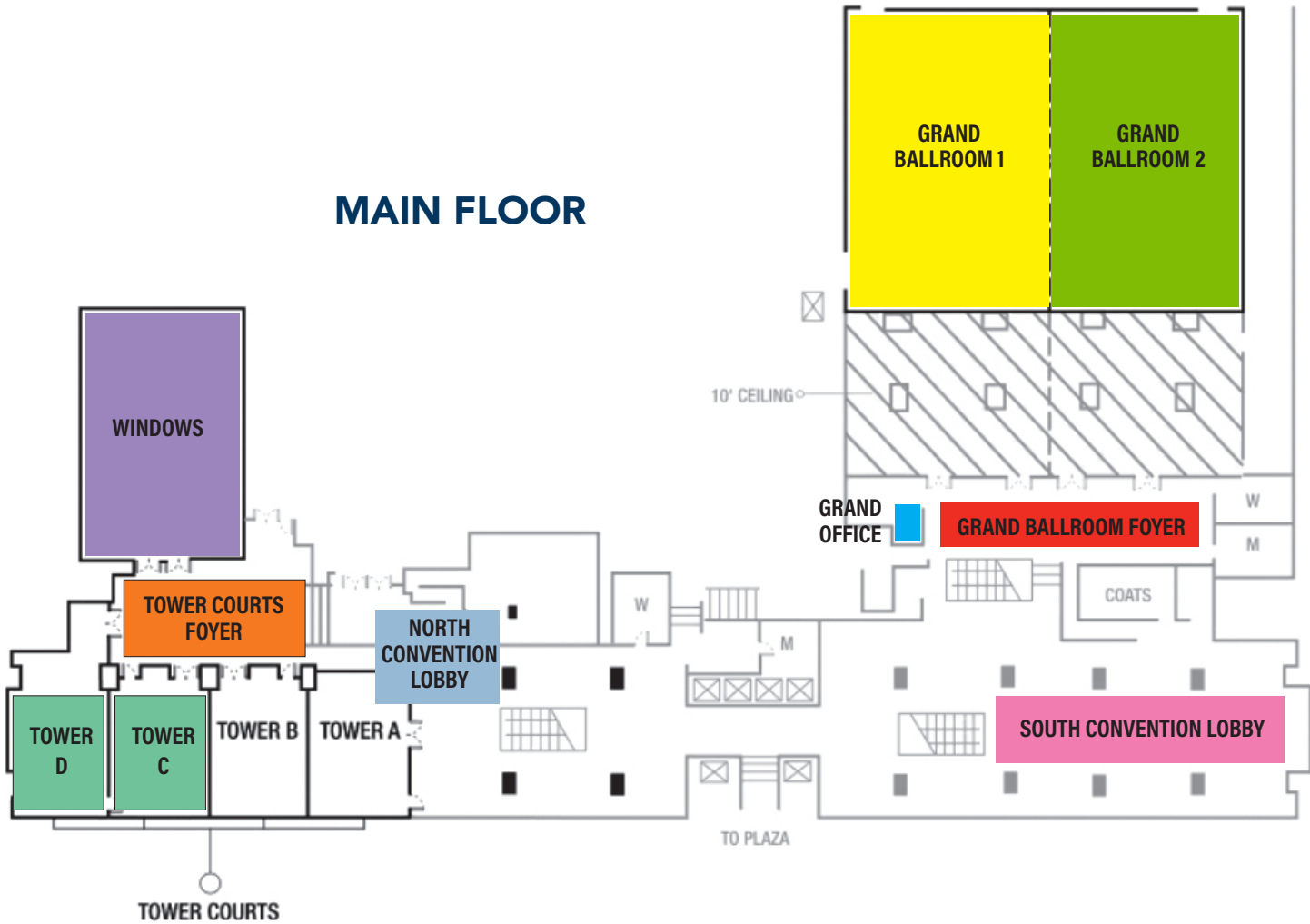
8:15 AM – 9:15 AM

From Chaos to Control: Compression Tips for Challenging Legs

Karen L. Bauer, DNP, APRN-FNP



Meeting Space



Registration & Information	South Convention Lobby
Physician-in-Training Sessions Sponsored Symposiums Case Competition & Happy Hour Après AVF Celebration Poster Judging	Grand Ballroom 1
General Sessions	Grand Ballroom 2
Break (Sunday AM/PM, Tuesday PM)	Grand Ballroom Foyer
Speaker Ready	Grand Office

APP and PIT Reception Breaks (Sunday)	Tower Courts Foyer
Breaks (Monday AM/PM, Tuesday AM) Welcome Reception Exhibitors	North/South Convention Lobby
APP Sessions Sponsored Symposiums	Windows
APP and PIT Joint Sessions	Tower C & D



Agenda

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026	
1:00 PM - 2:45 PM	ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDER (APP) & PHYSICIAN IN TRAINING (PIT) JOINT SESSION: LIVE ULTRASOUND <i>Tower C & D</i> <i>Moderators: Steve Elias, MD; Robert R. Attaran, MD</i> <i>Faculty: Alyssa Fluty, BA, RDMS, RVT</i>
2:45 PM - 3:00 PM	Break
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	APP SESSION 1 <i>Windows</i> FROM CLOTS TO CARE: NAVIGATING VTE & PERT IN MODERN PRACTICE <i>Moderators: Kristan Probeck, ANP-C; Charlene Persaud, RPA-C</i>
3:00 PM - 3:10 PM	Cracking the Clot: The New Era of PE Management <i>Rabih Chaer, MD, MSc</i>
3:10 PM - 3:20 PM	Teamwork Against Clots: Creating the PERT Pathway <i>Kristan Probeck, ANP-C</i>
3:20 PM - 3:30 PM	Discussion
3:30 PM - 3:40 PM	VTE Today: Clinical Updates Every Provider Should Know <i>Sarah Rosenberger, CRNP</i>
3:40 PM - 3:50 PM	From DVT to PTS: Recognizing and Managing the Long-Term Effects <i>Charlene Persaud, RPA-C</i>
3:50 PM - 4:00 PM	Discussion
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	PHYSICIAN IN TRAINING SESSION 1 <i>Grand Ballroom 1</i>
3:00 PM - 3:20 PM	Superficial <i>Marwan Hammoud, MD, DABVLM, RPhS</i>
3:20 PM - 3:40 PM	Deep <i>Nii-Kabu Kabutey, MD</i>
3:40 PM - 4:00 PM	Pelvic <i>Kathleen Ozsvath, MD</i>
4:00 PM - 4:20 PM	Wounds <i>Eric Hager, MD</i>
4:20 PM - 4:40 PM	Combined Disease <i>Pamela Kim, MD</i>
4:40 PM - 5:00 PM	Discussion <i>Moderator: Meredith A.E Barr, MD, FRCSC</i>
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	APP SESSION 2 <i>Windows</i> BEYOND THE VEIN: OPTIMIZING THE WHOLE PATIENT <i>Moderator: Sarah Rosenberger, CRNP</i>
4:00 PM - 4:15 PM	Inflammation and Chronic Venous Disease: Systemic Targets for Local Problems <i>Kathleen Ozsvath, MD</i>
4:15 PM - 4:30 PM	Antithrombotic Therapy in Venous Disease: When Are Anticoagulants or Antiplatelets Indicated? <i>Andrea Obi, MD</i>
4:30 PM - 4:45 PM	Micronized Purified Flavonoid Fraction (MPFF): A Pharmacologic Approach to Venous Disease <i>Monika L. Glocviczki, MD, PhD</i>
4:45 PM - 5:00 PM	Pelvic PT <i>Kassi Rieger, PT, DPT, ICE Specialist: Pelvic, DN-1</i>
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDER (APP) & PHYSICIAN IN TRAINING (PIT) RECEPTION <i>Tower Courts Foyer</i>

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SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026	
8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Breakfast
8:45 AM - 10:15 AM	PHYSICIAN IN TRAINING SESSION 2 <i>Grand Ballroom 1</i> CASE PRESENTATIONS UTILIZING INDUSTRY TECHNOLOGY
8:45 AM - 9:03 AM	The Hemodynamics of Phlebolympheidema Management <i>Karem Harth, MD</i> Sponsored by Sun Scientific *Non-CME
9:03 AM - 9:21 AM	Treating the Lymphatics is Critical to Comprehensive Vein Care <i>Robert Attaran, MD; Steve Elias, MD</i> Sponsored by Tactile *Non-CME
9:21 AM - 9:39 AM	The CVI Treatment Toolkit: Making Confident, Evidence-Based Decisions <i>Neil Khilnani, MD</i> Sponsored by Boston Scientific *Non-CME
9:39 AM - 9:57 AM	Clearing the Way: A Prospective Multicenter Study of Mechanical Thrombectomy for Proximal DVT <i>Misaki Kiguchi, MD</i> Sponsored by Argon *Non-CME
9:57 AM - 10:15 AM	Procedural Efficiency in Catheter-Based Pulmonary Embolism Intervention: Clinical Experience with AlphaVac <i>Adam Reichard, MD</i> Sponsored by AngioDynamics *Non-CME
8:45 AM - 10:15 AM	APP SESSION 3 <i>Windows</i> WOUND SESSION: LAYERS OF HEALING <i>Moderator: Eleanor Dunlap, DNP</i>
8:45 AM - 8:55 AM	Surface Solutions: Topical Therapies & Emerging Dressings in VLU Care <i>Eleanor Dunlap, DNP</i>
8:55 AM - 9:05 AM	Guiding the Way: What's New in VLU Guidelines <i>Alisha Oropallo, MD FACS, FSVS, FABWMS</i>
9:05 AM - 9:15 AM	Red Flags & Wrong Turns: Ultrasound Techniques to Find Hidden Veins <i>Alyssa Fluty, BA, RDMS, RVT</i>
9:15 AM - 9:25 AM	Veins Beneath: Procedural Interventions & the Hunt for Hidden Perforators <i>Kathleen Ozsvath, MD</i>
9:25 AM - 9:30 AM	Discussion
9:30 AM - 9:40 AM	Compression Confessions: Case-Based Decisions in Complex Ulcers <i>Karen Bauer, DNP, CWS, FAAWC</i>
9:40 AM - 9:50 AM	Biofilm Battles: Debridement Decisions & IWII-Informed Wound Strategies <i>Eleanor Dunlap, DNP</i>
9:50 AM - 10:00 AM	Masqueraders & Missed Veins: When Ulcers Aren't What They Seem <i>Karen Bauer, DNP, CWS, FAAWC</i>
10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	Phlebolympheidema, Lymphedema & Lipedema, Oh My! Integumentary Considerations & Ulcer Prevention <i>Cheryl L. Brunelle</i>
10:10 AM - 10:15 AM	Discussion
10:15 AM - 10:30 AM	Break <i>Tower Courts Foyer, Grand Ballroom Foyer</i>
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDER (APP) & PHYSICIAN IN TRAINING (PIT) JOINT HANDS-ON SESSION <i>Tower C & D</i>
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Sponsored Lunch Symposium Sponsored by Boston Scientific <i>Grand Ballroom 1</i>
1:00 PM - 1:15 PM	Break <i>Tower Courts Foyer, Grand Ballroom Foyer</i>
1:15 PM - 1:30 PM	Welcome



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SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026 (continued)	
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	SCIENTIFIC SESSION 1 SUPERFICIAL I <i>Moderators: Kathleen Ozsvath, MD; Leigh Ann O'Banion, MD; Juan C. Jimenez, MD, MBA</i>
1:30 PM - 1:38 PM	Social Vulnerability Influences Primary Venous Leg Ulcer Healing and Recurrence <i>Joseph P. Hart, MD</i>
1:38 PM - 1:46 PM	Effect of Obesity on Endovenous Ablation Outcomes in the Vascular Quality Initiative <i>Scott C. Levy, MD</i>
1:46 PM - 1:54 PM	The Impact of Adjuvant Ultrasound-Guided Peri-Ulcer Foam Sclerotherapy on Venous Leg Ulcer Recurrence - Long-term Outcomes of the PUFs Trial <i>Rashad A. Bishara, MD RPVI MS FRCS</i>
1:54 PM - 2:02 PM	Patient-Reported Outcomes After Thermal vs Non-Thermal Ablation for Treatment of Lower Extremity Superficial Venous Disease <i>Ankita Katukota, BS</i>
2:02 PM - 2:10 PM	The Development of Reporting Standards for Ablation-Related Thrombus Extension (ARTE) <i>Tristan P. Bennett</i>
2:10 PM - 2:18 PM	Feasibility and Efficacy of Advanced Flush Endovenous Laser Ablation in Reducing Groin Recurrences: 1-Year Follow-Up <i>Roman Lunin, Dr</i>
2:18 PM - 2:24 PM	QS Obesity is Associated with Higher Great Saphenous Vein Pressure Among Patients with Reflux <i>Roert R. Attaran, MD</i>
2:24 PM - 2:30 PM	Discussion and Closing Remarks
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	APP SESSION 4 <i>Windows</i> STICK THE LANDING <i>Moderators: Suzanna Fitzpatrick, DNP; Steffanie Durkin, PA-C</i>
1:30 PM - 1:40 PM	Setting up an Aesthetic Practice with Sclerotherapy, Billing and Training <i>Satish Vayuvegula</i>
1:40 PM - 2:30 PM	Stick the Landing: Sclerotherapy Strategies for Complex Veins <i>Steffanie Durkin, PA-C</i>
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	APP SESSION 5 <i>Windows</i> ADVANCING VENOUS CARE: FROM DETECTION TO INTERVENTION - AN EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACH <i>Moderators: Suzanna Fitzpatrick, DNP; Alyssa Fluty, BA, RDMS, RVT</i>
2:30 PM - 2:45 PM	Advanced Practice Provider-Led Tracking of Endovenous Ablation Outcomes: The Case for Continued Surveillance <i>Julie Bitner, PA-C – UPMC</i> <i>Discussant: Sarah Rosenberger, CRNP</i>
2:45 PM - 3:00 PM	Bio-Boosted Healing: Biologic and Allograft Dressings in Venous Ulcer Care <i>Christina M. Guarin, MSN</i> <i>Discussant: Karen Bauer, DNP, CWS, FAWC</i>
3:00 PM - 3:15 PM	PERT Implementation: Transforming Submassive PE Outcomes at a Level 1 Trauma Center <i>Kristan Probeck, ANP-C</i> <i>Discussant: Khanjan H. Nagarsheth, MD, MBA</i>
3:15 PM - 3:30 PM	Standardizing Leave of Absence and Round-Trip Protocols for Surgical Management of Pulmonary Embolism: A Comprehensive Framework <i>Suzanna Fitzpatrick, DNP</i> <i>Discussant: Rabih Chaer, MD, MSc</i>

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2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	SCIENTIFIC SESSION 2 VASCULAR MEDICINE <i>Moderators: Tomasz Urbanek, MD, PhD; Sheila N. Blumberg, MD, MS; Monika L. Glociczki, MD, PhD</i>
2:30 PM - 2:38 PM	Randomized, Open-Label Pilot Trial of Clopidogrel vs No Treatment After Iliac Vein Stenting for NIVLs <i>Olga Bakayev, MD</i>
2:38 PM - 2:46 PM	Risk Activity Index - A Measure of Frailty and Its Impact on Venous Leg Ulcer Healing and Recurrence <i>Joseph P. Hart, MD</i>
2:46 PM - 2:54 PM	Exercise Programmes in the Management of Venous Leg Ulceration – A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis <i>Anselmo Pagani, Msc</i>
2:54 PM - 3:02 PM	Bleeding and Thrombosis Following Initiation of Antithrombotic Therapy for Iliac Vein Stenting <i>Shreef Said, MD</i>
3:02 PM - 3:10 PM	Impact of GLP-1 Receptor Agonists on Healing Outcomes in Diabetic Patients with Chronic Venous Ulcers <i>Estefania G. Narvaez Gomez, BS</i>
3:10 PM - 3:15 PM	Staying on Track: Key Updates to VCSS and CEAP Standards <i>Michael Vasquez, MD, FACS, RVT</i>
3:15 PM - 3:25 PM	Optimising Decision Making in Chronic Venous Disease Management with Micronised Purified Flavonoid Fraction <i>Kathleen Ozsvath, MD</i>
3:25 PM - 3:30 PM	Discussion
3:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Break <i>Tower Courts Foyer, Grand Ballroom Foyer</i>
3:45 PM - 5:15 PM	SOLUTIONS THROUGH SCIENCE AND GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES WITH SIR, EVF, AND SVM
3:45 PM - 3:55 PM	EVF Speaker: Is Chronic Venous Disease a Systemic Disease? <i>Tomasz Urbanek, MD, PhD</i>
3:55 PM - 4:05 PM	EVF Speaker: The Challenge of Over and Under Diagnosis in Venous Disease <i>Stephen Black, MD, MBBCh</i>
4:05 PM - 4:15 PM	AVF Discussion <i>Moderators: Mikel Sadek, MD; Alejandro J. Gonzalez Ochoa, MD</i>
4:15 PM - 4:25 PM	SIR Speaker: Pelvic Venous Disorder Research: Leveraging the SIRD Research Framework <i>Neil Khilnani, MD</i>
4:25 PM - 4:35 PM	SIR Speaker: Accelerating Endovascular Clinical Trials – What We Need <i>Suresh Vedantham, MD</i>
4:35 PM - 4:45 PM	AVF Discussion <i>Moderators: Mikel Sadek, MD; Alejandro J. Gonzalez Ochoa, MD</i>
4:45 PM - 4:55 PM	SVM Speaker: Does the Patient with Venous Thrombosis and Arterial Disease Require Anticoagulation, Antiplatelet Therapy, or Both? <i>Marc Bonaca, MD, MPH</i>
4:55 PM - 5:05 PM	SVM Speaker: Treatment of Provoked Venous Thromboembolism <i>Gaurav Parmar, MD, MPH</i>
5:05 PM - 5:15 PM	AVF Discussion <i>Moderators: Mikel Sadek, MD; Alejandro J. Gonzalez Ochoa, MD</i>
3:45 PM - 5:15 PM	APP SESSION 6 Windows THE EDEMA ENIGMA: DIAGNOSING AND TREATING CHRONIC LEG SWELLING <i>Moderators: Sarah Rosenberger, CRNP; Satish Vayuvegula</i>
3:45 PM - 4:00 PM	Using the Updated CEAP Criteria to Describe Leg Swelling <i>Christina M. Guarin, MSN</i>
4:00 PM - 4:15 PM	Causes of Secondary Lymphedema or Management of Mixed Arterial and Venous Disease <i>Charlene Persaud, RPA-C</i>



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SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026 (continued)	
4:15 PM - 4:30 PM	Treatment Options for Phlebolympheidema and Venous Hypertension <i>Julie Bitner, PA-C</i>
4:30 PM - 4:45 PM	Advanced Treatment Options for Lymphedema <i>Kristan Probeck, ANP-C</i>
4:45 PM - 5:15 PM	Lipedema: Diagnosis, Conservative Treatment Optimization, and Advanced Options <i>Nadiv Shapira, MD</i>
5:45 PM - 7:15 PM	CASE COMPETITION & HAPPY HOUR <i>Grand Ballroom 1</i> <i>Moderators: Leigh Ann O'Banion, MD; JC Jimenez, MD, MBA</i>
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM	Happy Hour Reception & Welcome
6:00 PM - 6:05 PM	From Chyle to Cure: Microsurgical Thoracic Duct – Jugular Reconstruction for Refractory Chylothorax <i>Yushi Suzuki, MD, PhD</i>
6:05 PM - 6:10 PM	Paraplegia After Ilio-Caval Thrombolysis: Lessons Learned from a Rare but Devastating Complication <i>Sergio Sastriques Dunlop, MD</i>
6:10 PM - 6:15 PM	Extraction of Fractured IVC Filter Strut from Pulmonary Artery Using Inari Flow Trierer System <i>Kareem Siada, MS</i>
6:15 PM - 6:20 PM	Staged in Flow Optimization Followed by Palma-Dale Cross-over Bypass for Unilateral Post-Thrombotic Central Venous Obstruction After Failed Stenting <i>Keerthi Harish, MD</i>
6:25 PM - 6:30 PM	Glue Granuloma after Endovenous Cyanoacrylate Ablation <i>Gillian Lee, MD, MPH</i>
6:30 PM - 6:35 PM	Renal Autotransplantation as Definitive Treatment for Retroaortic Renal Vein-Associated Nutcracker Syndrome <i>Langford Green, BS</i>
6:35 PM - 6:40 PM	Caught at the Outlet: A Diagnostic Twist in a Swollen Arm <i>Tanzina Afroze, MD</i>
6:40 PM - 6:45 PM	No ProTrieve? Retrieval of Thrombosed IVC Filter with the CloTrierer as an Embolic Protection Device <i>Dexter Chan</i>
6:45 PM - 6:50 PM	Rescue of Acute Superior Vena Cava Syndrome Using Double-Barreled Venous Stents <i>Ankita Katukota, BS</i>
6:50 PM - 7:00 PM	Live Audience Voting
7:00 PM - 7:15 PM	Winners Announced & Happy Hour Reception <i>Grand Ballroom 1</i>

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026	
7:30 AM - 8:20 AM	Sponsored Breakfast Symposia <i>Sponsored by BD Grand Ballroom 1</i>
7:30 AM - 8:20 AM	Sponsored Breakfast Symposia <i>Windows</i> <i>Sponsored by Medtronic-Women Leading Venous Excellence</i> <i>(*Pre-registration required; limited seating.)</i>
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	LATE BREAKING TRIALS AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGY <i>Moderator: Steven Abramowitz, MD; Manj Gohel, MD</i>
8:30 AM - 8:38 AM	Translating Preclinical Evidence into Clinical Practice: The New Recana System for Venous In-Stent Restenosis <i>William A. Marston, MD</i>
8:38 AM - 8:45 AM	Novel Color Accuracy Score for Venous Leg Ulcers <i>Alisha Oropallo, MD FACS, FSVS, FABWMS</i>

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MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026 (continued)	
8:45 AM - 8:53 AM	Results of the GORE® VIABAHN® FORTEGRA Venous Stent Clinical Trial for the Treatment of Symptomatic Inferior Vena Cava Obstruction With or Without Combined Iliofemoral Obstruction <i>Stephen Black, MD, MBBCh</i>
8:53 AM - 9:00 AM	Novel Approaches to Access Collecting Lymphatic Vessels Beneath Dermal Backflow: Photoacoustic Imaging and Lymphatic Wire Techniques <i>Yushi Suzuki, MD, PhD</i>
9:00 AM - 9:07 AM	Advancing Vascular Intervention: The Liberant™ Thrombectomy System <i>Misaki Kiguchi, MD</i>
9:07 AM - 9:15 AM	Randomized Controlled, Single-Blind, Parallel-Group Trial of Ovarian and Pelvic Vein Embolization in Women with Chronic Pelvic Pain and Pelvic Varices (EMBOLIZE Trial) <i>Gloria Salazar, MD</i>
9:15 AM - 9:22 AM	Retrospective Review of 5318 Patients with Chronic Lower Extremity Wounds Treated with Intermittent Topical Oxygen Therapy <i>Joann Lohr, MD</i>
9:22 AM - 9:29 AM	Novel T-stent Solution: Emerging Study for Nutcracker Syndrome <i>Philippe H. Nicolini, MD</i>
9:29 AM - 9:37 AM	Study Design and Rationale of BOLT: A Prospective, Multicenter Study of Patients with Deep Vein Thrombosis to Evaluate the Safety and Efficacy of the Indigo Aspiration System <i>Patrick Muck, MD</i>
9:37 AM - 9:45 AM	Clearing the Way: A Prospective Multicenter Study of Mechanical Thrombectomy for Proximal DVT <i>Misaki Kiguchi, MD</i>
9:45 AM - 9:53 AM	DEFIANCE: A Randomized Controlled Trial of Mechanical Thrombectomy Versus Anticoagulation Alone for Iliofemoral Deep Vein Thrombosis <i>Stephen Black, MD, MBBCh</i>
9:53 AM - 10:00 AM	Novel Device for Percutaneous Selective Closure of Superficial Veins: First in Human Experience <i>Steve Elias, MD</i>
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Exhibit Hall Break <i>North/South Convention Lobby</i>
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Poster Presentations and Judging
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	VILLAVICENCIO SESSION <i>Moderators: Steve Elias, MD; Rashad A. Bishara, MD RPI MS FRCS</i>
10:30 AM - 10:35 AM	Does Junctional Reflux Impact the Effectiveness of Endovenous Ablation in Patients with Isolated Insufficiency of the Great Saphenous Vein <i>Chandu Vemuri, MD</i>
10:35 AM - 10:40 AM	Discussion <i>Paola Ortiz, MD</i>
10:40 AM - 10:45 AM	"Chasing Inflow:" When Does Deep Venous Recanalization Go Too Far? <i>Jose Almeida, MD</i>
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	Discussion Panel <i>Karem Harth, MD; Cees H.A Wittens, MD, PhD; Patrick Muck, MD</i>
11:00 AM - 11:05 AM	Comparison of Thermal and Non-Thermal Ablation for the Treatment of Venous Leg Ulcers <i>Nicholas Wells, MA</i>
11:05 AM - 11:10 AM	Discussion <i>William A. Marston, MD</i>
11:10 AM - 11:15 AM	Many Problems, Many Solutions: What to Treat and When <i>Stephen Black, MD, MBBCh</i>
11:15 AM - 11:30 AM	Discussion Panel <i>Mark D. Iafrazi, MD; Suat Doganci, MD; Manj Gohel, MD</i>
11:30 AM - 11:35 AM	High Intensity Focused Ultrasound (HIFU) for Venous Insufficiency: Final Results from the US Multicenter Trial <i>Steve Elias, MD</i>
11:35 AM - 11:40 AM	Discussion <i>Kathleen D. Gibson, MD</i>
11:40 AM - 11:45 AM	A Case That NEVER Went Right <i>Mark H. Meissner, MD</i>
11:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Discussion Panel <i>Misaki Kiguchi, MD; Robert R. Attaran, MD; Tomasz Urbanek, MD, PhD</i>



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12:15 PM - 1:15 PM	Sponsored Lunch Symposia Sponsored by Penumbra Grand Ballroom 1
12:15 PM - 1:15 PM	Sponsored Lunch Symposia Sponsored by Gore Windows
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	VENOUS CommUNITY COMMITTEE SESSION: OPPORTUNITIES IN VENOUS RESEARCH AND DELIVERY OF VENOUS CARE
1:30 PM - 1:31 PM	Introduction to Part I: Research vs Real World Populations <i>Karem Harth, MD</i>
1:31 PM - 1:41 PM	Panel Discussion Moderator: <i>Ulka Sachdev-Ost, MD</i> Panelists: <i>Dejah R. Judelson, MD; Jessica Bowie, MBChB, BSc; Peter J. Pappas, MD; Luis Suarez, MD; Gloria Salazar, MD</i>
1:41 PM - 1:44 PM	Open Discussion
1:44 PM - 1:45 PM	Introduction to Part II: Bridging the Rural and Urban Gap <i>Karem Harth, MD</i>
1:45 PM - 1:55 PM	Panel Discussion Moderator: <i>Misaki Kiguchi, MD</i> Panelists: <i>Anil P. Hingorani, MD; Joseph P. Hart, MD; Robert McLafferty, MD, MBA; Kathleen Ozsvath, MD; Vashisht Madabhushi, MD, MPH</i>
1:55 PM - 1:58 PM	Open Discussion
1:58 PM - 2:00 PM	Closing Remarks
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	SCIENTIFIC SESSION 3 LYMPHEDEMA Moderators: <i>Takaya Murayama, MD, PhD; Mark H. Meissner, MD; Anil P. Hingorani, MD</i>
2:00 PM - 2:08 PM	Outcomes for Phlebolymphegedema and Non-Venous Etiologies of Secondary Lower Extremity Lymphedema: A Longitudinal Evaluation of Health-Related Quality of Life and Clinical Results <i>Frank T. Padberg, Jr., MD</i>
2:08 PM - 2:16 PM	Treatment Outcomes of Lymphatico-Venous Anastomosis for Lower Extremity Lymphoedema with Prevention of Venous Reflux <i>Shinsuke Akita, MD, PhD</i>
2:16 PM - 2:24 PM	Modified Brorson Liposuction Method for Upper and Lower Limb Lymphedema: A Structured Treatment Algorithm <i>Marek A. Paul, MD, PhD, Associate Professor</i>
2:24 PM - 2:32 PM	Observation of Bidirectional Lymph Flow Dynamics at the Dermal Backflow Areas in Lymphedema Using Contrast-Enhanced Ultrasound <i>Takahiro Hirayama, MD</i>
2:32 PM - 2:40 PM	Segmental Pathophysiology from Magnetic Resonance Lymphography as the Basis for Lymphaticovenular Anastomosis Indication and Targeting <i>Fumio Onishi, MD, PhD</i>
2:40 PM - 2:50 PM	Photoacoustic Imaging for Lymphedema Surgery <i>Yushi Suzuki, MD, PhD</i>
2:50 PM - 3:00 PM	Is Lymphoscintigraphy Required to Make the Diagnosis of Lymphedema? <i>Peter Gloviczki, MD, PhD</i>
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Exhibit Hall Break <i>North/South Convention Lobby</i>
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Poster Presentations and Judging
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	SUMNER SESSION
3:35 PM - 3:40 PM	AVF Research Updates: Jury 2 <i>BK Lal</i>
3:40 PM - 3:45 PM	AVF Research Updates: Jury 3 plan <i>Glenn Jacobowitz, MD</i>
3:45 PM - 3:50 PM	AVF Research Updates: Antithrombotic Use Survey <i>Eri Fukaya, MD, PhD</i>

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3:50 PM - 3:55 PM	AVF Research Updates: AVF Support of clinical trials <i>BK Lal, MD</i>
3:55 PM - 4:00 PM	AVF Research Updates: Discussion panel <i>Moderators: Chandu Vemuri, MD; Eri Fukaya, MD, PhD</i>
4:00 PM - 4:08 PM	AVF Guidelines Updates: Venous Leg Ulcer <i>Alisha Oropallo, MD FACS, FSVS, FABWMS</i>
4:08 PM - 4:16 PM	AVF Guidelines Updates: Lymphedema <i>Thomas F. O'Donnell, MD</i>
4:16 PM - 4:22 PM	AVF Guidelines Updates: Upper Extremity DVT <i>Rafael Demarchi Malgor, MD, MBA</i>
4:22 PM - 4:30 PM	AVF Guidelines Updates: Discussion Panel <i>Moderators: Alisha Oropallo, MD FACS, FSVS, FABWMS; Ruth Bush, MD, JD, MPH</i>
4:30 PM - 5:15 PM	SCIENTIFIC SESSION 4 SUPERFICIAL II <i>Moderators: Ulka Sachdev-Ost, MD; Christine Shokrzadeh, MD; Kathleen D. Gibson, MD</i>
4:30 PM - 4:36 PM	QS Postoperative Outcomes of a Patient-Driven Strategy for Compression Stocking Use After Endovenous Thermal Ablation: A Prospective Observational Study <i>Kilsoo Yie, MD PhD</i>
4:36 PM - 4:42 PM	QS Effect of Concomitant Phlebectomy Extent on Outcomes in C2 Disease: A Propensity Score Matching Study <i>Arom Shin, MD</i>
4:42 PM - 4:48 PM	QS Percutaneous Laser Ablation of Tributary Varicose Veins Using a Radial 2-Ring Slim Fiber: A Minimally Invasive Alternative to Stab Avulsion from a Japanese Single-Center Experience <i>Junichi Utoh, MD, PhD</i>
4:48 PM - 4:54 PM	QS Living Network Meta-Analysis of Non-compounded Polidocanol 1% Endovenous Microfoam (Varithena™) Versus Endovenous Thermal Ablation <i>Lowell S. Kabnick, MD</i>
4:54 PM - 5:00 PM	QS Total Endovenous Laser Ablation With 1940-nm Laser Versus 1470-nm Laser: Superior Closure of Truncal Veins and Varicose Tributaries <i>Jan Szczepański, MD</i>
5:00 PM - 5:06 PM	QS Complications in Thermal Ablation Therapies with Diseased Iliac Veins <i>Olga Bakayev, MD</i>
5:06 PM - 5:15 PM	Algorithm for Diagnosis and Treatment of Labial Varicosities <i>Aleksandra Jaworucka-Kaczorowska, MD</i>
5:15 PM - 6:00 PM	DOCTOR'S LOUNGE: 28-YEAR-OLD FEMALE WITH VULVAR VARICOSITIES INCREASING IN SIZE AFTER 2 DELIVERIES <i>Moderator: Steve Elias, MD</i> <i>Panelists: Mark H. Meissner, MD; Gloria Salazar, MD; Julianne Stoughton, MD</i>
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	WELCOME RECEPTION <i>North/South Convention Lobby</i>

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026	
7:30 AM - 8:20 AM	Sponsored Breakfast Symposia <i>Sponsored by Inari/Stryker Grand Ballroom 1</i>
7:30 AM - 8:20 AM	Sponsored Breakfast Symposia <i>Sponsored by Convatec Windows</i>
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	SCIENTIFIC SESSION 5 PULMONARY EMBOLISM <i>Moderators: Gloria Salazar, MD; Rabih Chaer, MD, MSc</i>
8:30 AM - 8:38 AM	Conditional Survival Probability of Submassive Pulmonary Embolism: Catheter-Directed Therapy vs Anticoagulant <i>Hind Anan, MD</i>



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8:38 AM - 8:46 AM	Thrombectomy Reduces Pulmonary Embolism Mortality but Unequal Access and Outcomes Persist by Race and Income <i>Brett D. Cohen, DO</i>
8:46 AM - 8:54 AM	Technological Improvements in Aspiration Thrombectomy Decreases Hemorrhage and Saves Lives in PE Patients <i>Joshua Meredith, MD</i>
8:54 AM - 9:00 AM	Discussion
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	PULMONARY EMBOLISM SESSION <i>Moderators: Gloria Salazar, MD; Rabih Chaer, MD, MSc</i>
9:00 AM - 9:08 AM	The Evidence for PE Intervention: Is There a Mortality Benefit and Does it Matter? <i>Victor Tapson, MD</i>
9:08 AM - 9:16 AM	Risk Stratification in Acute PE: How to Determine Who Will Benefit from Intervention and How to Treat Them in Time <i>Patrick Muck, MD</i>
9:16 AM - 9:24 AM	PE Interventions. How I Do It. <i>Steven Abramowitz, MD</i>
9:24 AM - 9:32 AM	What is on the Horizon for PE Management? <i>Suresh Vedantham, MD</i>
9:32 AM - 9:40 AM	How to Start a Pulmonary Embolism Response Teams <i>Natalie D. Sridharan, MD</i>
9:40 AM - 10:00 AM	Panel Discussion
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Exhibit Hall Break <i>North/South Convention Lobby</i>
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Poster Presentations and Judging
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	STRANDNESS KEYNOTE: FRONTIERS IN VENOUS LEG ULCER RESEARCH <i>Sarah Onida, BSc (Hons), MD, PhD, FRCS</i>
11:00 AM - 12:10 PM	PRESIDENT'S SESSION: OUR PATH FORWARD
11:00 AM - 11:05 AM	JVSVD Update <i>Ruth Bush, MD, JD, MPH</i>
11:05 AM - 11:10 AM	AVF Development and VCC <i>Ruth Bush, MD, JD, MPH; Kathleen Ozsvath, MD</i>
11:10 AM - 11:15 AM	Around the Venous World & International Committee <i>Rashad A. Bishara, MD RPVI MS FRCS</i>
11:15 AM - 11:20 AM	SVS Update and President Elect <i>Linda Harris, MD</i>
11:20 AM - 11:25 AM	AVLS President <i>Satish Vayuvegula</i>
11:25 AM - 11:30 AM	Presidential Citations <i>Joseph Raffetto, MD</i>
11:30 AM - 11:40 AM	Founders Awards <i>Presenters: Joann Lohr, MD; Fedor Lurie, MD, PhD, RPVI, RVT, FSVS; Julianne Stoughton MD</i>
11:40 AM - 11:50 AM	Introduction of the President <i>Mark D. Iafrati, MD</i>
11:50 AM - 12:10 PM	Presidential Address <i>Joseph Raffetto, MD</i>
12:15 PM - 1:15 PM	Sponsored Lunch Symposia <i>Sponsored by Medtronic Grand Ballroom 1</i>
1:30 PM - 3:15 PM	SCIENTIFIC SESSION 6 DEEP VEIN/PELVIC <i>Moderators: Steven Abramowitz, MD; Stephen Black, MD, MBBCh; Misaki Kiguchi, MD</i>
1:30 PM - 1:38 PM	Optimizing Outcomes of the Venovase Valve in Patients with Chronic Venous Disease and Deep Venous Reflux: 2 Years Follow Up <i>Mikayla Lowenkamp, MD</i>
1:38 PM - 1:46 PM	Propensity Score Matched Comparison of 2-Year Outcomes in Isolated Femoropopliteal Deep Vein Thrombosis Treated with Mechanical Thrombectomy or Anticoagulation <i>Steven Abramowitz, MD</i>
1:46 PM - 1:54 PM	Perfusion Index as a Simple and Objective Method to Follow-up Patients after Deep Venous Stenting <i>Alperen K. YILDIRIM, MD</i>

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1:54 PM - 2:02 PM	Nitinol Venous Stents Do Not Improve Iliac Vein Stenting Accuracy in Comparison to Elgiloy Stents <i>Anusha Jacob, DO</i>
2:02 PM - 2:10 PM	Long-Term Clinical Effectiveness of Endovenous Interventions for Pelvic Venous Disorders <i>Peter J. Pappas, MD</i>
2:10 PM - 2:18 PM	An Interesting & Different Perspective of May Thurner Syndrome <i>Viren Sehgal, BS</i>
2:18 PM - 2:26 PM	Debulking Inflow and Outflow Obstructions: Multicenter Analysis with Mechanical Thrombectomy Toolkit <i>Steven Abramowitz, MD</i>
2:26 PM - 2:32 PM	QS The Symptoms-Varices-Pathophysiology (SVP) Classification of Left Renal Vein Compression Disorders: A Proposed Framework for Nutcracker Syndrome <i>Khanjan H. Nagarsheth, MD, MBA</i>
2:32 PM - 2:40 PM	Tracking Endothelial Coverage of Deep Vein Stents Over Time Using Electron Microscopy <i>Trevin Eggleston, BA</i>
2:40 PM - 2:48 PM	Developmental Insights into Left Common Iliac Vein Compression: A Comparative Cadaveric Study in Fetuses and Adult <i>Miguel A. Amore, MD</i>
2:48 PM - 2:56 PM	Novel In Vivo Re-Thrombosis Model for the Testing of Venoplasty Balloons <i>Oscar Moreno, MD</i>
2:56 PM - 3:06 PM	Prognostic Value of a Classification System for Iliofemoral Stenting in Patients with Chronic Venous Obstruction <i>Houman Jalaie, MD</i>
3:06 PM - 3:15 PM	Mechanisms of Venous Stent Failure <i>Manj Gohel, MD</i>
3:15 PM - 4:15 PM	INTERNATIONAL SESSION <i>Moderators: Rashad A. Bishara, MD RPVI MS FRCS; Steve Elias, MD</i>
3:15 PM - 3:25 PM	KEYNOTE LECTURE: NEXT GENERATION STENTS <i>Cees H.A Wittens, MD, PhD</i>
3:25 PM - 3:30 PM	Debate & Discussion: Perforators in C5 & C6 Patients - IP Should Be Targeted & Ablated by Thermal or Glue <i>Alvaro Orrego, MD, FACS</i>
3:30 PM - 3:35 PM	Debate & Discussion: Perforators in C5 & C6 Patients - IP Could Be Closed a Side Product of UGFS Around the Ulcer <i>Paola Ortiz, MD</i>
3:35 PM - 3:40 PM	Debate & Discussion: Perforators in C5 & C6 Patients - IP Could Be Ignored, Until Deep Venous Obstruction & Superficial Venous Reflux Have Been Treated <i>Lowell S. Kabnick, MD</i>
3:40 PM - 3:45 PM	Discussion
3:45 PM - 3:52 PM	Staged or Simultaneous Varicose Vein Treatment After Saphenous Vein Ablation <i>Tomasz Urbanek, MD, PhD</i>
3:52 PM - 3:59 PM	Pigmentation After Foam or Cryo-laser Cryo-sclerotherapy for Lower Limb Reticular Veins: A Within-Patient Trial <i>Anelise Rodrigues, MD</i>
3:59 PM - 4:06 PM	Conservative Treatments Effectiveness on Chronic Venous Disease Symptoms and Quality of Life in Patients with Obesity: Results from the Vein Step Observational Study <i>Alejandro J. Gonzalez Ochoa, MD</i>
4:06 PM - 4:13 PM	Efficacy of Direct Radiofrequency Ablation System for Varicose Veins and Branch Varicosities <i>Takaya Murayama, MD, PhD</i>
4:13 PM - 4:15 PM	Discussion and Closing Remarks
4:15 PM - 4:45 PM	Break <i>Grand Ballroom Foyer</i>



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4:15 PM - 4:45 PM	Poster Presentations and Judging
4:45 PM - 5:45 PM	SCIENTIFIC SESSION 7 DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING <i>Moderators: Cassius Iyad Ochoa Chaar, MD, MPH, MS; Eric Hager, MD; Alvaro Orrego, MD, FACS</i>
4:45 PM - 4:53 PM	From Symptom Duration to Histologic Validation: Refining MRI Relaxation Time Biomarkers for Thrombus Chronicity in Deep Vein Thrombosis <i>Eniko Pomozi, MD</i>
4:53 PM - 5:01 PM	Femoral Vein Pulsatility Signals Right Sided Cardiovascular Pathology: Implications for Echocardiographic Screening <i>Mouhammad Halabi, MD</i>
5:01 PM - 5:09 PM	Duplex Ultrasound versus Intravascular Ultrasound for Left Renal Vein Compression: A Comparative Analysis <i>Khanjan H. Nagarsheth, MD, MBA</i>
5:09 PM - 5:15 PM	QS Integrating Natural Language Processing and Computer Vision for Automated Venous Duplex Severity Scoring <i>Joseph D. Cutteridge, BM BCh</i>
5:15 PM - 5:21 PM	QS Outcomes and Economic Impact of Ultrasound Evaluation to Rule Out Deep Vein Thrombosis in a Multi-hospital Health System <i>Mateo Coppola, BS</i>
5:21 PM - 5:29 PM	The Use of Thermal Imaging as a Diagnostic Tool in Superficial Venous Disease – Early Results <i>Marwah Salih, MBBS MSc</i>
5:29 PM - 5:35 PM	QS A Novel Venous Leg Ulcer Fluid Analysis Method for Rapid Metabolic Profiling <i>Matthew Tan, MBBS BSc(Hons) PhD MRCS FHEA</i>
5:35 PM - 5:45 PM	FORS Technology in Venous Disease <i>Stephen Black, MD, MBBCh</i>
5:45 PM - 6:30 PM	DOCTOR'S LOUNGE: 56-YEAR-OLD SMOKER WITH DIABETES AND MEDIAL MALLEOLAR NON-HEALING ULCER FOR 3 MONTHS - NO PALPABLE PULSES ON EXAM <i>Moderator: William A. Marston, MD</i> <i>Panelists: Nasim Hedayati, MD, MAS, DFSVS, FACS; Manj Gohel, MD; Matthew Menard, MD</i>
7:00 PM - 10:30 PM	APRÈS AVF CELEBRATION <i>Grand Ballroom 1</i>

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026	
7:30 AM - 8:15 AM	Member Business Meeting
8:15 AM - 9:15 AM	Sponsored Breakfast Symposium <i>Sponsored by Urgo Grand Ballroom 1</i>
9:15 AM - 10:45 AM	SCIENTIFIC SESSION 8 VTE/IVC <i>Moderators: Arjun Jayaraj, MD; Julianne Stoughton, MD; Paola Ortiz, MD</i>
9:15 AM - 9:23 AM	Artificial Intelligence Improves Bleeding Risk Prediction in Hospitalized Patients Being Considered for VTE Pharmacoprophylaxis <i>Brajesh K. Lal, MD</i>
9:23 AM - 9:31 AM	Signalling Pathway Predictors of Fibrosis from a Transcriptomic Analysis of Murine Venous Thrombosis <i>Benedict Turner, MBChB, BSc, FHEA, MRCS</i>
9:31 AM - 9:39 AM	Systemic Dexamethasone Ameliorates Venous Fibrosis in a Murine Venous Thrombosis Model <i>Benedict Turner, MBChB BSc FHEA MRCS</i>

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9:39 AM - 9:47 AM	Trends in Inferior Vena Cava Filter Placement and Retrieval in the Vascular Quality Initiative Inferior Vena Cava Filter Registry <i>Jonathan R. Krebs, MD</i>
9:47 AM - 9:55 AM	Breaking the Blockage: Advancing Treatment Strategies for Upper Extremity Deep Vein Thrombosis <i>Suchit Chidurala, BSA</i>
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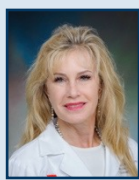
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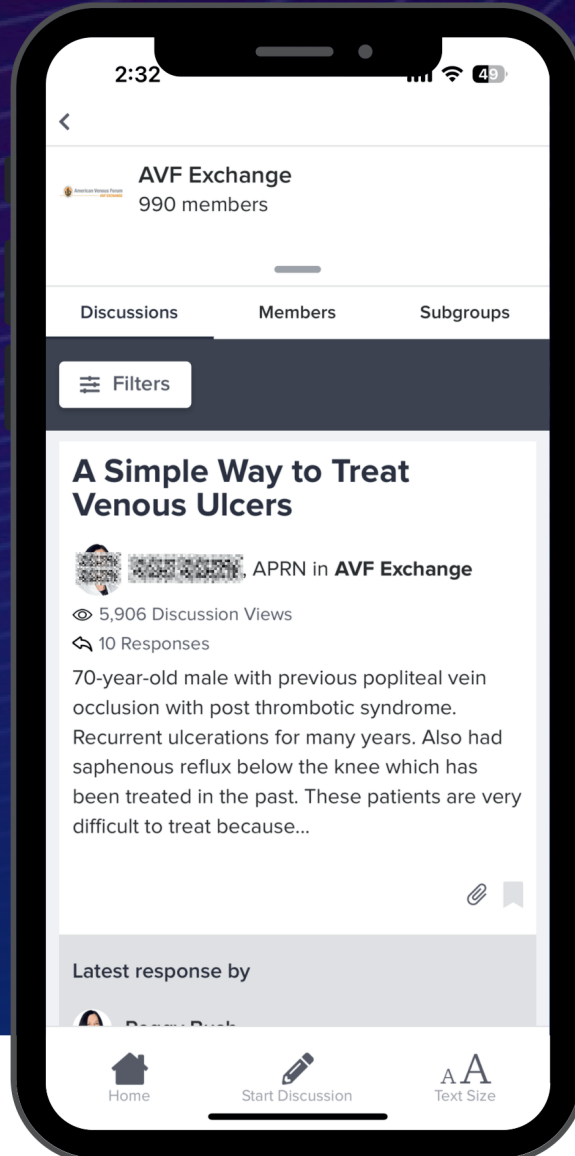
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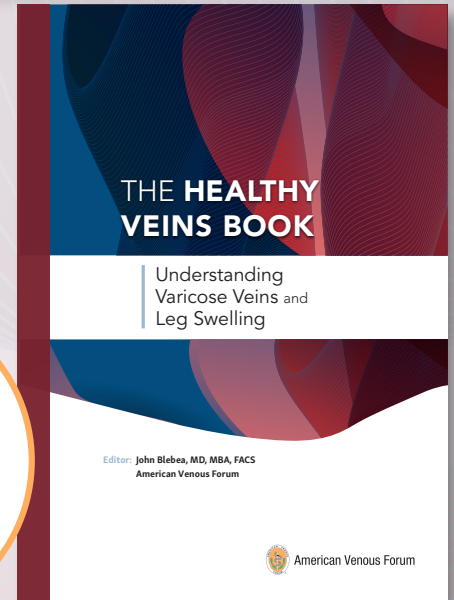
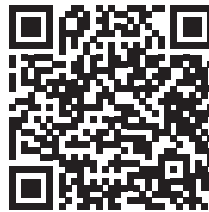
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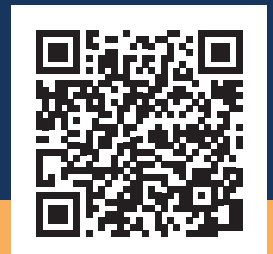
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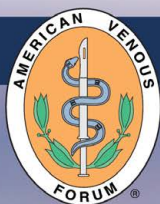


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