

2025 VASSA | Interactive Vascular Course

11-13 July 2025 — The Wanderers Club, Ilovo, Johannesburg, South Africa

PROGRAMME

PROGRAMME DRAFT AS AT 03.06.2025

DAY 1 - Friday, 11 July 2025 VENUE: Ballroom (Ground Floor)			
08:30 - 08:40	Welcome by Dr Pradeep Mistry		
SESSION 1: Scientific Research CHAIRPERSONS: Prof Martin Veller / Prof Nicos Labropoulos			
08:40 - 09:00	Developing a Good Research Question Prof Deidre Kruger (Pre-recorded Presentation)		
09:00 - 09:25	Understanding Statistics for Clinical Medicine – Avoiding Common Pitfalls in Statistics Dr Petra Gaylard		
09:25 - 09:35	Incorporating Misinterpretation of P Values in Clinical Medicine Prof Nicos Labropoulos		
09:35 - 10:05	DISCUSSION Vascular Papers - Reading, Writing, Appraisal of a Scientific Paper - Dr Ismail Cassimjee, Prof Martin Veller, Prof Nicos Labpropoulos, Prof Jay Pillai, Prof Athanasios Giannoukas		
10:05 - 10:50	Formulating a Research Topic - Prof Martin Veller / Prof Nicos Labropoulos	TEA / COFFEE BREAK VENUE: Foyer Area	
SESSION 2: Radiation, Contrast, Imaging CHAIRPERSON: Prof Jay Pillai			
10:50 - 11:00	Radiation Protective Strategies Fellow: Dr Shaheev Parthab		
11:00 - 11:10	Safety Profile and Careful use of Contrast Mediums Fellow: Dr Anele Mthethwa		
11:10 - 11:30	Basic Concepts in Ultrasound Prof Nicos Labropoulos		
11:30 - 12:00	LIVE IMAGING INTRODUCTION Prof Nicos Labropoulos		
12:00 - 13:00	— Hands on Ultrasound Stations —		
13:00 - 13:45	LUNCH		
SESSION 3: Cerebrovascular Disease CHAIRPERSON: Dr Ismail Cassimjee			
13:45 - 14:00	Pros and Cons for Decision Making with Carotid Intervention? Dr Ismail Cassimjee		
14:00 - 14:10	Clinical Case - How to Avoid Pitfalls During CEA Dr Pradeep Mistry		
14:10 - 14:20	Management of Asymptomatic Carotid Stenosis Prof Martin Veller		
14:20 - 14:30	The Current State of Carotid Stenting Prof Athanasios Giannoukas		
14:30 - 15:00	LIVE IMAGING AND DISCUSSION Prof Nicos Labropoulos		
15:00 - 15:15	BREAK		
15:15 - 17:45	SESSION 4: WORKSHOPS CO-ORDINATORS: Dr Pradeep Mistry and Prof Nicos Labropoulos		
Station Bard Medical SA	Hands on Rotarex Workshop: - Dr Mbokeleng Sikhosana and Dr Ignacio Escotto Sanchez	Station Prime Surgical	EVAR Sizing and Planning with Endosize and Treo device deployment: - Dr Jakkie Odendaal and Prof Athanasios Giannoukas
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Station Boston Scientific	MODERN ENDOVASCULAR INTERVENTIONS Arterial: The synergy of atherectomy & DET MASTERING THROMBOEMBOLISM Venous: Effective clot management techniques - Prof Asha Malan, Dr Vasileios Saleptsis and Dr Muhammad Zafar Khan	Station Vertice	Itravascular Lithotripsy Shockwave: - Dr Athar Arain and Prof Bala Pillay
Station Marcus Medical	Fen-Tastic Simulator: - Dr James Tunncliffe	Station Babcock Healthcare	Thoracic Aorta and Arch focusing of preservation of the left Subclavian artery with The Gore TBE - Dr Martin Forlee
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Station Cardexes	The use of IVUS in aortic dissection The use of IVUS in Arterial ilio popliteal area - Dr Anthony Sander	Station Axim	ULTRASOUND Carotid: - Ms Greta Tunnincliffe and Prof Martin Veller
17:45 - 18:15	MCQ's		
18:30 - 22:00	DINNER Hosted by Investec VENUE: The Grillhouse Restaurant - Rosebank		

DAY 2 - Saturday, 12 July 2025 VENUE: Ballroom (Ground Floor)			
SESSION 5: Aorto-iliac Disease CHAIRPERSON: Dr Jakkie Odendaal			
08:00 - 08:10	Patient Selection and Planning of Intervention Prof Athanasios Giannoukas		
08:10 - 08:20	Clinical Case - CERAB Dr Ignacio Escotto Sanchez		
08:20 - 08:30	Clinical Case Fellow: Dr Jason Smuts - Moderator: Prof Bhekifa Dube		
08:30 - 08:45	Perioperative Evaluation and Risk Stratification for Major Non Cardiac Vascular Surgery Dr Ismail Cassimjee		
08:45 - 08:55	Clinical Cases Shockwave - Supported by Vertice Dr Pradeep Mistry		
08:55 - 09:25	LIVE IMAGING AND DISCUSSION Prof Nicos Labropoulos		
09:25 - 09:40	TEA / COFFEE BREAK VENUE: Foyer Area		
SESSION 6: Chronic Venous Disease CHAIRPERSON: Dr Martin Forlee			
09:40 - 09:50	Patterns of Reflux and Treatment Plan Dr Dimitrios Kontothanassis		
09:50 - 10:00	Varicose Veins and Deep Vein Disease Dr Marcial Fallas		
10:00 - 10:07	Which Thermal Techniques to Use (When and Why?) Dr Dimitrios Kontothanassis		
10:07 - 10:14	Pelvic Reflux and Obstruction: Management Techniques Dr Ignacio Escotto Sanchez		
10:14 - 10:24	Clinical Case - Saphenous Reflux Dr Vasileios Saleptsis		
10:24 - 10:34	Management of Chronic Venous Obstruction Dr Marcial Fallas		
10:34 - 10:44	Clinical Case - Pelvic Vein Reflux Dr Ignacio Escotto Sanchez		
10:44 - 11:14	LIVE IMAGING AND DISCUSSION Prof Nicos Labropoulos		
SESSION 7: Thoracic Aorta CHAIRPERSON: Prof Asha Malan			
11:14 - 11:26	Update on Controversies on Thoracic Dissection Fellow: Dr Nazmie Kariem - Moderator / Comments: Dr James Tunnicliffe		
11:26 - 11:36	Clinical Case - Thaoracic Aneurysm Fellow: Dr Mohammed Yusuf Docrat - Moderator: Dr Siphumelele Ngema		
11:36 - 11:46	Clinical Case - Acute Dissection Fellow: Dr Matheus Masaku - Moderator: Dr Jakkie Odendaal		
11:46 - 11:56	Clinical Case - Chronic Type B Dissection Fellow: Dr Wikus Mulder - Moderator / Comments: Prof Asha Malan		
11:56 - 12:06	DISCUSSION		
12:06 - 13:06	— Hands on Ultrasound with Assessment —		LUNCH
SESSION 8: Abdominal Aorta CHAIRPERSON: Dr James Tunnicliffe			
13:06 - 13:16	EVAR / FEVAR Planning - Supported by Marcus Medical Prof Asha Malan		
13:16 - 13:26	EVAR/ FEVAR Case: Managing Type IA Endoleaks Prof Athanasios Giannoukas		
13:26 - 13:36	Aneurysms in People Living with HIV Fellow: Dr Serge Kapenda Tshisola		
13:36 - 13:46	Clinical Case - EVAR with Endoleak type II (When and How to Treat) Dr James Tunnicliffe		
13:46 - 13*56	The Role of Physician Modified Endografts Dr Ignacio Escotto Sanchez		
13:56 - 14:06	DEBATE - EVAR is the1st Choice Treatment for rAAA For the Motion - Fellow: Dr Sherwyn Morrison Against the Motion - Fellow: Dr Marguerite Barnard		
14:06 - 14:36	LIVE IMAGING AND DISCUSSION - EVAR / FEVAR Surveillance Prof Nicos Labropoulos		
14:36 - 14:56	Imagination and Innovation in Cardiovascular Medicine Prof Nicos Labropoulos		
14:56 - 15:11	TEA / COFFEE BREAK VENUE: Foyer Area		
15:11 - 17:41	SESSION 9: WORKSHOPS CO-ORDINATORS: Dr Pradeep Mistry and Prof Nicos Labropoulos		
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SESSION 10: Details to be confirmed CHAIRPERSON: Details to be confirmed			
17:41 - 18:01	Building Generational Wealth - Supported by Innovate Solutions Mr Matthew Lee		
18:01 - 18:31	MCQ's		
18:30 - 22:00	DINNER Hosted by Innovate Solutions VENUE: The Wanderers Club - Vista Room		

DAY 3 - Sunday, 13 July 2025 VENUE: Ballroom (Ground Floor)		
SESSION 11: Venous CHAIRPERSON: Prof Bhekifa Dube		
07:30 - 07:42	Pharmacomechanical Thrombolysis: Indications, Results and How to Avoid Complications Dr Marcial Fallas	
07:42 - 07:49	The Role of Compression for Patients with Venous Thrombosis Dr Vasileios Saleptsis	
07:49 - 07:59	The Evidence for Different Modalities for Management of PE - Supported by Boston Scientific Prof Asha Malan	
07:59 - 08:06	Understand DVT Management through Clinical Cases Dr Marcial Fallas	
08:06 - 08:16	Clinical Case - Iliofemoral DVT Fellow: Dr Wikus Mulder - Moderator: Prof Asha Malan	
08:16 - 08:26	Clinical Case - Superficial Vein Thrombosis Fellow: Dr Shaheev Parthab	
08:26 - 08:36	Management Strategies for Post Thrombotic Disease (when and how) Dr Martin Forlee	
08:36 - 09:06	LIVE IMAGING AND DISCUSSION Prof Nicos Labropoulos	
SESSION 12: Dialysis Access (Supported by DISA Life Sciences) CHAIRPERSON: Dr Dirk le Roux		
09:06 - 09:16	Challenges in Dialysis Access through Clinical Cases - Autogenous Access Aneurysms Fellow: Dr Hemal Gopee Moderator: Dr Taalib Monareng	
09:16 - 09:26	Challenges in Dialysis Access through Clinical Cases - Central Vein Occlusion Fellow: Dr Tsenolo Kgopane Moderator: Dr Siphumelele Ngema	
09:26 - 09:36	Challenges in Dialysis Access through Clinical Cases - Non Maturation of Arm Access Fellow: Dr Musawenkosi Nyembe Moderator: Dr Sabatta Tsotetsi	
09:36 - 09:46	Challenges in Dialysis Access through Clinical Cases - Steal Fellow: Dr Anele Mthethwa Moderator: Prof Bhekifa Dube	
09:46 - 09:56	Discussion	
SESSION 13 CHAIRPERSON: Dr Dirk le Roux		
09:56 - 10:06	12-Month Efficacy Results of the WRAPSODY® Cell-Impermeable Endoprosthesis - Supported by Merit Medical Prof Nicos Labropoulos	
SESSION 14: Peripheral Arterial Disease CHAIRPERSON: Dr Sabatta Tsotetsi		
10:06 - 10:18	The Current Evidence on SFA Interventions for CLTI Fellow: Dr Marguerite Barnard	
10:18 - 10:28	Clinical Case - SFA / POP Fellow: Dr Serge KapendaTshisola	
10:28 - 10:38	Guidewires selection for different lesions Supported by Innovative Medical Supplies Dr Ian Grant	
10:38 - 10:48	Clinical Case - SFA Intervention Dr Vasileios Salepsis	
10:48 - 11:18	Live Imaging - Lower Limb Arterial Prof Nicos Labropoulos	
11:18 - 11:38	DEBATE - Lifestyle Limiting Claudication should be Managed with BMT For the Motion - Fellow: Dr Shaheev Parthab Against the Motion - Fellow: Dr Nazmie Kariem	
11:38 - 12:18	— Final Hands on Ultrasound with Assessment —	TEA / COFFEE BREAK VENUE: Foyer Area
SESSION 15: Vascular Mix CHAIRPERSON: Dr Mbokeleng Sikhosana		
12:18 - 12:28	Case Presentation - Popliteal Entrapment Dr Sam Letsoara	
12:28 - 12:38	Case Presentation - Cystic Adventitial Disease Fellow: Dr Hemal Gopee Moderator: Dr Dirk le Roux	
12:38 - 12:48	Case Presentation - Thoracic Outlet Syndrome Fellow: Dr Sherwyn Morrison Moderator: Dr Mbokeleng Sikhosana	
12:48 - 12:58	Case Presentation - Cyclist Artery Entrapment Fellow: Dr Zuko Booï Moderator: Dr Pradeep Mistry	
12:58 - 13:05	CLOSING REMARKS Dr Pradeep Mistry	LUNCH
13:05 - 13:20	Faculty Discussion	