

WELCOME!

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the VF Board of Directors, I invite you and your family to attend the **2015 International Vasculitis Symposium** in Jacksonville, Florida, June 19-21st.

The Omni Jacksonville will serve as symposium headquarters and is located close to many opportunities for activities including parks, museums, restaurants, shops and the beach is only 20-minutes away.

The symposium is the largest networking and support opportunity for our vasculitis community. The three-day meeting brings together our patients, families, vasculitis experts and researchers for a weekend of learning, sharing and friendship.

During the symposium, you will meet other patients and families who, like you, are seeking to learn as much as possible about vasculitis. The sessions include the most current information on treatments, effective ways to manage your vasculitis and exciting research efforts. You will also meet others who have shared similar experiences and really do understand what you are going through.

Whether you are a newly diagnosed patient just beginning to learn about vasculitis or a "veteran" patient, the symposium will provide many opportunities for you to learn about vasculitis and your individual disease. If you are a family member, you will meet other family members who you will identify with and be able to share your thoughts/concerns about having a loved one with vasculitis.

The speakers include many of the world's vasculitis experts and represent many different fields, including rheumatology, pulmonology, nephrology, otolaryngology, and dermatology.

This year's symposium theme is "**Sunshine of Knowledge**" and we encourage you to join us in the beautiful state of Florida for an exchange of information and a weekend of networking among the attendees.

If you have any questions about attending the symposium, please contact the Vasculitis Foundation office by phone 816.436.8211 or email vf@vasculitisfoundation.org.

We look forward to welcoming you to Jacksonville in June!
Register today!

Sincerely,

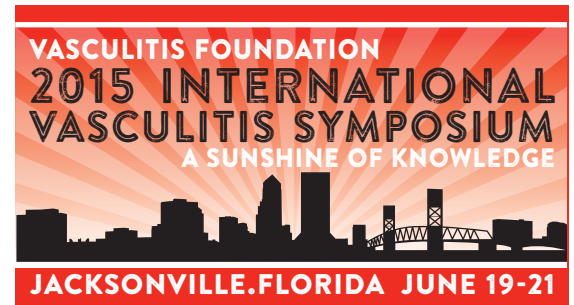


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Executive Director
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JACKSONVILLE, FL 32202
JUNE 19-21, 2015

Attendees from previous International Vasculitis Symposia have shared their comments, and we want to share them with you.

- > Good topics and good program.
- > Awesome information.
- > I'm not alone anymore.
- > Very informative, even entertaining.
- > Great. Very informational. Broke it down to our level.
- > Research talks offered me hope that things will be okay.
- > The entire event was incredibly well organized.
- > As a newly diagnosed patient, it was great to see others who've been around for awhile doing well. They inspired and reassured me.
- > My first time to attend. Good to hear people's stories; most excellent to have so many leaders in one place.
- > Value was better than the registration price!
- > The absolute best part was how accessible the doctors were!
- > Wonderful! Pertinent! Innovative!



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HOTEL INFORMATION

Omni Jacksonville Hotel

245 Water Street

Jacksonville, FL 32202

\$135/night single/double

RESERVATION DEADLINE: MAY 25, 2015

Online Reservations: <http://www.omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/Jacksonville/MeetingFacilities/VasculitisFoundation6n.aspx>

Reservations by Phone: 904.355.6664

Onsite restaurants include Juliette's Restaurant & Bistro and Juliette's Lounge. Guest room dining is also available.

Parking is available by valet or self-park in the Hotel garage. There is a parking fee. Complimentary shuttle service is available within a 2-mile radius of the hotel.

We highly recommend that you join the Omni Select Guest Program prior to making your reservations. The program offers you complimentary Wi-Fi service, complimentary morning beverage delivery, complimentary newspaper of your choice, and many other benefits. Enroll at:

www.omniselectguest.com.

The Omni Jacksonville Hotel is located in the heart of downtown Jacksonville on the north bank of the St. Johns River. A quick walk across the street will bring you to the Jacksonville Landing Riverfront, home to shops, restaurants, and bars. Also directly across the street is the Times Union Center for the Performing Arts, home to the Jacksonville Symphony and numerous theatre productions.

Located within blocks of the Omni: the historical Florida Theater, Prime F. Osborn Convention Center, Alltel Stadium, Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville, and the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville.

Catch the water taxi to the south bank featuring the Museum of Science and History, Friendship Park, and numerous notable restaurants. The neighborhoods of San Marco, Riverside, Avondale, and Five Points are a short car ride from the hotel. The beach? A 20-minute drive and you are able to enjoy the sand!

Summer temperatures in Jacksonville can hit the 90s and fall down to the 70s during the day; summer evenings are usually in the 70s.

Additional Omni Jacksonville Hotel details may be found at: <http://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/jacksonville>

For information on things to do while in Jacksonville, go to: <http://www.visitjacksonville.com>

GENERAL SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION

SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION FEE: \$199.00/PERSON

Preregistration is required for the symposium. The registration fee includes: Meals (listed on event schedule), educational materials, handouts and admittance to educational sessions and exhibit area, refreshment breaks and VF Symposium 2015 t-shirt.

Register Online:

<http://www.vasculitisfoundation.org/p221247/>

Mail the completed registration form to:

Vasculitis Foundation, PO Box 28660, Kansas City, MO 64188

Phone: 800.277.9474

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2015

PEDIATRIC PATIENTS

Pediatric vasculitis patients are permitted to attend the symposium sessions; a parent or legal guardian must accompany any patient 15 years of age or younger to the sessions. Children may attend the scheduled meals but must be registered and accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

SUBSTITUTIONS

If a registrant is unable to attend, substitutions are welcome.

REFUNDS

Refund requests must be made in writing and must be received no later than May 22, 2015. After that time, we are sorry that no refunds can be made for any reason.

INFORMATION DESK

Information Desk will be open Friday, June 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday, June 20 from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Sunday, June 21 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

NAME BADGES

Name badges will be given to every attendee at registration. Please wear your name badge to all Symposium sessions, meals, and special events.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Please contact the Information Desk immediately if there is a medical emergency. After hours, please call 9-1-1.

SPECIAL MEAL REQUESTS

If you have requested special dietary meals in advance, we have integrated vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, and most other options as part of every meal. Please read food labeling carefully.

REFRESHMENT BREAKS

Bottled water and soft drinks will be offered throughout the Symposium. Refreshment Breaks are outlined on the Symposium Schedule.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The Vasculitis Foundation uses electronic and traditional media including, but not limited to: photographs, video and/or audio footage. All attendees, speakers, and guests are asked to sign a photo release form upon registration. By signing the release, you grant the Vasculitis Foundation permission to photograph participants in any session, or activity, scheduled as part of the Symposium. These photographs may be used in the VF newsletter, on the VF website, on VF social media, or in other VF promotional materials.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please join us by posting on social media during the Symposium: #VasculitisSymposium15

2015 INTERNATIONAL VASCULITIS SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

Friday, June 19, 2015

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Information Desk Open
11:30 a.m.	Florida Ballroom Opens
12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Welcome Luncheon Welcome and Recognition <i>Jason Wadler, President, Vasculitis Foundation Board of Directors</i> Introduction of Keynote Speaker <i>Joyce A. Kullman, Executive Director, Vasculitis Foundation</i> Keynote Address: Proactive Patient Practices: Education, Awareness, Research <i>Ida Hakkarinen, Vasculitis Patient-Powered Research Network</i>
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	BREAKOUT SESSION I - Individual Disease Breakout Session <i>These breakout sessions provide the opportunity for patients diagnosed with the same types of vasculitis to gather in smaller groups for discussions on treatments and side effects. All of the sessions will include time for Q&A.</i>
Breakout Session	Behcet's disease 2015 <i>Kenneth T. Calamia, M.D., Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville</i>
Breakout Session	Cryoglobulinemic vasculitis, IgA vasculitis (Henoch-Schönlein purpura), Primary Central Nervous System vasculitis, and other cutaneous vasculitis, <i>Peter A. Grayson, M.D., MSc., National Institutes of Health, Bethesda</i> <i>Paul A. Monach, M.D., Ph.D., Boston University, Boston</i>
Breakout Session	Eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis (Churg-Strauss Syndrome) <i>Andy Abril, M.D., Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville</i>
Breakout Session	Giant cell arteritis/Polymyalgia Rheumatica/Takayasu's arteritis <i>Cornelia Weyand, M.D., Ph.D., Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford</i>
Breakout Session	Granulomatosis with polyangiitis (GPA/Wegener's) and Microscopic polyangiitis <i>Ronald Falk, M.D., University of North Carolina Kidney Center, Chapel Hill</i> <i>Robert Lebovics, M.D. F.A.C.S., Head & Neck Surgery, New York City</i> <i>Peter A. Merkel, M.D., M.P.H., University of Pennsylvania Health System, Philadelphia</i>
Breakout Session	Polyarteritis Nodosa <i>Eric Hoy, Ph.D., University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas</i>
3:30 p.m.	Afternoon Break
3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	BREAKOUT SESSION II <i>The following breakout sessions provide the opportunity for attendees to gather in smaller groups for discussions on topics which are important to them. All of the sessions will include time for Q&A.</i>
Breakout Session	What Matters Most to Patients with Vasculitis? <i>Elaine Nokavich, R.N., Translational Program in Vasculitis, NIAMS, NIH, Bethesda</i>
Breakout Session	Pediatrics/Young Adults Session
Breakout Session	Topic to be announced
Breakout Session	Cryoglobulinemic Vasculitis in Depth <i>Paul A. Monach, M.D., Ph.D., Boston University, School of Medicine, Boston</i>
Adjourn.	Dinner on your own.

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SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 20, 2015

7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Information Desk Open
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	General Session It Likes Giant Cell Arteritis: Polymyalgia Rheumatica and Other Geriatric Challenges <i>Eric L. Matteson, M.D., Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota</i> Research Advances Funded by the Vasculitis Foundation <i>Paul A. Monach, M.D., Ph.D., Boston University School of Medicine, Boston</i>
10:00 a.m.	Morning Break
10:15 – 11:15 a.m.	General Session Introducing the Vasculitis Patient-Powered Research Clinical Research Network (V-PPRN) <i>Peter A. Merkel, M.D., M.P.H., University of Pennsylvania Health System, Philadelphia</i> Coping and Resiliency Strategies for Living with Vasculitis <i>Speaker to be announced</i>
11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Boxed Lunch/Break
1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	BREAKOUT SESSION III <i>The following breakout sessions provide the opportunity for attendees to gather in smaller groups for discussions on topics which are important to them. All of the sessions will include time for Q&A.</i>
Breakout Session	Trends in Long-term Outcomes Among Patients with ANCA-associated Vasculitis with Renal Disease <i>Rennie Rhee, M.D., University of Pennsylvania Health System, Philadelphia</i>
Breakout Session	Risk and Prevention of Infections During Immunosuppressive Therapy <i>Yih Chang Lin, M.D., USF Health Morsani Center, Tampa General Hospital, Tampa</i>
Breakout Session	Novel Clinical Research Approaches Through the V-PPRN <i>Antoine G. Sreih, M.D., University of Pennsylvania Health System</i>
Breakout Session	Insight into your Lung Tests <i>Augustine Lee, M.D., Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville</i>
2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	BREAKOUT SESSION IV <i>The following breakout sessions provide the opportunity for attendees to gather in smaller groups for discussions on topics which are important to them. All of the sessions will include time for Q&A.</i>
Breakout Session	To Clot, or Not to Clot That is the Question <i>Elizabeth Brant, M.D., University of North Carolina Kidney Center, Chapel Hill</i>
Breakout Session	Ear/Nose/Throat Involvement in Vasculitis <i>Robert Lebovics, M.D. F.A.C.S., Head & Neck Surgery, New York, New York</i>
Breakout Session	Topic to be announced
Breakout Session	Topic to be announced
2:45 p.m.	Break

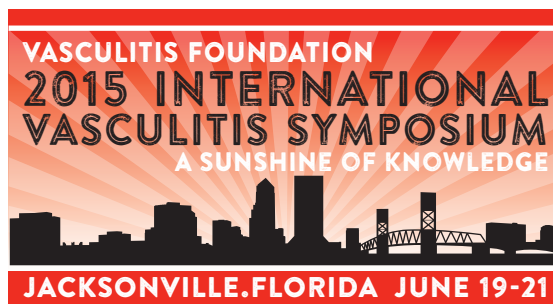
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- 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. : **BREAKOUT SESSION V**
The following breakout sessions provide the opportunity for attendees to gather in smaller groups for discussions on topics which are important to them. All of the sessions will include time for Q&A.
- Breakout Session : The Role of Radiology in the Treatment of Vasculitis
Ricardo Paz-Fumagalli, M.D., Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville
- Breakout Session : Calling all Caregivers! Caregiving for Yourself While Caring for Others
- Breakout Session : Vasculitis Patient-Powered Research Network - An Investigator's/Patient's Perspective
George Casey, M.B.A., Co-Principal Investigator, V-PPRN
- Adjourn. : Dinner on your own

Sunday, June 21, 2015

- 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. : **Information Desk Open**
- 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. : **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 a.m. : **Vasculitis Foundation Annual Membership Meeting**
Jason Wadler, President, Vasculitis Foundation Board of Directors
- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. : **General Session**
 Research as a Form of Patient Care
Peter A. Grayson, M.D., MSc., National Institutes of Health, Bethesda
 Vasculitis: Topic to be announced
Ronald Falk, M.D., University of North Carolina Kidney Center, Chapel Hill
- 10:00 a.m. : **Morning Break**
- 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. : **General Session**
 Title to be announced
Cornelia Weyand, M.D., Ph.D., Stanford University
 Title to be announced
Carol A. Langford, M.D., M.H.S., Director, Cleveland Clinic Vasculitis Center, Cleveland
- 11:15 a.m. : **Closing Announcements and Recognition**
- Adjourn.

Session titles, speakers, times, and locations are subject to change prior to the start of the event. Please reference the final schedule in the attendee's packet.



ANDY ABRIL, M.D.

Division of Rheumatology, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida

Dr. Abril graduated from the University of Pontificia Bolivariana, Fac De Med, Medellin, Colombia in 1990. His scientific interests include vasculitis, rheumatoid arthritis, ultrasonography and Sarcoidosis.

ELIZABETH BRANT M.D.

Vasculitis Foundation Fellowship Recipient (2013 - 2015)

University of North Carolina (UNC) Kidney Center, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dr. Brant's research focuses on venous thromboembolism (VTE), a condition that studies show is common in ANCA vasculitis and tends to occur around the times of active disease. About 10 percent of ANCA patients develop VTE; about half of all patients (not just those with vasculitis) with VTE develop pulmonary embolism, a life-threatening complication. Her research will test a hypothesis about how VTE forms in patients with ANCA vasculitis.

KENNETH CALAMIA M.D., F.A.C.P.

Division of Rheumatology, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida

Dr. Calamia is a Consultant in Internal Medicine and Rheumatology at Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida. His research interests include vasculitis, especially Behcet's disease and giant cell arteritis. He has traveled extensively along the Silk Road to gain experience in the treatment of Behcet's in the Middle East. He has contributed numerous original articles, abstracts, and textbook chapters to the medical literature.

GEORGE CASEY, M.B.A.

Junction Solutions, Highlands Ranch, Colorado

Mr. Casey is the co-principal investigator of the Vasculitis Patient-Powered Research Network (V-PPRN). He is also a patient with granulomatosis with polyangiitis (GPA/Wegener's). He has served on the VF Board of Directors as Vice President of Resource Development and Treasurer since 2011. The combination of patient perspective he has gained since diagnosis, along with his expert level knowledge of databases, data driven decision models and cloud integration techniques makes him an exceptional contributor to the V-PPRN investigative team.

RON FALK, M.D.

Director, University of North Carolina Kidney Center,

Chief, Division of Nephrology & Hypertension, Chapel Hill

Dr. Falk's research probes questions focused on immune mediated kidney diseases, especially glomerulonephritis. His clinical and basic science interests include both ANCA glomerulonephritis and small vessel vasculitis (SVV). A central objective of Falk's research is elucidating the causes of ANCA necrotizing and crescentic glomerulonephritis. He participates in a research group that, in a large study over the last four years has revealed a number of avenues of investigation and new approaches to ongoing questions that pertain not only to ANCA glomerulonephritis, but to the general fields of autoimmunity, inflammation and basic neutrophil and monocyte biology.

PETER A. GRAYSON, M.D., MSC.

Translational Program in Vasculitis, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland

Dr. Grayson is the founder and principal investigator of the Translational Program in Vasculitis, established in 2013 and is the associate program director of the NIAMS Rheumatology Fellowship Training Program. He serves as the representative to a major international collaboration to develop novel diagnostic

and updated classification criteria in several forms of systemic vasculitis. His research focus includes biomarker discovery and development through gene expression profiling and other genomic techniques, disease classification, clinical epidemiology and immunology, and clinical trials in vasculitis.

IDA HAKKARINEN

Ms. Hakkarinen, a meteorologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), is a team member of the joint NOAA/NASA program developing the next-generation of geostationary weather satellites. She began her journey with vasculitis in 2011; currently her disease is quiescent. Ms. Hakkarinen is a patient-partner in the Vasculitis Patient-Powered Research Network (V-PPRN) and serves on the Patient-Reported Outcomes and Data for Use in Clinical Trials (PRODUCT) Working Group, which is tasked with helping to select data elements and their collection methods in the V-PPRN. The Working Group will help refine how the V-PPRN collects disease and other patient-reported outcome data, including electronic health records (EHRs.) Ms. Hakkarinen will talk about ways patients can partner proactively with physicians and researchers.

ERIC HOY, PH.D, S.I., A.S.C.P.

Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences, the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, Texas

Dr. Hoy teaches Basic and Clinical Immunology in the Medical Laboratory Sciences program at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. His major area of interest within immunology is the field of autoimmunity. His research is directed toward finding better tests for the clinical laboratory to use in the diagnosis of these diseases. Dr. Hoy serves as the medical consultant for The PAN Support Network.

CAROL A. LANGFORD, M.D., M.H.S.

Director, Center for Vasculitis Care and Research, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio

Dr. Langford's work focuses on patient care and research in vasculitic diseases, including GPA/Wegener's, giant cell arteritis, Takayasu's arteritis, Polyarteritis nodosa, microscopic polyangiitis, Churg Strauss syndrome and other forms of vasculitis. She has additionally received funding from the Rare Diseases Clinical Research Network of the NIH to conduct studies in GPA/Wegener's. These studies will be conducted in partnership with colleagues in the Vasculitis Clinical Research Consortium (VCRC).

YIH CHANG LIN, M.D.

Division of Rheumatology, University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine, Tampa, Florida

Dr. Lin has been involved extensively in academic research particularly in systemic vasculitis, psoriatic arthritis, and rheumatoid arthritis. He has published in peer-reviewed journals and medical text books, and presented his research at both local and international rheumatology conferences. His main clinical and research focus is systemic vasculitis and he is establishing a Vasculitis Center at USF Health.

ROBERT LBOVICS, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery, St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital, New York City, New York

Dr. Lebovics has expertise in infectious and inflammatory disorders for adults and children, nasal and sinus surgery, and disorders of the special senses. For nearly nine years Dr. Lebovics was Chief of the Clinical Otolaryngology Service at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. In 1997, Dr. Lebovics joined

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the Head and Neck Surgical Group, affiliated with the St. Lukes-Roosevelt Hospital Center with an interest in the medical/surgical treatment of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology.

AUGUSTINE S. LEE M.D.

*Assistant Professor of Medicine
Departments of Critical Care Services and Pulmonary Medicine,
Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida*

Dr. Lee is the Co-Director of the LAM Clinic at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville. He studied at Cornell University and the University of Maryland and went on to do his residency and fellowship at the Mayo Clinics in Jacksonville and in Rochester, Minnesota. His research interests focus on Interstitial lung disease, pulmonary vasculitis and Aspiration syndromes.

ERIC L. MATTESON, M.D., M.P.H.

Mayo Clinic Rochester, Minnesota; Chair, Rheumatology, Rochester, Minnesota

Dr. Matteson's interests include researching the epidemiology and novel treatments of rheumatoid arthritis and studying the impact of rheumatoid arthritis on development of coexisting conditions, such as heart disease. In this work, Dr. Matteson conducts clinical trials and collaborates with national and international groups researching biology, diagnosis and management of giant cell arteritis, polymyalgia rheumatica and systemic vasculitis. Additionally, Dr. Matteson works with the Vasculitis Clinical Research Consortium, which has led to establishing the Mayo Clinic Cardio-Rheumatology Clinic.

PETER A. MERKEL, M.D., M.P.H.

Chief, Division of Rheumatology, Professor of Medicine, Professor of Epidemiology in Biostatistics and Epidemiology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dr. Merkel is the principal investigator of the Vasculitis Clinical Research Consortium and the co-principal investigator of the Vasculitis Patient-Powered Research Network (V-PPRN). Dr. Merkel is an internationally recognized leader in clinical research and care in vasculitis and is the principal investigator on multiple NIH, FDA, and PCORI research grants that focus on clinical and translation investigation in vasculitis.

PAUL MONACH, M.D., PH.D.

Director, Boston University Vasculitis Center Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts

Dr. Monach is an investigator in the Vasculitis Clinical Research Consortium, comprised of several vasculitis centers across North America dedicated to conducting clinical research in vasculitis. Dr. Monach is a rheumatologist and sees patients with all forms of vasculitis. His specific research interests in vasculitis concern biomarkers, genetics, and clinical trials.

ELAINE NOVAKOVICH, R.N.

Translational Program in Vasculitis, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland

Elaine began her nursing career at the Children's Hospital National Medical Center in the neonatal units. In 1987, she transferred to the National Institutes of Health where her career focus was in pediatrics for more than 25 years. In 2012 she joined the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS) as a Research Nurse Specialist. Elaine now coordinates the care of patients with Behcet's disease, STILLS and vasculitis. Her responsibilities include monitoring and maintaining the quality of patient care, while ensuring protocol integrity.

RICARDO PAZ-FUMAGALLI, M.D.

Department of Radiology, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida

Dr. Paz-Fumagalli's clinical and research focus includes percutaneous treatment of aneurismal and occlusive arterial disease and portal hypertension, minimally invasive cancer therapies, including radiofrequency ablation, cryotherapy and chemoembolization of tumors.

RENNIE RHEE, M.D.

*Vasculitis Foundation Fellowship Recipient (2014-2016)
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

Dr. Rhee works with Dr. Peter Merkel and Dr. Antoine Sreih, among others, to understand more about vasculitis. In particular, Rhee hopes to determine whether outcomes, such as survival and development of end-stage renal disease, are improving in patients with ANCA-associated vasculitis over the past 25 years. She also is interested in the impact of early diagnosis and treatment advances on these outcomes.

ANTOINE G. SREIH, M.D.

Division of Rheumatology, University of Pennsylvania Health System, Perelman Center for Advanced Medicine, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dr. Sreih's expertise is in vasculitis and management of rare and difficult conditions in rheumatology. His research focuses on novel therapies and clinical trials in vasculitis, patient-reported outcomes, and the use of the internet and social media in research and clinical trials. He is an investigator on the Vasculitis Patient-Powered Research Network (V-PPRN).

CORNELIA WEYAND, M.D., PH.D.

Chief, Division of Immunology and Rheumatology, Professor of Medicine, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California

Dr. Weyand has a special interest in tissue damaging immune responses in rheumatoid arthritis, atherosclerosis and large vessel vasculitis. Her team has defined the role of T cells and dendritic cells in deviating from protective to destructive immunity. Over the last decade, she has devoted special emphasis to the remodeling of the immune system with aging, how chronic disease ages the immune system, and how aged immune cells cause inflammation.

