



Editorial


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Pacific Vascular Symposium on Venous Disease – Part III

This is it! This is the third and final issue of the Third Vascular Symposium sponsored by the Straub Foundation. What a special symposium it was, and what a compendium these three Special Issues comprise. Together they represent the most up-to-date information on vascular disease. When you bind them at your local print shop, you will have a current, definitive text on the subject.


Reading the four case presentations, preliminary papers and discussions is like being there on the “Big Island” of Hawaii for the Symposium. Now that the Special Issues on Venous Disease are in print, we can resume publishing general manuscripts. We have many excellent papers backlogged due to special issues. To upcoming authors, thank you for your submissions and your patience.

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Guest Editorial

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The Third Pacific Vascular Symposium on Venous Disease took place at Mauna Lani Bay Hotel on the Big Island of Hawaii on November 2-6, 1999. The Faculty included more than 40 of the leaders in phlebology, representing 5 continents. The general theme was to contrast aggressive treatment of acute and chronic venous disease with a more conservative approach.

The first day featured a workshop on venous interventions with practical demonstrations of percutaneous interventions for acute and chronic venous disease. The second day focused on treatment and outcomes of DVT. The third and fourth days were devoted to the controversy on management of venous ulcers. The last day of the symposium featured a workshop on treatment of varicose veins and spider veins with practical demonstrations of duplex guided sclerotherapy, lasers and new surgical developments.

In this issue four case presentations were chosen to stimulate discussion by a panel of experts about subjects ranging from simple varicose veins to complex challenging variants of advanced disease. Each case report was preceded by several short presentations that highlighted current thinking on aspects pertinent to the subject matter in the case itself. The case presentations were followed by discussion with an expert panel led by Dr. Thomas O'Donnell, and then by free questions from the audience.

This session was introduced with a presentation titled “Chronic

Venous Ulcers” in which Nicos Labropoulis, PhD addressed the importance of accurate and through diagnosis in chronic venous disease to set the tone for the presentations.

Case 1. The first case was one of superficial incompetence. This was preceded by presentations of three methods of handling this problem that included vein preservation techniques, ambulatory surgery, sclerotherapy, and new developments in the field. The case report was followed by a discussion of the case by an expert panel and the audience.

Case 2. The presentation was a case of perforator incompetence. It was preceded by descriptions of surgical and sclerotherapy approaches to treatment of incompetent perforator veins by experts in the field. Following the case presentation, discussion by the expert panel and the audience was led by Dr. Thomas O'Donnell.

Case 3. This presentation of a case of advanced disease due to primary reflux was preceded by papers describing methods to surgically treat this problem. This case report was followed by a panel discussion and audience comments directed toward the case matter.

Case 4. The fourth case was an example of advanced post-thrombotic changes. The preliminary papers addressed surgical approaches to this entity in both the pelvic and the extremity veins. Following the case presentation, the panel discussed management options and took questions from the audience.

Enjoy this exciting issue of the *Hawaii Medical Journal*.

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