



Editorial

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Pacific Vascular Symposium on Venous Disease

When Bo Eklof, MD, asked if the Hawaii Medical Journal could publish the proceedings and discussions of a symposium held in November 1999, I told him that, because of the excellent speakers, this symposium would be well received by HMA members and other readers of the Journal.

We have previously published reports of scientific meetings and devoted Special Issues to particular fields of medicine to inform physicians of the latest advancements in many fields of medicine to enhance understanding beyond our own specialties. The added comment to the presentations have always made the more formal papers stimulating.

This issue on the treatment of venous disease will be of interest to all physicians. When I saw the proposed list of more than 40 of the world's leaders in phlebology, I did accept the Proceedings. However, because of the volume of the presentations and discussions, we cannot publish them in a single issue. More will follow.

Thanks to Bo Eklof, MD, and Bob Kistner, MD, co-chairmen of the Symposium, and to the presenters from around the world. These Special Issues will comprise a textbook on vascular disease.



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 five 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 of the three segments of the leg followed by a session on air travel-related 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.

We were excited when Norman Goldstein, the Editor for the Hawaii Medical Journal, warmly embraced the idea to publish the proceedings of this very lively meeting. In this issue the short papers and heated discussions from the second day are presented.

We thank the staff of the Straub Foundation and the editorial office of the journal for their excellent work. Enjoy the information on the latest news on management of DVT as it transpired from the Pearl of Hawaiian hotels surrounded by the Five Mountains in the midst of Hawaiiana.

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