



The Mission of South Asian American Vascular Surgery Society (SAAVS) is to serve as an international organization for Vascular Surgeons of South Asian heritage. The society is dedicated to the improvement of vascular health in the South Asian diaspora as well as the South Asian Subcontinent by fellowship, education, collaborative research, exchange and collaboration with regional as well as national vascular societies within the United States of America and throughout the world. SAAVS strives to foster the careers of vascular surgeons of South Asian origin by mentorship and research opportunities. The society aims to serve as an inclusive organization for medical students, trainees, and fellows to network, and provide a platform for presentation of their research activities. SAAVS is committed to promoting diversity and inclusion in education, training, and research as it relates to vascular disease and amongst its members.

12th South Asian American Vascular Society Annual Meeting, VAM24, Chicago, IL

June 20, 2024

7:00PM – 7:20PM Welcome Reception

7:20PM- 7:30PM Presidential Welcome and Introduction

7:30PM – 7:50PM Key Note Speaker: Dr. Pradeep Natarajan is the Director of Preventive Cardiology and the Paul and Phyllis Fireman Endowed Chair in Vascular Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital, Associate Director of Personalized Medicine of Mass General Brigham, Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, Associate Member of the Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT

7:50PM – 8:20PM Student and Resident Presentations (5 minutes talk and 3 minutes discussion)

8:20PM – 8:45PM Special Guest Presentation Carol Burns, Innovation to Execution How to Sell a Big Idea

8:50PM – 8:55PM Introduction of SAAVS New President and Council

9:00PM Resident Presentation Competition Awards and Closing





KEYNOTE LECTURE: DR. PRADEEP NATARAJAN



Dr. Pradeep Natarajan is the Director of Preventive Cardiology and the Paul and Phyllis Fireman Endowed Chair in Vascular Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital, Associate Director of Personalized Medicine of Mass General Brigham, Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, Associate Member of the Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT. He received his BA in molecular biology with Honors and Phi Beta Kappa in 2004 from the University of California, Berkeley. He received his MD with Alpha Omega Alpha in 2008 from the University of California, San Francisco. He received his MMSc in biomedical informatics in 2015 from Harvard Medical School. Dr. Natarajan completed his internship and residency in internal medicine at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in 2011. He completed his clinical and research fellowship in cardiovascular medicine at the Massachusetts General Hospital in 2015. Dr. Natarajan uses germline and somatic genetic variation to uncover new biology and enable enhanced clinical care for cardiovascular disease. He leads several consortia to use genetic epidemiology, large-scale sequencing studies, genotype-driven human investigation, and genetic testing implementation. He is an Associate Editor for JAMA Cardiology and Science Advances. His research program spans the MGH Cardiovascular Research Center, MGH Center for Genomic Medicine, and Broad Institute Cardiovascular Disease Initiative.

Dr. Natarajan is a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology, Fellow of the American Heart Association, and Elected Member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation. He has received several awards for his contributions, including most recently the Jeffrey M. Hoeg and Joseph A. Vita Awards from American Heart Association. In tandem his research efforts, Dr. Natarajan oversees clinical and training programs on the prevention of cardiometabolic diseases leading the MGH Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Center.



SPECIAL GUEST LECTURE: CAROL BURNS, BSN

Carol Burns is a serial entrepreneur with extensive experience working in the cardiovascular sector. She has proven success in raising capital, recruiting high performance management teams and top scientific advisors. Ms. Burns has led product development, created worldwide product awareness and has achieved regulatory milestones in a high-quality, timely and capital efficient manner.