DEAR COLLEAGUES

We are excited to present the 51st ABA Annual Meeting in Las Vegas this year! This year’s program is packed with stimulating multidisciplinary educational sessions that promise to engage all burn team members. The discipline specific learning tracks will continue this year giving participants the opportunity to tailor their meeting to maximize the educational experience. Workshops will offer in-depth information in rehabilitation techniques, prevention programming and laser remodeling of burn scar. Be sure not to miss Wednesday evening programming on the role of mentoring and take part in networking during the plenary session, *Medicine, Mentorship and Me*. As always, the glamour and bling of Las Vegas promises to provide a great backdrop in which to gather and advance burn care.

AGAIN THIS YEAR!

• SIG Day Tuesday will include a number of Special Interest Group educational sessions and networking opportunities. SIG day is included with your Annual Meeting registration, so plan to arrive on Monday to take full advantage of all the education and networking available. If you only plan to attend SIG day, you can take advantage of the one-day meeting registration opportunity. Some sessions will offer CEUs.

• Educational Session Identifiers To assist in determining the best sessions for your needs, we have added educational levels, discipline and topic to sessions when applicable. These will be searchable on the website and mobile app to help you maximize you conference experience. All sessions are open to everyone.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

• ABA Presidential Address presented by Steven Wolf, MD, Contribution in Context

• Presidential Plenary, *Can the Dazed, Desperate, and Indigent Agree to Anything? Problems of Euvoluntarity*, presented by Michael Munger, PhD

• Best of the Best Abstracts of 2019

• International and New Member Breakfasts

• Fire Fighter I and II Courses and Changing Places, moderated by the Fire Fighters

We look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas!

Lucy Wibbenmeyer, MD, FACS
Program Chair

Kathleen A. Hollowed, RN, MSN
Associate Chair

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REGISTRATION RATES AND INFO

Please register online at www.ameriburn.org or use the enclosed registration form. Become an ABA Member or renew your ABA Membership for 2019 and save $225–$350 on meeting registration rates with the following special member rates:

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Residents and full-time students may take 50% off the applicable fee above. The discount does not apply to day rates. A letter from the faculty advisor confirming the status of the resident or student must be submitted with the registration form. Students may not be working full-time to qualify in this category.

The ABA offers a day rate of $275 for members and $400 for non-members. Day rates are limited to two days and attendees will be issued color coded badges. The Friday day rate does not include a Closing Celebration ticket. Registration is required to attend SIG meetings, if you only plan to attend SIG Day, you may register for the Tuesday day rate.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellation of registration must be made in writing to the ABA and received in the ABA office via mail or email to info@ameriburn.org no later than March 18, 2019. All cancellations will be charged a $150 administrative fee. No refunds will be given for cancellations received after March 18, 2019.

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HOTEL AND TRAVEL INFO

The ABA Annual Meeting will be held at:
**Rio All-Suites Hotel & Casino**
3700 West Flamingo Road
Las Vegas, NV 89103, US

The rooms are priced at $195 single occupancy and an additional $30 per guest (up to 4 per guestroom) plus applicable taxes. Rooms at this rate are subject to availability and will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis until March 15, 2019 or until sold out. To book your room [click here](#) or call the Rio Reservation Center at 888-746-6955 and let them know you are part of the ABA Annual Meeting. Callers may also use our group code to identify the group, SRABA9.

The ABA has negotiated special room rates for our meeting. These special room rates are only available to ABA attendees. In exchange for the negotiated room rates, ABA has certain minimum contractual obligations with each hotel. Therefore, it is important that we fill room blocks we have contracted for, so there are no financial liabilities to the Association. The ABA passes along these savings to attendees and exhibitors.

**PARKING**
All parking at the Rio (garage, surface and valet) is complimentary. There are two parking garages; one the east side called “Masquerade” and on the west side called “Carnival”. Additionally, there is surface parking at the conference center entrance called “Pavilion Parking”.

**GETTING AROUND**
Taxi or ride share are available within Las Vegas, and easy to access. Taxis are outside the main entrance of the hotel towards Flamingo Rd. and ride share pick up is out the side entrance towards Valley View Rd. For public transit options please visit: [https://www.rtsnv.com/transit/routes-maps-schedules/](https://www.rtsnv.com/transit/routes-maps-schedules/)

**TRAVEL TO LAS VEGAS**
**McCarran International Airport - Las Vegas**
Distance from Hotel: 4 miles
Drive Time: 10–15 min (depending on traffic)
Average cab fare from McCarran International Airport to Rio All Suites - $ 30 + tip

**DISCOUNT TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS**
United Airlines has been selected as the official airline for the ABA's 51st Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. Receive discounted airfare rates for your flight to Las Vegas, make your reservation at [www.united.com](http://www.united.com), and enter the following code: ZFWY351483.

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2019 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

MONDAY, APRIL 1
7:30 am – 5:00 pm ABLS Provider Course
7:30 am – 5:00 pm Advanced Burn Provider Course
7:30 am – 5:00 pm Committee Meetings
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm SIG Meetings

TUESDAY, APRIL 2
7:30 am – 4:00 pm ABLS Instructor Course
8:00 am – 2:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting
8:00 am – 5:00 pm SIG Meetings
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm Board & Committee Chair Luncheon
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Burn Center Leadership Boot Camp
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Fundamentals of Burn Care
4:15 pm – 5:30 pm ABuRN Town Hall
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Opening Reception in the Exhibit Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3
6:15 am – 7:00 am Zumba
6:30 am – 7:45 am Sunrise Symposia
7:00 am – 7:45 am New Member Breakfast
8:00 am – 9:30 am Opening Ceremony, Awards & Presidential Address
9:30 am – 10:00 am Break with Exhibitors
10:00 am – 12:00 pm Correlatives & Educational Forums
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm Lunch in the Exhibit Hall
12:30 pm – 1:45 pm Poster Rounds
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Educational Forums
4:15 pm – 5:30 pm Plenary Session
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Reception in Exhibit Hall

THURSDAY, APRIL 4
6:15 am – 7:00 am Yoga
6:30 am – 7:45 am Sunrise Symposia
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4:15 pm – 5:30 pm Year in Review
4:15 pm – 6:00 pm Changing Places
4:15 pm – 6:00 pm Burn Center Tour

FRIDAY, APRIL 5
6:30 am – 7:45 am Top Sunrise Symposia
8:00 am – 9:30 am Plenary Session
10:00 am – 12:00 pm Correlatives
10:00 am – 12:00 pm Best in Category Posters
12:15 pm – 1:45 pm Educational Forums with Lunch
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Educational Forums
4:15 pm – 5:30 pm Business Meeting
7:00 pm – 12:00 am Closing Carnivale Celebration
SPECIAL EVENTS

FIRST TIME ATTENDEES WELCOME BREAKFAST
Wednesday, April 3
7:00 am – 7:45 am

New ABA members and first time attendees are invited to attend this informal breakfast to learn tips on navigating the meeting and network with colleagues and ABA leadership. Learn more about the educational opportunities, projects, activities, Committees and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) of the ABA, how to make the most of your experience in Las Vegas and then meet others from around the country and the world who do what you do. Over 200 new members attended last year—JOIN US!

INTERNATIONAL BREAKFAST
Thursday, April 4
7:00 am – 7:45 am

All International attendees at the ABA Annual Meeting are invited to this informal breakfast session where they can get to know ABA leadership and learn more about ABA educational opportunities and initiatives. Over 100 International registrants attended last year. We welcome you!

RECEPTIONS & NETWORKING IN THE EXHIBIT HALL
Tuesday, April 2  Wednesday, April 3
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm  5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Enjoy food, drinks and the company of your peers on Tuesday and Wednesday in the exhibit hall and collaborate with leading organizations in the burn field and companies that offer products and services that improve care and assist with support for burn injured patients and survivors.

BUSINESS MEETING
Friday, April 5
4:15 pm – 5:30 pm

The Business Meeting provides an update on the activities of the ABA. This is your opportunity to hear about new programs and the future direction of the ABA. All members are encouraged to attend!

CLOSING CARNIVALE CELEBRATION
Friday, April 5
7:00 pm – midnight

Celebrate the close of the 51st ABA Annual Meeting with old friends and new! Come as you are and enjoy the energetic and global atmosphere of a Carnivale themed evening, matching our host hotel, the Rio. This festive and fun event will be outside (weather permitting) and will include strolling entertainment and dancing under the stars until midnight. Visit food stations with a South American flair and try the signature celebration cocktail during the reception from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm.
**PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAMS**

**ADVANCED BURN LIFE SUPPORT (ABLS) PROVIDER COURSE**
The Advanced Burn Life Support Provider Course is a course for physicians, nurses, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, therapists, paramedics and anyone who may come into contact with a burn injured patient within the first 24 hours. The course provides guidelines in the assessment and management of the burn patient during the first 24 hours post injury. Following a series of lectures, case studies are presented for group discussions. You will be given the opportunity to work with a simulated burn patient to reinforce the assessment, stabilization, and the American Burn Association transfer criteria to a Burn Center. Final testing consists of a written exam and a practical assessment. The registration fee covers the tuition, manual, test, and continuing education credits.

Cost
- Non-Physicians $250
- Physicians and Residents $375

**ADVANCED BURN PROVIDER COURSE (ABPC)**
The ABPC is targeted to early career providers. It is a hands-on, simulation course introducing the clinical skills required to assess and manage common complications in adult and pediatric patients with burn injuries. Skills such as wound management, skin substitute selection and placement, and escharotomy will be taught.

The goal of the course is to improve the standard of burn care by educating providers with a needs-driven curriculum that addresses common deficiencies in burn care as identified in a national multidisciplinary needs assessment. The course is not intended to serve as a substitute for burn fellowship training or situations that require clinical reasoning beyond the one-day course content. It is the expectation that participants in the course will have taken ABLS. After taking the course, participants will gain an understanding and an introduction to the clinical skills required to assess and manage common complications in adult and pediatric patients with burn injuries.

Cost
- Non-Physicians $250
- Physicians and Residents $375

**ADVANCED BURN LIFE SUPPORT INSTRUCTOR/COORDINATOR COURSE**
The Advanced Burn Life Support Instructor Course is a course for physicians, and a seven-hour course for nurses, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners. A prerequisite is successful completion of an ABLS Provider Course. Instructors should have: (1) demonstrated experience in providing burn care; (2) an interest in the content of the course and the process of teaching; and (3) a commitment to serve as a faculty member for the ABLS Provider courses. Following a lecture on “Teaching How to Teach,” you will present a five-minute mini-lecture on an assigned topic, lead a group discussion of case studies, and lead a patient assessment stabilization scenario.

The ABLS Coordinator course is an additional hour lecture, question and answer session for those interested in coordinating courses in their local area.

Cost
- Non-Physicians $250
- Physicians and Residents $375

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG) MEETINGS**
Tuesday, April 2nd is SIG Day. The majority of SIG meetings will be held on Tuesday and participation is included with your registration fee. The ABA has 22 Special Interest Groups that meet the needs of our many-faceted membership.

The SIG meetings offer education and networking opportunities (some will offer CE credits!). To find out more about the various SIGs visit [http://ameriburn.org/who-we-are/committees-and-sigs/](http://ameriburn.org/who-we-are/committees-and-sigs/). To see the schedule of SIG meetings go to [http://ameriburn.org/education/annual-meeting/sig-meetings/](http://ameriburn.org/education/annual-meeting/sig-meetings/).
CONTINUING EDUCATION

The American Burn Association is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The American Burn Association designates this live activity for a maximum of 37 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

This activity has been submitted to the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses for approval to award 37 contact hours. The American Association of Neuroscience Nurses is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

This activity has been submitted to the Commission on Dietetic Registration for approval to award 37 contact hours.

Check the ABA website for additional specialty accreditation CEUs.

ABLS PROVIDER COURSE
The American Burn Association is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The American Burn Association designates this educational activity for a maximum of 7.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

This program will be accredited by the American Association of Critical Care Nurses. The estimated number of hours for the program is 7.0 hours. Information will be available at a later date regarding the details.

ABLS INSTRUCTOR COURSE
The American Burn Association is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The American Burn Association designates this education activity for a maximum of 4.5 credits AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

This program will be accredited by the American Association of Critical Care Nurses. The estimated number of hours for the program is 4.5 hours. Information will be available at a later date regarding the details.

ADVANCED BURN PROVIDER COURSE
The American Burn Association is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The American Burn Association designates this educational activity for a maximum of 9 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Accreditation for this program is being sought through the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses. The estimated number of hours for the program is 9 hours. Information will be available at a later date regarding the details.
PLENARY SESSIONS

The Plenary Sessions are an opportunity for all attendees to gather to learn about topics of interest to the multi-disciplinary team of burn care professionals.

OPENING CEREMONY, AWARDS & PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS
Wednesday, April 3
8:00 am – 9:30 am
Steven E. Wolf, MD, ABA President

Each of us are part of the burn community because we want to make a contribution towards improving the lives of those affected by burn injury. Whether increasing education and awareness to prevent future injuries, caring for critical injuries in a way that will lead to the best possible outcomes, or working with survivors on rehabilitation and reintegration—we share a common goal. How do we define the contribution we are making to ensure it has a direct impact on improved burn patient outcomes? This session will help attendees understand what it means to contribute and show how this contribution can be seen in the context of the burn care continuum. Historical observations about people who have contributed will be shared and contributions that still need to be made will be discussed.

MEDICINE, MENTORSHIP, AND ME
Wednesday, April 3
4:15 pm - 5:30 pm
Victor Joe, MD, Bernadette Nedelec, PhD, BSc, OT, BT-C

Medical education focuses on the transmission of scientific knowledge and acquisition of technical skills. It revolves around comprehensive curricula, rigorous testing, and hierarchical relationships which define advancement and achievement. The benefits of mentorship are well documented in higher education and business and now increasingly recognized in health care. Unlike traditional relationships which permeate the current healthcare environment, mentorship is more intimate and organic with the purpose of enhancing personal and professional growth. This session will emphasize the characteristics of successful mentorship and encourage the initiation of individual and collective action toward developing mentoring relationships in our burn centers and the ABA.

PRESIDENTIAL PLENARY
Can the Dazed, Desperate, and Indigent Agree to Anything? Problems of Euvoluntarity
Thursday, April 4
8:00 am – 9:30 am
Steven E. Wolf, MD, ABA President and Michael Munger, PhD

The problem of voluntary consent has aspects of information (understanding what is being agreed to) and bargaining (having viable alternatives that allow a genuine choice). Prof. Michael Munger, a political economist at Duke, has been investigating the problem of “euvoluntary,” or truly voluntary agreements. The problems of voluntary consent will be explored, focusing on both the ethical and practical difficulties. The bottom line question is easily asked, but difficult to answer: Are all non-euvoluntary “choices” exploitative?

BEST OF THE BEST ABSTRACTS OF 2019
Friday, April 5
8:00 am – 9:30 am
Lucy Wibbenmeyer, MD and Steven E. Wolf, MD

The correlative sessions run concurrently which encourages attendees to move around and listen to abstract presentations that are most important and relevant to them. Subsequently, attendees don’t have the opportunity to hear all of the presentations and may miss important topics. The top abstracts, based on the scores of reviewers, will be presented at the Plenary to allow all attendees to hear the highest rated abstracts presented during the meeting.
EDUCATIONAL FORUMS

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

Fundamentals of Burn Care: Time Heals All Wounds, But The Right Technique Can’t Hurt
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Vimal Murthy, MD
Angela Whitley, RN

We’ve come a long way from dressing burns and wounds in vinegar and tanning solutions. Today there are myriad burn and wound care dressings available to practitioners. This session will review the current research on wound treatments and clarify their appropriate use. Smaller breakout sessions will allow more individualized and hands-on learning.

Burn Center Leadership Boot Camp
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
David Harrington, MD
J. Bradley Wiggins, RN, BSN

Running a burn center is not just taking care of patients but being an administrator, a manager, and a leader. Many practitioners are put in leadership positions in burn centers without sufficient training in team building and leadership. Leadership skills, in all disciplines and on all levels, can increase productivity and effectiveness.

ABuRN Town Hall
4:15 pm – 5:45 pm
James Holmes, IV, MD

The ABuRN group of the American Burn Association is a multidisciplinary group of ABA members committed to advancing burn care through collaborative research. Vital patient information from multiple burn centers is gathered in each study in hopes of answering many of the questions regarding the standards of burn treatment. This will ultimately add more scientific fact for many of the burn care treatments utilized today. At this multidisciplinary session, ABA leadership and clinical researchers will review the progress of current studies and discuss the status of future projects.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
TWO-DAY COURSES

Burn Reconstruction Part 1 & 2
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Sigrid Blome-Eberwein, MD
Mark Fisher, MD

Reconstruction after burns is a challenging task few ever master; requiring a lifetime of study. Due to the challenging nature of the discipline, competence requires constant training, evaluation, and development. Pursuit and maintenance of competence in reconstruction never ends. Reconstructive burn surgery will be taught including problem analysis, pre-surgical planning, specific techniques, and post-operative protocols.

Brief Psychological Interventions for All Disciplines Part 1 & 2
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Ingrid Parry, MS, PT, BT-C
Shelley Wiechman, PhD, ABPP

This two-day session is designed for the multidisciplinary burn team. Managing distress (e.g. pain, low mood, sleep, treatment adherence, behavioral issues) can be daunting for the burn care team member. Inability to address this distress can interfere with treatment. The first day we will discuss the many non-pharmacological interventions for distress that are available to the bedside staff and appropriate implementation will be illustrated. The second day will provide more advanced information about specific brief interventions to minimize symptoms of distress and offer strategies for in-depth practice.
EDUCATIONAL FORUMS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

Fire Fighter I: Fundraising for Foundations
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Chris Bowles, FF
In this session our speakers will discuss various aspects of raising funds for non-profit organizations. The Speakers will lead a panel discussion covering fundraising do’s and don’ts, grant writing and how to involve your burn centers/hospitals in your fundraising efforts.

Rehabilitation Workshop: Upper Extremity Burns, Seen Through the Lens of the Burn Therapist with Focus on Elbow and Shoulder
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Jeffrey Schneider, MD
Katherine Siwy, MS, OTR/L
This workshop will be on the management of the shoulder complex through the acute, intermediate and long-term phases of healing, from a burn therapist’s perspective. We will discuss: outcome metrics, an interdisciplinary approach, and intervention strategies as they pertain to commonly seen consequences secondary to burns to the shoulder complex.

Animal Models for Burn Wound Healing & Scar Research
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Heather Powell, PhD
Dorothy Supp, PhD
Animal models are used in research to study disease mechanisms and investigate novel therapies. There are several different animal models used for studying burns and scarring, and each has its benefits and limitations. This session will give an overview of different types of animal models currently used for studying burn wound healing and scar development and will outline the pros and cons of each model.

Phoning It In: Telemedicine in Burn Care
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Jeremy Goverman, MD
Joshua Carson, MD
This course explores how burn centers can use telemedicine to drastically improve quality of care, cost efficiency and patient satisfaction through use of digital technologies that are already readily available and affordable. Early adopters of telemedicine in burn care will describe how they use telemedicine in their practices both to triage acute burn referrals to their regional centers and to facilitate follow-up of outpatients from discharge to long-term surveillance.

Per Protocol: A Standardized, Interdisciplinary Approach to Medication Management of Burn Patients
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Brett Hartman, DO
Todd Walroth, PharmD
Variation exists in practice nationally regarding management of burn patients, as current guidelines do not provide formalized recommendations for pharmacologic management of burn sequelae. Interdisciplinary protocols are needed to drive the medication use process (e.g., dosing, administration, monitoring), with consideration of issues across the continuum of care. A standardized approach to protocol development allows for multi-site research, optimized patient outcomes, and enhanced training for burn practitioners. The purpose of this interactive session is to share results of a national survey of medication management practices and an interdisciplinary, protocol-based approach to common burn injuries (e.g., inhalation injury, frostbite, SJS/TEN, electrical injury).

Controversies in Acute Fluid Resuscitation of the Burn Patient
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Robert Cartotto, MD
David Greenhalgh, MD
This session will address controversial areas in the acute fluid resuscitation of burn patients. Topics will include use of albumin, FFP, high dose vitamin C, and endpoints including semi-invasive monitoring and status of fluid creep.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

Fire Fighter II: All Hazard All Risk
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Chris Bowles, FF
From mud slides to raging wildfires and various other incidents in between, today’s fire fighters face more challenges than fire fighters in the past. As a result fire fighters are more highly trained in various aspects of the job other than traditional firefighting activities. This session will discuss the challenges and dangers facing fire fighters today as they are called upon to mitigate a wide range of hazards in addition to fighting traditional structure/building fires.

Prevention Workshop: How to Build, Grow and Strengthen Your Burn Prevention Activities and Programs
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Stephanie Campbell, RN, BSN
Rebecca Coffey, MSN, PhD, CNP
The Burn Prevention Committee has been working on a new Burn Prevention Framework for burn centers and organizations looking to build, grow and/or strengthen their burn prevention education activities and programs. This new framework covers a comprehensive list of items to consider when building, growing or strengthening one’s prevention efforts including: Common Burn Prevention Education language, Step-by-Step Guide to Building a Prevention Program, Measuring Outcomes, Ethical Considerations, Securing Funding and more. Participants will be able to learn more about the new framework developed by the Burn Prevention Committee and take away with them real world tools and tips for their own burn prevention education efforts.
EDUCATIONAL FORUMS

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

ECLS in Burns - Ready for Prime Time?
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Kevin Chung, MD
Lisa Rae, MD, MS

This multi-disciplinary educational session will be directed at burn providers who have an interest in exploring the risks and benefits of Extracorporeal Life Support (ECLS) in the management of severe Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS) in burns. The session will cover various techniques, anticoagulation strategies, pharmacologic implications, and therapy’s impact on surgical care of burns.

Recent Advances in Burn Wound Healing
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Dorothy Supp, PhD
Edward Tredget, MD, MSc

This forum is designed to update burn care providers with recent advances in the understanding of how burn wounds heal. The topics range from insights gained in the evolution of zones of injury in the acute wound, to increased understanding of the interactions of keratinocytes and dermal fibroblasts in regeneration and scarring of the remodeling wound. The role of adipocyte derived stem cells in scarring and healing will be reviewed. New animal and human models of healing and regeneration will be introduced.

Funding Your Burn Research With NIDILRR
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Dagmar Amtmann, PhD
Kara McMullen, MPH
A. Cate Miller, PhD

The National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) provides grants to researchers who share their mission, including those interested in improving the lives of burn survivors. NIDILRR currently funds the Burn Model System (BMS) Program and other funding mechanisms are available for burn researchers. This forum will describe NIDILRR funding mechanisms, the logistics of submitting a grant, along with tips for writing a successful NIDILRR Grant application. NIDILRR’s BMS officer will be available to answer questions. Information on how to access a large longitudinal database of post-injury outcomes of burn survivors will also be provided.

Acute Pain Management: Managing Burn Pain in an Opioid Crisis Environment
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Gretchen Carrougher, RN, MN
Samuel Mandell, MD, MPH

Burn pain management in patients with opioid use disorder, as well as the risk of developing opioid use disorder following acute burn treatment will be discussed. Participants will also learn about regional analgesic options and non-pharmacologic pain management techniques.

Reaching for the Sky: Early End of Range Splinting to Prevent Axilla Contracture in Pediatrics
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Michael Serghiou, OTR, MBA, BT-C
Stephanie Wicks, PT, BaAppSc
Jonathan Niszczak, MS, OTR/L, BT-C

Traditionally splints designed to stretch the axilla have been limited to positioning at mid-range shoulder abduction to minimize the risk of neural compromise. Splinting the axilla towards end of range abduction from the acute stage of wound healing and continuing through all stages of scar development and maturation will be presented as an alternate option to traditional splinting. Outcome data related to the efficacy and safety of this splint in a pediatric cohort will be presented and attendees will have the opportunity to learn how to fabricate the splint and prescribe a splinting regime to prevent axilla contracture.

The Year in Review: The Top Journal Publications
4:15 pm – 5:30 pm
Tina Palmieri, MD

A favorite session among attendees. Editors from each of the top publications in burn care present and discuss major advances in published burn research throughout the past year. Journals represented include: Journal of Burn Care & Research; Wound Repair and Regeneration; Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery; and Burns.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Best in Category Posters
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Kathe Conlon, BSN, RN, MSHS
Lauren Moffatt, PhD
Lucy Wibbenmeyer, MD

There is excellent research being done by many members in the burn community and due to limited space and time, some are presented in a poster format. During the poster rounds professors will award one poster for each category as “Best in Category.” These top posters will be presented in a more formal setting during this session and judged by the Chairs of the Program Committee, Research Committee, and Membership Advisory Committee. At
the conclusion of the session, the judges will award the three top posters of the meeting.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

FRIDAY LUNCH SESSIONS
Grab a box lunch and attend one of these lunch sessions

Achieving Burn Therapist Certification: The Ins and Outs
12:15 pm – 1:45 pm
Ingrid Parry, PT, BT-C
Lisa Forbes MSc, OT, BT-C
Bernadette Nedelec, PhD, BSc, OT, BT-C

ABA offers the only certification for physical and occupational therapists who have specialized in burn rehabilitation. The Burn Therapist Certification (BT-C) is an online portfolio process. Come learn the ins and outs of how to apply and get feedback from currently certified therapists about their experience.

Benevolent Parentalism: The Ethics of Doing Good for Burn Patients
12:15 pm – 1:45 pm
Monica Gerrek, PhD
Todd Huzar, MD

Burn providers often struggle ethically with decision making for patients who want to refuse treatment. In particular, it is difficult for providers to accept a refusal of treatment when the expected outcome is thought to be good. Yet, overruling a patient’s refusal of treatment, i.e., acting paternalistically, is considered ethically unacceptable because it violates the principles of nonmaleficence and respect for autonomy. However, there are times when a provider needs to employ benevolent parentalism to ensure that the patient’s best interests are served. This session will examine the difference between paternalism and benevolent parentalism and discuss situations in which the latter is ethically acceptable.

Being an Effective Burn Advocate
12:15 pm – 1:45 pm
Amalia Cochran, MD
Juvonda Hodge, MD

Advancing the field of burn care requires petitioning administration and legislative bodies for policy changes. Physicians and other members of the healthcare team, however, are often not well educated regarding how to effectively advocate. This session will help attendees to become effective advocates for administrative and legislative issues at the state and national level by using interactive classroom techniques.

Laser Workshop: Biophotonics and Burn Scar Remodulation
12:15 pm – 1:45 pm
Renee Edkins, DNP, NP-C
Jonathan Friedstat, MD
Amita Shah, MD, PhD

Scar tissue development is an all too common component of recovery from burn and traumatic injuries. For some patients wound healing progresses in an orderly fashion, however, many experience symptomatic fibrotic changes with prolonged inflammation, fibroblast proliferation, and over expression of collagen. This program presents a review of the emerging field of Biophotonics specific to scar tissue remodulation with radiant energy and heat transference. The program is presented from three perspectives: Physics – harnessing photons with laser/ light devices and radio frequency technology; Molecular Biology – identifying components of wound healing, scar tissue formation and the changes occurring with heat induced tissue regeneration and remodeling; and lastly Application – choosing appropriate devices, controlling delivery methods for optimum treatment and understanding the evolving opportunities for pharmaceutical delivery.

ABA Verification: Common Reasons for Burn Centers to Fail Verification and How to Overcome Them
12:15 pm – 1:45 pm
Sharmila Dissanaie, MD
Gretchen Carrougher, RN, MN

An interactive forum to discuss the verification process, highlight recent changes in the verification process including upgrades to the online system and changes in criterion deficiencies, and answer questions from burn centers that are verified or interested in becoming verified.

It’s Not All About The Patient, What About The Staff? Part II
12:15 pm – 1:45 pm
Tammy Coffee, MSN, RN, ACNP
Anjay Khandelwal, MD

Although much is written about resiliency and communication, most staff members are not able to discuss tools or discern how to cultivate resiliency or improve communication. This session will examine individual, team and institutional factors contributing to resiliency in the work place. An interactive workshop will focus on cultivating skills, habits and attitudes that will promote resiliency. Additional group workshops will address barriers to communication in the workplace.

Research on Burn Injury and the Modulation of the Host Microbiome: We Need to Catch Up
12:15 pm – 1:45 pm
Lauren Moffatt, PhD
Jeffrey Shupp, MD

There is a gap in knowledge regarding the role of the microbiome in burn patient pathophysiology. With more information, we may better target therapeutics, especially antimicrobials, as well as understand the interactions of multiple systems and environment in primary issues of concern for burn patients including shock, burn progression, wound healing, and scar outcomes. To determine an approach for research priorities we will systematically evaluate our current state of understanding as well as the currently available tools to be able to study a complex set of systems in this complex patient demographic.
FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Burns of the Hand in Children and Adults
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Roger Simpson, MD, MBA
William Scott Dewey, PT, CHT

Management of the burned hand in adults and children will be presented through acute and reconstructive principles. These surgical principles and clinical cases will provide insight into proper timing of early management, surgery, and advanced rehabilitation of all burn depth injuries. The burned hand will require the multidisciplinary team of the burn surgeon, therapist, and nurses to assure maximum functional return in a timely fashion.

Aftercare Programs: Survivor Perspectives on Why these Programs are Critical, What Works, and How the Burn Team Can Help!
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Karen Badger, PhD, MSW
Pam Peterson, RN

Burn care professionals—no matter their role—can help survivors and families connect to aftercare resources. This forum will assist the burn team in addressing the aftercare needs of survivors and their families by reviewing the essential components of psychosocial aftercare and types of programs available. Burn survivors and family members who utilized these resources will share their perspective and experiences about their impact on recovery. Assessment and planning strategies that support a wrap-around approach to identify and meet aftercare support needs of survivors and their families to support the burn survivor and family members in their aftercare and reintegration efforts are shared.

MAC Forum: Disaster Roles and Responsibilities: Who Really Does What?
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Kathe Conlon, BSN, RN, MSHS
Annette Matherly, RN

Burn mass casualties require orchestrated effort among burn centers and first responders. This course will review the integration of procedures related triage and/or transport in a (burn) mass casualty incident. Additionally, the scope of practice between different pre-hospital and hospital disciplines will be illustrated.

Burn Care in the Elderly
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Marc Jeschke, MD, PhD
Herbert Phelan, III, MD

Concerningly, elderly burn patients represent the fastest growing population indicating. However, little or almost no progress has been made over the last several decades to improve outcomes in the elderly. Not only is acute survival an issue for the elderly burn population, but maintaining quality of life, independence, and acceptable long-term outcomes. This session will focus on how to improve acute and long-term outcomes of elderly burn patients. We will present and discuss several new trials and studies that were initiated over the last year by the Elderly Care Committee.

Controversies in Modern Burn Care: The Pro-Con Debates
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Robert Cartotto, MD
Christopher Lentz, MD

Burn care providers often disagree about various therapeutic interventions for the burn patient. In this session, experts from the burn team will debate four resolutions: (1) Silver sulfadiazine is the topical antimicrobial of choice for deep burn wounds among inpatients; (2) Transpulmonary thermodilution should be used to guide acute fluid resuscitation for major burns; (3) A pharmacologic intervention (e.g. IVIG, steroids, etanercept, cyclosporine) should be used in patients with SJS/TEN admitted to a burn unit, and; (4) Following successful grafting, splints should be applied preventatively before a limitation in range of motion is present.

International Outreach Forum: Progress Across the Globe
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
James Gallagher, MD
Michael Peck, MD, ScD

Over the years, ABA members have generously donated their time overseas to improve the care of burn patients in resource-limited settings. This session provides both an update on the activities of other international organizations, and also, the work of ABA members abroad.
CORRELATIVES

Wednesday, April 3; 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Thursday, April 4; 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Friday, April 5; 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

The Correlative Sessions present current research results. The sessions showcase new information on basic science and clinical management issues in the format of short presentations by investigators of accepted abstracts. Many abstracts are submitted from around the world addressing various topics. The top abstracts are selected by the ABA Program Committee and other committees for oral presentation at the various Correlative sessions which are moderated by a multi-disciplinary team. There is a question and answer period after each presentation. Abstracts are loosely grouped into topic areas and several Correlatives run concurrently. “Room hopping” during the concurrent sessions is encouraged.

Abstracts being presented during the Correlatives will be available on the ABA website in December.

POSTER ROUNDS

Wednesday, April 3; 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm
Thursday, April 4; 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm

Poster Rounds provide an opportunity to explore a topic in-depth with a small group of researchers led by experts in the field. Each researcher in the topic area will briefly present their work for the group. Poster Rounds give attendees an informal opportunity to meet the presenters and ask questions.

BEST IN CATEGORY POSTERS

Friday, April 5; 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

During the poster rounds, professors will award one poster for each category as “Best in Category.” These top posters will be judged by the Chairs of the Program Committee, Research Committee and Membership Advisory Committee. If your poster is awarded “Best in Category,” you are expected to participate in this session where you will present a two minute overview of your poster. At the conclusion of the session, the judges will award the three top posters of the meeting.
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG) MEETINGS

MONDAY, APRIL 1

Federation of Burn Foundations (IAFFBF) SIG: How to Recruit, Train and Retain Volunteers
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm (2 CEUs)

With burn centers and burn-related organizations having limited resources and an unlimited amount of work, volunteers are crucial in getting the task done and staying within budget. The Federation of Burn Foundations is proud to provide a training on how to recruit, train, and retain volunteers for organizations of all sizes. This SIG will provide best practices in volunteer recruitment, training, and retention, as well as provide an opportunity for participants to share what works (and what doesn’t work!) with their own experiences working with volunteers.

Canadian SIG
6:00 pm – 11:00 pm

The Canadian SIG will feature “State of the Art Burn Rehabilitation” as the keynote lecture. In addition, eight burn care related podium presentations from Canadian Burn Centres will be presented. The session will provide attendees an opportunity to network with peers from other Canadian burn centres; provide relevant content to assist attendees in maintaining an up-to-date level of knowledge in burn care; and showcase research endeavours from Canadian burn centres.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

OT/PT SIG: Upper Extremity Burns: Seen Through the Lens of the Burn Therapist with Focus on Hand, Forearm and Elbow
SIG Meeting
7:30 am – 12:00 pm (4 CEUs)

The PT/OT SIG is offering a comprehensive review of anatomy, kinesiology, evaluation, and interventions needed to treat the burned hand, wrist, and arm. Particular focus will be placed on clinical reasoning, diagnostic testing, and open discussion of challenging cases. The goal is to provide an opportunity for active learning and application of principles to better address common consequences of upper extremity burns.

Nutrition SIG: Restoration of Gut Microbiota
8:00 am – 10:00 am (2 CEUs)

Dr. Zachary Bush will discuss the latest research and strategies for restoring gut microbiota. Particular focus on critically ill burn and ICU patients.

Nursing SIG: Hard to Handle: Care of Challenging Areas
8:00 am – 10:00 am (2 CEUs)

The Nursing SIG meeting this year will feature updates on the Burn Nurse Certification and EPIC in Burns workgroups, and an educational session on the Burn Nurse Competencies and their application. There will also be a group planning session designing a multicenter study to grow evidence-based practice in burn nursing.

Research SIG: Specific Aims Workshop: Crafting Your NIH or DoD Proposal (Research Series)
8:00 am – 10:00 am

The focus of this year’s Research SIG will be on crafting specific aims for grants to the National Institutes of Health and to the Department of Defense. Guest speakers from both the NIH and DOD will be present. Attendees are encouraged to bring drafts of their aims for the interactive portion of the session, where senior investigators can comment on individual aims.

Burn Camp SIG: Making the Case for Camp for the Youth of Today and Tomorrow
8:00 am – 11:00 am (3 CEUs)

Today’s youth need summer camp. Kids need this incredible space for development. Camp is a place where kids can come be kids again. A place where they can be accepted for who they are. And a place that helps prepare them for an ever-changing world.

This year’s guest speaker, Tim Huchton, has been a camp professional for the past 25 years. In addition to working in a variety of camps, he is the Membership Manager for the Eastern Region for the American Camping Association (ACA) and also an EMT and firefighter. In this session we will discuss some of the challenges that face youth today and how a well-run summer camp experience can help prepare kids for a human centered economy still to come. We will discuss how 21st century skills are honed and developed in a camp environment. We will learn from new ACA research with outcomes that help tell the story of “why camp” and “why now,” and data from the ACA Crisis hotline will show current trends and situations that face camp professionals each year.

As a natural practitioner of fun, Tim will include and weave in interactive games and activities that you can take back to your camp programs.
SIG MEETINGS

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

Reconstructive SIG
8:00 am – 11:00 am (3 CEUs)

The Reconstructive Special Interest Group meets to discuss interesting burn reconstruction cases and we also introduce new/innovative treatment developments, scar treatment options, and ongoing scar reconstruction and treatment studies. It is also a forum to present problem cases and ask for input from the audience. The group includes a variety of specialties (predominantly reconstructive surgery) and nationalities. A structured discussion follows every case presentation. Case/procedure presentations should not exceed 7 minutes with 3 minutes discussion. Special topic presentations are 15-30 minutes long. All attendees are encouraged to present.

This year we are featuring our invited speaker, Tim Zoltie, Professor of medical photography at Leeds University, UK, who will update us on proper technique and new tools used in medical photography and electronic medical records.

Burn Prevention/Epidemiology SIG: Data: Conquering Your Fear of Utilizing Databases for Burn Prevention Initiatives
8:00 am – 1:00 pm (4 CEUs)

Burn prevention efforts can be strengthened with the use of data. But with so much data available, utilizing the right database is the first step in utilizing data for burn prevention initiatives. This Burn Prevention and Epidemiology Special Interest Groups (SIG) will explore the most commonly used and most relevant databases available for burn centers and organizations to utilize when developing or enhancing one’s burn prevention initiatives.

Pediatric Burns SIG
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

The Pediatric SIG concentrates on topics specific to pediatric burn care and encourages collaborative, multi-disciplinary conversations. This year’s SIG will focus discussion around pediatric delirium; psychosocial effects of pediatric burn; and discussion of complex cases.

Pharmacy SIG: Updates in Burn Pharmacotherapy
10:00 am – 1:00 pm (3 CEUs)

The Pharmacy SIG focuses on pharmacotherapy issues in burn patients. Year-in-Review focuses on high-impact publications from the past year for infectious diseases and non-infectious diseases. Pro-Con Debate involves an interactive discussion of current pharmacologic therapies. Protocol Sharing and Patient Case Reviews allow members to discuss a variety of pharmacotherapy topics.

Burn Registry Users SIG
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

The ABA is focusing efforts on quality registry programs and assessing the needs for data management, processing, and training. The Registry SIG will provide networking opportunities and discussion of the registry data fields, reporting, and next steps of the registry program.

Burn Survivor and Reintegration/Psychosocial SIG: Teens: Trauma Informed Assessment, Treatment & Interventions
11:00 am – 1:00 pm (2 CEUs)

Teens today are facing challenges unique to their generation. They are bringing those challenges with them; to their injury, to their treatment, to their aftercare. We are in desperate need of education regarding adolescent brain development and how it interfaces with suicide and substance use/abuse. Assessment and interventions of these two topics will be our priority.

Disaster SIG: Burn Disaster
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm (2 CEUs)

Individuals from every discipline who have an interest in disaster preparedness will come together to discuss how to better prepare for a burn mass casualty incident (BMCI) and address any relevant concerns or issues at the national, regional, state, or local level. We will also discuss collaboration efforts and partnering to assist each other in developing BMCI plans. New this year we will discuss how development of application technology may impact our preparedness efforts.

Fluid Resuscitation SIG
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

The Fluid Resuscitation Special Interest Group aims to: (1) Describe current, changing and future resuscitation practices in adult and pediatric burn shock resuscitation; (2) Provide an opportunity for professional discussions and debate; (3) Create a venue for networking and sharing of ideas to enhance clinical practice and future research.
BURN PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST

Each year the ABA offers prizes for burn prevention posters developed by Annual Meeting attendees. The posters must be original works and can cover any burn prevention topic. Posters are displayed at the Annual Meeting and are judged by the Burn Prevention Committee. The top three winners receive cash prizes for their institution. For more information and poster guidelines, visit the ABA website at http://ameriburn.org/prevention/burn-prevention-poster-contest/

SIG MEETINGS

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

Fire Fighters SIG
12:00 pm – 5:00 pm (5 CEUs)

This year’s Fire Fighters SIG will address three topics: (1) Trends in Firefighting PPE in Today’s Fire Service will include both structural firefighting gear and wildland firefighting gear. It will give a brief description of the evolution of firefighting gear, what the 3 layers are comprised of today and some of the changes coming down the road related to cleaning bunker gear and reducing heat stress; (2) How the FDNY Conducts a Line of Duty Death Investigation. These topics will be presented by Dan Melia who is a retired Battalion Chief from the FDNY who retired in 2016 after serving for 35 years. Since 2007 he was the Executive Officer to the FDNY Chief of Safety. He was responsible for conducting or overseeing every FDNY LODD since 2003. He will give a broad overview and will explain the process from the on-scene investigation until the release of the LODD report; (3) Recruitment and Retention for Fire Service Burn Foundations will include a panel representing Burn Foundations from across the US and Canada addressing processes, practices and problems facing Fire Service Burn Foundations today. Issues of member recruitment, retention, and active member participation will be the focus of the discussion.

APRN/PA SIG: Antibiotic Stewardship in Burns Across the Continuum: Pharmacy Review
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (2 CEUs)

This session will provide updates and review antibiotic stewardship in burns across the continuum of care. The session will help to review antibiotic use and considerations with inpatient, outpatient, adult, and pediatric burns. Review of pharmacokinetics in burns as it relates to use of antibiotics will be discussed with a target audience of NPs and PAs caring for burns in all settings.

Bioengineering/Biophysics SIG
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

The Bioengineering and Biophysics Special Interest Group seeks to introduce emerging technologies for burn care through education and collaboration among clinicians, industry and scientists. The program focus this year will include 4-6 presentations from clinicians, commercialization partners and scientists in bringing their technologies to burn patients.

Anesthesiology/Respiratory SIG
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

This SIG provides a forum for inter-professional (physicians, nurses, respiratory therapists) and interdisciplinary (anesthesia, surgery, critical care, pain, psychology) discussions of frequent and/or challenging issues in the perioperative care of burn patients, including operating room anesthesia, pain management, critical care, and respiratory care.

Burn Center Physicians SIG
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

An informal meeting of physicians who are interested in discussing issues, such as burn unit management, physician role responsibilities and reimbursement.

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SUNRISE SYMPOSIA

The symposia are interactive sessions, moderated by experts in the field. Come prepared with information about your own burn unit, or questions that have surfaced during practice. Each symposium is limited to 50 people to allow for discussion. The three most popular Symposia, will be repeated Friday morning.

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NEW THIS YEAR

Symposia will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis. In past years sessions have filled quickly during registration, but we’ve had open seats onsite, so this year we will try something new. Come early to grab a seat for one of these sessions!