



## Cost and Efficiency Vascular Surgery Technical Expert Panel, Spring 2019

### TECHNICAL EXPERT PANEL MEMBERS

#### **Salvatore T. Scali, MD, FACS, RPVI**

Associate Professor of Surgery, University of Florida-Gainesville  
Gainesville, Florida

Dr. Salvatore T. Scali practices at both Shands Hospital—University of Florida, Gainesville, FL and the Malcolm Randall V.A. Medical Center. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from University of New Hampshire and completed medical school at Georgetown University. He completed both a general surgery and vascular surgery fellowship at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA and the Harvard-Longwood Vascular Research Program, Boston, MA and he also went on and trained at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH. Dr. Scali is active in the Vascular Quality Initiative and the Society for Vascular Surgery PSO. He has focused his career on clinical outcomes research within the field of Vascular Surgery. A variety of clinical topics in modern vascular practice have captured his interest, including thoracic outlet syndrome, infrainguinal arterial reconstruction, carotid stenting, and complex aneurysm disease.

#### **Clifford Sales, MD**

Managing Partner, The Cardiovascular Care Group, Chief of Vascular Surgery, Overlook Medical Center  
Westfield, NJ

Clifford M. Sales, MD, MBA, FACS is a board certified Vascular Surgeon practicing in New Jersey. Dr. Sales graduated from The Mount Sinai School of Medicine and completed his surgical training (General Surgery and Vascular Surgery Fellowship) at Montefiore Hospital Medical Center in Bronx, New York. He has been practicing with The Cardiovascular Care Group in Westfield, New Jersey since he completed his fellowship in 1993. Dr. Sales attained his Masters in Business Administration from Rutgers University and is the Managing Partner of The Cardiovascular Care Group. He is the Managing Partner of The Cardiovascular Care Group in Westfield, NJ and serves as Co-Chair of the Medicare Carrier Advisory Committee. He is currently Chief of Vascular Surgery and Immediate Past-President of the Medical Staff at Overlook Medical Center in Summit, New Jersey. He holds the rank of Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery at Mount Sinai School of Medicine. He has authored numerous papers and has been invited to speak at a multitude of local, regional, national and international conferences. He is recognized as a leader in the field of Vascular Surgery with expertise in peripheral vascular disease, vein problems and the management of vascular disease. He is also a frequent consultant for practice management issues.

**Sherene Shalhub, MD**

Associate Professor of Surgery, University of Washington  
Seattle, Washington

Sherene Shalhub is a vascular surgeon and translational researcher at the University of Washington (UW) and the Director of its Multidisciplinary Vascular Genetics Clinic. She is a former NIH T32 Postdoctoral Fellow and recently completed the two-year Rising Star Program at the Clinical and Translation Science Awards (CTSA)-funded UW Institute of Translational Health Sciences. Her work aims to provide high-quality care to patients suffering from rare vascular conditions and to improve the success of surgical repair and long-term survival for these high-risk patients.

**Christopher Smolock, MD**

Staff Surgeon, Department of Vascular Surgery, The Cleveland Clinic  
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Dr. Smolock is a vascular surgeon at The Cleveland Clinic since June 2012 and Assistant Professor of Surgery at The Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine since 2014. His scholarly activity is in clinical outcomes and quality pertaining to vascular surgery, particularly complex aortic and carotid diseases and procedures. Dr. Smolock is the Quality Improvement Officer for his department and participates in the Institutes Executive and Quality Councils in a variety of roles regarding this. In addition to the SVS QPMC, Dr. Smolock is also on multiple regional and national society committees, some of which as committee chair reporting to executive councils.

**Theodore Hwan Yuo, MD**

Vascular Surgeon, University of Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dr. Yuo graduated from Dartmouth College in 1998 with a degree in economics, and subsequently worked as a financial analyst for several years. He then graduated from Dartmouth Medical School in 2007 and has been a faculty member at University of Pittsburgh since 2014. He brings 20 years of experience in finance, open and endovascular surgery skills, and familiarity with both the private sector and VA. Further, his academic career to date has been strong, with multiple first-author publications, academic awards, and a track record of support by federal research grants including T32 and KL2 mechanisms.