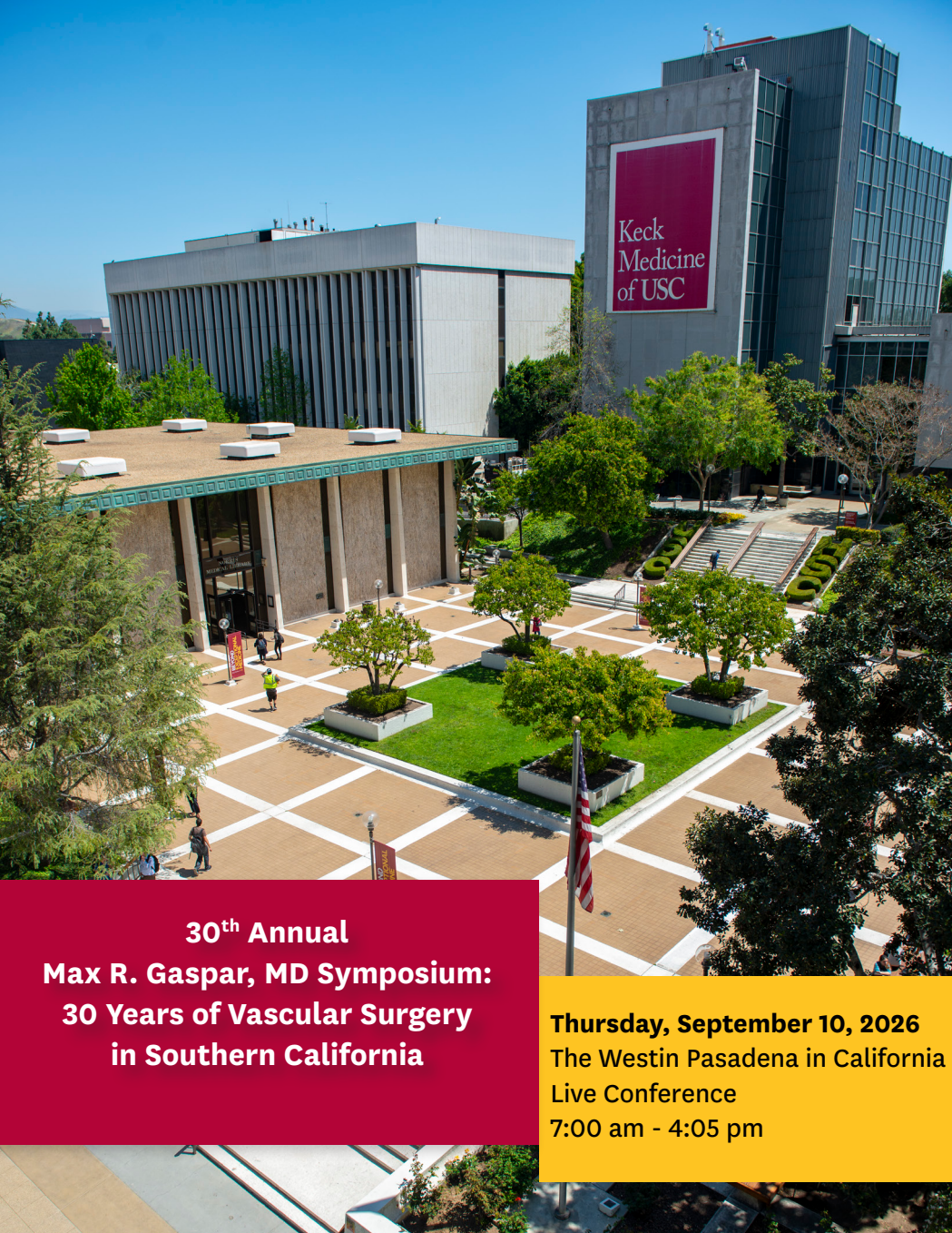




**30th Annual
Max R. Gaspar, MD Symposium:
30 Years of Vascular Surgery
in Southern California**

Thursday, September 10, 2026
The Westin Pasadena in California
Live Conference
7:00 am - 4:05 pm

Keck School of Medicine of **USC**

Presented By:
Division of Vascular Surgery and Endovascular Therapy
and the USC Office of Continuing Medical Education



PROGRAM AGENDA

- 7:00 am Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 am Introduction to the Max R. Gaspar, MD Symposium Series
Kenneth R. Ziegler, MD
- 8:10 am Course Overview: Goals and Highlights for the Day
Kenneth R. Ziegler, MD

Session I: Standing on the Shoulders of Giants

Moderators: Sukgu M. Han, MD, MS and

Kenneth R. Ziegler, MD

- 8:20 am Care for Carotid Artery Stenosis: 1996 Versus 2026
Steven G. Katz, MD
- 8:35 am CREST II- Guidance, Acceptance, Controversy
Ariela L. Zenilman, MD
- 8:50 am Adjunctive Issues in TCAR
Nathan J. Aranson, MD
- 9:05 am True Mastery of Carotid Endarterectomy
William M. Lee, MD
- 9:20 am Panel Discussion
- 9:30 am Break

Session II: Two Vast and Trunkless Legs of Stone Stand in a Desert...

Moderators: Sukgu M. Han, MD, MS and

Kenneth R. Ziegler, MD

- 9:55 am Caring for Peripheral Arterial Disease Patients from 1996-2026: Is the Hand Writing on the Wall
Vincent L. Rowe, MD
- 10:10 am BEST-CLI, BASIL II, and USC/LAG- Who Do We Trust? Who Do We Believe?
Tze-Woei Tan, MBBS, MPH
- 10:25 am How Much is Too Much? GLASS, WiFi+, Limflo, Pedal Intervention, WoundVAC- Does Any of It Help?
Miguel F. Manzur, MD
- 10:40 am MD to PhD: Developing a Research Program from Clinical Experience
Karen Woo, MD, PhD
- 10:55 am Panel Discussion

Invited Lecture by Gaspar Visiting Professor

- 11:15 am The Thirty-Year Journey of USC Vascular Surgery and the Gaspar Symposium
Fred A. Weaver, MD, MMM
- 11:50 am Questions and Answers
- 12:00 pm Lunch Break

Session III: There Is No Disease More Conducive to Clinical Humility...

Moderator: Fred A. Weaver, MD, MMM

- 1:05 pm Vascular Trauma in 1996 Versus 2026: Minds Blown?
Pedro G. Teixeira, MD
- 1:20 pm TAMBE Century Club: Lessons Learned
Sukgu M. Han, MD, MS
- 1:35 pm Swinging Back: Redefining the Role of Open Aortic Surgery
Alyssa J. Pyun, MD
- 1:50 pm The Economics of Endovascular Aortic Care: Is This Sustainable? Strategies to Succeed
Clayton J. Brinster, MD
- 2:05 pm Panel Discussion
- 2:20 pm Break

Session IV: What Lies Within Us

Moderator: Kenneth R. Ziegler, MD

- 2:45 pm Resident/Fellow Presentation - Weaver Resident Research Award
Sukgu M. Han, MD, MS
- 3:00 pm Vascular Ultrasound Lab: How to Win and Succeed
Courtney Navarro, RVT
- 3:15 pm Handling Vascular Trauma in the Community
Gabriel Herscu, MD
- 3:30 pm Career Challenges for the Young Surgeon: How to Address and Overcome
Shelley Maithel, MD
- 3:45 pm Panel Discussion
- 4:00 pm Closing Remarks
- 4:05 pm Adjourn

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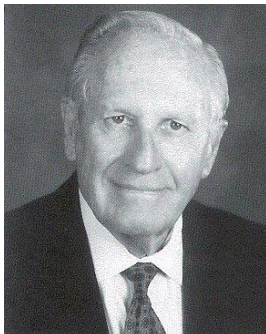
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COURSE DESCRIPTION



This year, the topic is "30 Years of Vascular Surgery in Southern California." Sukgu Han, MD, Chief of the Division of Vascular Surgery, and Kenneth R. Ziegler, MD, Chief of Vascular Surgery at Los Angeles General Medical Center, will kick off the conference with a tribute to Dr. Gaspar, who served as an attending surgeon at Los Angeles County Hospital for more than 50 years, and as a Senior Vascular Attending Surgeon for more than 25 years.

Drs. Ziegler and Han will moderate four sessions through the day that will delve into the history of vascular surgery over the last three decades, the impact of this history on our modern-day practice, with an eye on how we will take these lessons into the next three decades. We will be highlighting the pivotal role of our institutions here in the development of modern vascular surgical practice. In this structure will be special sessions focused on transitional phases of a surgeon's career over decades. The

first half of the day will conclude with a lecture from Gaspar Visiting Professor Fred Weaver, MD, MMM, previous Chief of the Division of Vascular Surgery at the Keck School of Medicine of USC.

This program is presented by Division of Vascular Surgery and Endovascular Therapy in concert with the USC Office of Continuing Medical Education, and participants are eligible for CME credit.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Discuss the fundamental changes and improvements in the treatment of carotid artery stenosis, including outcomes of major clinical trials over the last 30 years.
- Assess personal competence in the delivery of surgical and interventional treatment in the care of peripheral artery disease, with an eye on reducing high-level amputations.
- Identify systems level, practice level, and personal level barriers in the establishment of vascular surgery practices in the community and academic settings.
- Incorporate decision-making best practices in the treatment of complex aortopathy and vascular trauma in personal practice settings, including partnership opportunities for specialized care.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This course is intended for practicing vascular surgeons, general surgeons, vascular surgery fellows and residents, general surgery residents, medical students, advanced practice nurses in vascular surgery, nurses, physician assistants, vascular ultrasound technologists, medical specialists with interests in treating patients with vascular disease, biomedical engineers, medical administrators with interest in vascular surgery technologies.

ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

The Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

CREDIT DESIGNATION

The Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California designates this live activity for a maximum of 6 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

The following may apply *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™* for license renewal: Registered Nurses may report up to 6 credit hour(s) toward the CME requirements for license renewal by their state Board of Registered Nurses (BRN). CME may be noted on the license renewal application in lieu of a BRN provider number.

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REGISTRATION FORM

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Early-bird price for live registration ends September 4, 2026 at 12:00 pm, PDT.
After September 4, 2026: Please register on-site on September 10.

Live Tuition:	Early-Bird	After September 4
MD/DO	☐ \$150	☐ \$175
NP/PA/APP	☐ \$100	☐ \$125
RN/AH	☐ \$100	☐ \$125
Students/Residents/Fellows:	☐ Complimentary	



Cancellation: Cancellations must be received by the USC Office of CME over email by September 4, 2026, 12:00 pm PDT for a refund. A \$50 cancellation fee will be applied. In the event of course cancellation by conference organizers, all registration fees will be fully refunded. USC will not refund any travel costs incurred.

Location: The Westin Pasadena: 191 N. Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101
Register: **Mail:** 1540 Alcazar Street, CHP 223, Los Angeles, CA 90033
Mail-in registration must be postmarked by September 4, 2026.
Online: keckusc.cloud-cme.com/gaspar2026
Phone: (323) 442-2555 | **AMEX, Mastercard, Visa**
Email: usccme@usc.edu
On-site: Available September 10, 7:00 am, The Westin Pasadena

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*Registration confirmation and event reminder will be emailed.

Method of Payment:
No cash payment accepted.
☐ Check (Payable to **USC**. Check payment must be postmarked by September 4, 2026)
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