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07:00 - 07:50	Networking Breakfast and Registration
07:50 - 08:00	Welcome Remarks - Dr. Tim Brandys and Dr. Michael Yacob
08:00 - 09:00	Plenary 1: Aortoiliac Reconstruction Moderated by: Dr. Prasad Jetty
At the end of this session, participants will be able to: Evaluate advanced endovascular, intravascular lithotripsy (shockwave therapy), and hybrid reconstruction strategies and Select the optimal treatment plan for complex and hostile aortoiliac occlusive disease.	
"HOW I DO IT" - My Approach to Advanced Endovascular Reconstruction of Aortoiliac Occlusive Disease - Dr. Nicolas Louis 🇫🇷	
Cracking the Case: Shockwave Therapy for Hostile Aortoiliac Occlusive Disease - Dr. Karan Garg 🇺🇸	
The Durability Divide: Can Hybrid Reconstruction Outperform the Open Gold Standard? - Dr. Luc Dubois 🇨🇦	
09:00 - 10:00	**Plenary 2: Femoropopliteal Disease Moderated by: Dr. Patrick McVeigh**
At the end of this session, participants will be able to: Analyze plaque morphology and severe calcification patterns in femoropopliteal lesions and Apply tailored atherectomy, vessel preparation, and recanalization techniques for complex revascularization.	
Sartorial SFA Interventions: Tailoring Atherectomy and Lesion Preparation to Specific Plaque Morphologies - Dr. Brian DeRubertis 🇺🇸	
Beyond the Wire: How I Manage Tough Fem-Pop Recanalizations - Dr. John Harlock 🇨🇦	
Going Open vs. Going In: Anatomical Crossroads in the Femoropopliteal Segment - Dr. Jason Bayne 🇨🇦	
10:00 - 10:15	AM Refreshment Break and Networking with Exhibitors
10:15 - 11:15	**Plenary 3: Below-the-Knee Interventions Moderated by: Dr. Derek Roberts**
At the end of this session, participants will be able to: Demonstrate advanced endovascular recanalization strategies and pedal arch access/navigation techniques to restore perfusion in severe below-the-knee arterial disease.	
"HOW I DO IT" - My Approach to endovascular recannalization of below knee occlusive disease - Dr. Marco Manzi 🇮🇹	
No Angiosome? No Problem: Embracing the Woundosome Concept for Extreme Limb Preservation - Dr. George Koullias 🇺🇸	
Beyond the Metal: Clinical Insights and Takeaways from the Esprit BTK Trial - Dr. Brian DeRubertis 🇺🇸	
11:15 - 12:00	Case Discussions I - Presented by Dr. Andrew Benko 🇨🇦 Moderated by Michael Yacob

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12:00 - 13:00	Lunch and Networking with Exhibitors
13:00 - 14:00	**Plenary 4: Imaging and advancements Moderated by: Dr. Thomas Lindsay**
At the end of this session, participants will be able to: Integrate advanced imaging modalities - including image fusion and pedal acceleration time (PAT) - into clinical practice to optimize peripheral artery disease diagnostic and procedural outcomes.	
Beyond Aneurysms: Expanding the Fusion Horizon in PAD - Dr. Nicolas Louis 🇫🇷	
The Signal in the Noise: Clinical Applications of Pedal Acceleration Time - Leni Karr, MRT 🇺🇸	
IVUS to the Rescue - utilities in the world of PVD - Dr. Adnan Hadziomerovic 🇨🇦	
14:00 - 15:00	**Plenary 5: Limb Salvage and Infection Moderated by: Dr. Tim Brandys**
At the end of this session, participants will be able to: Differentiate non-atherosclerotic and atypical leg ulcers from standard vascular wounds to formulate comprehensive limb salvage and infection management protocols.	
The Single-Peroneal Challenge: Limb Salvage in High-Risk Pedal Ulcers - Dr. George Koullias 🇺🇸	
The Imposter Syndrome of Wounds: Unmasking Non-Atherosclerotic and Atypical Leg Ulcers - Dr. Steven Dean 🇺🇸	
Graft Infection at the Extremes: Lessons Learned from a High-Complexity Case - Dr. Greg Browne 🇨🇦	
15:00 - 15:15	PM Refreshment Break and Networking with Exhibitors
15:15 - 16:15	**Plenary 6: Vascular Future Insights Moderated by: Dr. Samuel Jessula**
At the end of this session, participants will be able to: Apply current vascular risk-optimization guidelines and modern technological techniques aimed at minimizing amputation rates and improving long-term limb outcomes	
Optimizing Vascular Risk: Current Guidelines and Future Directions - Dr. Steven Dean 🇺🇸	
Zero Amputation: How Technology and Technique are Changing the Game - Dr. Marco Manzi 🇮🇹	
Silicon & Scalpels: The State of the Union on AI in Vascular Care - Dr. Michael Yacob 🇨🇦	
16:15 - 16:30	**Case Discussions II - Presented by Dr. Derek Roberts 🇨🇦 Moderated by: Dr. Michael Yacob My Experience with CERAB and CERIB**
18:00 - 22:00	Networking Reception and Dinner - National Arts Centre (Separate ticket required)



Vascular Surgeon
Hôpital Privé Les Franscicaines

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Dr. Nicolas Louis

Biography

Chirurgien vasculaire au sein du département de chirurgie cardio-vasculaire de l'hôpital privé les Franciscaines à Nîmes en France.
J'ai fait toute ma formation médicales et chirurgicale sur Paris et été chef des hôpitaux de Paris, dans le service de chirurgie vasculaire du professeur Becquemin à l'hôpital Henri du Mondor Université Paris XII de 2006 à 2010. J'ai un intérêt particulier aux techniques endovasculaire avancé et à l'imagerie avancée avec de nombreuses publications internationales.
Je suis impliqué dans de nombreuses études multi-centriques, allant de la carotide aux endoprothèses fenêtres. Je m'implique dans l'enseignement universitaire et contribue activement à l'évolution des techniques endovasculaires modernes grâce au développement de l'imagerie associé aux innovations actuelles.

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- Received payment from an organization (including gifts or other consideration, or in-kind compensation): Dr N Louis declares speaker fees, honoraria, consultancy, advisory board fees, investigator status and committee membership from the healthcare industry: Asahi Intecc, Boston Scientific, GE Healthcare, iVascular, Medtronic, Teleflex.

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Associate Professor
Nyu Langone Health

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Dr. Karan Garg

Biography

Associate Professor
NYU Langone Health

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LHSC

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Dr. Luc Dubois

Biography

Dr. Luc Dubois joined the Division of Vascular Surgery in October 2013 and was promoted to Associate Professor in July 2020. Dr. Dubois received his MD from the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University in 2005, followed by a General Surgery residency and a Vascular Surgery fellowship also at Western. While at Western, he received a Master of Clinical Epidemiology and was part of the Clinical Investigators Program. He also completed an endovascular fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic. Having received many research awards during his residency, Dr. Dubois' research focus is on developing novel, patient-directed, outcome measures. He is also interested in studying patient expectations surrounding surgical therapy, and patient-based decision making. Dr. Dubois was appointed as Chair/Head of the Divison of Vascular Surgery in January of 2026.

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Vascular Surgery
Mcmaster University

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Dr. John Harlock

Biography

Dr. Harlock is an Associate Professor and Vascular Surgeon at McMaser University and Hamilton Health Sciences. He practices the whole spectrum of vascular surgery including advanced peripheral endovascular procedures.

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Chief Division Vascular Surgery
Jewish General Hospital

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Dr. Jason Bayne

Biography

Dr. Jason Bayne is Chief of the Division of Vascular Surgery at the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal, Quebec and an Associate Professor of Surgery at McGill University. He completed his medical degree at the University of Manitoba and his general surgery residency at the University of Calgary before practising in Edmonton, Alberta, from 2010 to 2016. His clinical and academic interests include complex aortic disease, endovascular surgery and limb salvage. He has a particular interest in medical education and surgical training, having served as Vascular Surgery Residency Program Director at McGill for six years. He is currently Chair of the Education Committee of the Canadian Society for Vascular Surgery and is a recipient of the McGill Faculty of Medicine's Teaching Excellence Award for his contributions to undergraduate medical education.

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Chief Division Vascular Surgery
Jewish General Hospital

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Dr. Brian DeRubertis

Biography

Brian G. DeRubertis, MD, FACS, is the Leon C. Hirsch Professor and Chief of the Division of Vascular & Endovascular Surgery at NYP-Weill Cornell Medicine and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. DeRubertis was a UCLA undergraduate, then earned his medical degree, residency, and fellowship training at Weill Cornell Medical College and Columbia University training programs. He returned to UCLA School of Medicine for 14 years, earning the rank of Professor of Surgery before returning to New York to rejoin Cornell's Department of Surgery.

Dr. DeRubertis has served as National Principal Investigator in the LIFE-BTK, LIFE-BTK Post-Approval Study, Magical BTK and REALITY trials. He has published more than 70 articles in peer-reviewed journals including New England Journal of Medicine, Journal of Vascular Surgery, Surgery, Annals of Vascular Surgery, Cancer Gene Therapy and others. He has presented at regional, national and international academic conferences, including the SVS, NEVS, WVS, VERVE, VEITH, TCT, LINC, and VIVA, delivering over 350 presentations at these conferences.

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- Currently participating, or have participated, in a clinical trial within the past two years: Yes, multiple
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Director
Policlinico Abano Terme

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Dr. Marco Giuseppe Manzi

Biography

Interventional Radiologist involved in CLTI DF patients endovascular treatment since 2000.
Member of CIRSE
Honorary Member of APSCVIR

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System Chief: Limb Preservation
Catholic Health

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Dr. George Koullias

Biography

With over two years as Chief of the Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery and System Director of Limb Preservation at Catholic Health, the focus is on addressing complex vascular conditions with precision and dedication. Bringing extensive experience in advanced extremity wound care, integrated limb preservation, and endovascular procedures, efforts prioritize innovative strategies for amputation prevention and improved patient outcomes.

Catholic Health benefits from a collaborative approach to vascular care, fostering partnerships across multidisciplinary teams, including podiatry and other specialties. By advancing progressive solutions in limb preservation and wound healing, the mission remains rooted in improving the lives of patients through cutting-edge techniques and comprehensive care.

Conflict of Interest

Not yet declared.



Assistant Professor
The Ottawa Hospital

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Dr. Adnan Hadziomerovic

Biography

Dr. Adnan Hadziomerovic is the head of Interventional Radiology at the Ottawa Hospital and an Assistant Professor at the University of Ottawa. He completed his medical degree at the University of Ottawa in 1993 and the Radiology Residency at the University of Ottawa in 1998. Following a one-year fellowship in Interventional Radiology at the University of Toronto (Sunnybrook Health Sciences Center) he joined the Radiology group at the Ottawa Hospital. His interests and areas of expertise include dialysis access, peripheral arterial disease, advanced endovascular repair of aortic aneurysms and treatment of endoleaks. He has presented at national and international meetings, has published several articles in peer reviewed journals and contributed to four book chapters.
Adnan is a family man who enjoys travelling especially with his wife and three daughters, skiing, wake-surfing and road biking.

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Founder
Leading Edge Insight, Inc

Ms. Leni Karr

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Biography

Leni is a certified professional coach through the ICF accredited program at the Institute for Professional Excellence in Coaching (iPEC). She holds master's level certifications in COR.E. Leadership and Performance Dynamics, COR.E. Diversity Coaching, and Energy Leadership Index (ELI) Assessments. She holds a certification in Interpersonal Neurobiology from the Mindsight Institute and is a certified Core Centering Practitioner through the Somatic Coaching Academy. She is a graduate of Stanford University where she played for the women's soccer team while she earned her bachelor's in Human Biology and subsequently spent over 20 years in healthcare as a vascular & neurovascular ultrasound specialist, consultant to medical device companies, associate professor and Advisory Board member for Diagnostic Imaging at Bellevue College and served on the Board of Directors for the Society for Vascular Ultrasound and for which she was recently awarded the distinction of Fellow (FSVU). She is known for her engaging public speaking, advocacy for DEI and passion for philanthropic work in healthcare. Leni attributes her mental agility and resilience to her years as an athlete and outdoor adventurer that includes ultramarathons, skiing, and climbing. Her proudest accomplishment is being a stumbling-toward-wise parent of two fantastic kids who are her greatest teachers. She has a weakness for dogs, loves music and writing, is known to geek out about research, and someday hopes to be able to say she can play guitar.

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- Hold investments in a pharmaceutical organization, medical device company, or communications firm, or not-for-profit organization: Investor (Moonrise Medical, a non-commercial medical device company)
- Member of an advisory board or speakers' bureau: Advisory Board Member - Northwest Vascular Technologists (2025 to present); Board of Directors - Society for Vascular Ultrasound (2020-2022); Bellevue College Diagnostic Imaging Advisory Board (2017-2022)
- Received/will receive a grant or an honorarium from a for-profit or not-for-profit organization: Faculty/Speaker Honorarium - Hoag Vascular Symposium, November, 2025

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Dr. Greg Browne

Biography

Dr. Browne is a vascular surgeon practicing in St. John's, NL

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Clinical Professor Of Medicine
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical

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Dr. Steven Dean

Biography

Steven M. Dean, DO, MSVM, RPVI, is a Clinical Professor of Medicine at The Ohio State University Medical Center. His postgraduate training included a residency in internal medicine and fellowship in vascular medicine at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. Dr. Dean has published many articles and book chapters on topics related to vascular medicine and is a frequent lecturer at national meetings on vascular related diseases. Dr. Dean is an examination writer for the American Board of Venous and Lymphatic Medicine and is on the Fat Disorders Research Study [FDRS] Medical Advisory Board.

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Vascular Surgeon
The Ottawa Hospital

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Dr. Michael Yacob

Biography

Dr. Michael Yacob is an Ottawa-based vascular surgeon and Assistant Professor of Surgery at the University of Ottawa and The Ottawa Hospital. As Medical Director of the Limb Preservation Clinic and Chair of Vascular Surgery at the Ontario Medical Association, he clinical focus centers on peripheral arterial disease, and venous disorders. He balances an active surgical practice with clinical research and leadership in surgical education and fellowship training.

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Vascular Surgeon
The Ottawa Hospital

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Dr. Derek Roberts

Biography

Dr. Roberts is a vascular and endovascular surgeon and Assistant Professor of Surgery and Epidemiology and Public Health at the University of Ottawa. He completed a BSc (Pharmacy) in 2005 and an MD in 2009 at Dalhousie University, a residency in general surgery at the University of Calgary in 2018, and a fellowship in vascular and endovascular surgery at the University of Ottawa in 2020. He also completed a PhD in epidemiology, a Clinician Investigator and Surgeon Scientist Program residency, and a Knowledge Translation (KT) Canada Strategic Training in Health Research (STIHR) Graduate Training Program at the University of Calgary in 2015. Dr. Roberts currently practices as a vascular and endovascular surgeon at the University of Ottawa and supervises graduate students in the School of Epidemiology and Public Health.

Conflict of Interest

Not yet declared.



Associate Professor
Université de Sherbrooke

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Dr. Andrew Benko

Biography

Dr. Andrew Benko is an interventional radiologist and Associate Professor in the Department of Diagnostic Radiology at the Université de Sherbrooke. Since 2003, he has served as Chief of Angiography and Endovascular Therapy at CHU de Sherbrooke (Hôpital Fleurimont).

Conflict of Interest

Not yet declared.