



**50th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONGRESS**

***The Canadian Vision in Phlebology:  
Honouring our Past and Excited for the Future***

**Montreal May 15-16-17, 2026**

**PROGRAM**



***Under the auspices of the v-WIN ONLUS***



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**Target Audience:** This program is intended for family physicians and specialists

***This three-day Annual Congress is eligible for CME credits***

**Members of the Scientific Committee:**

Janna Bentley, Program Chairman

Aida Rizk, CME Coordinator



**FRIDAY - MAY 15, 2026**

## ***Tracing the Flow: A Practical Day on Venous Imaging***

***Learn, explore, and share a full day of venous imaging insights with Dr. Miguel Lo Vuolo radiologist, researcher, illustrator and international speaker.***

8:30 **Registration**

**Concerto Room**

8:55 **Welcome**

*Douglas Hill / Aida Rizk*

### ***Overall learning objectives:***

*Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to apply fundamental principles of venous imaging to enhance their daily phlebology practice.*

9:00 How to Perform and Interpret Venous Imaging

10:00 **Refreshment break and exhibit**

10:30 A Practical Look at the Superficial Venous System

11:30 **Questions and answers**

12:00 **Lunch**

1:00 Imaging the Pelvic Veins: What's Normal and What's Not

2:00 How to Predict Venous Reflux Pathways

3:00 **Refreshment break and exhibit**

3:30 Case Discussion by Miguel Lo Vuolo

4:30 **Questions & Answers**

5:00 **Adjourn**



**SATURDAY - MAY 16, 2026**

7:30 **Registration**

**Opus Room**

8:05 **Presidential Welcome**

*Janna Bentley*

**Overall learning objectives:**

After completion of this program, participants will be able to:

- Review and interpret basic knowledge and skills in phlebology
- Update and improve their knowledge about recent advances in the diagnosis, management and treatment of venous disorders
- Integrate new principles to improve their everyday practice of phlebology

**Pelvis Black Box and other Anatomical Challenges**

**Moderator: Mandy Wong**

8:15 50 Years-History of the Canadian Society of Phlebology

*. Michel Zummo*

8:30 The History and Physical Exam in Phlebology: A Review

*Douglas Hill*

8:45 Pelvic Congestion Syndrome

*Marie-France Giroux*

9:15 Angiodysplasias

*Michel Zummo*

9:35 Venous Insufficiency vs. Obstruction: Key Imaging Clues

*Miguel Lo Vuolo*

9:50 **Questions & Answers**

10:00 **Refreshment break and exhibit**

**Sclerotherapy - Phlebectomy**

**Moderator: Douglas Hill**

10:30 Ankle and Foot Varicose Management

*Fabien Lavoie*

10:45 Clots and Knots

*Gilles Pinette*

11:00 Sclerotherapy Mistakes to Avoid

*Karol Chakkour*

11:15 Ideal Foam, Temperature, etc.

*Marie-Ève Nadeau*

11:30 Small Saphenous Vein Tributaries:  
Ambulatory Phlebectomy Approach Indication

*Jean-Luc Dupuis*

11:45 Incorporating Nurses into Busy Phlebology Practice, Sclerotherapy

*Mackenzie Bayne, Lisa Hilscher*

12:00 **Questions & Answers**

12:15 **Lunch**



**SATURDAY - MAY 16, 2026**

**EVLA: RF vs Laser**

**Moderator: Janna Bentley**

- 1:30 EVLA vs RF: What Does the Data Say? *Douglas Hill*
- 1:45 Radio Frequency Ablation of Saphenous Aneurysm:  
Long-term Results of 34 Cases from a Single Centre *Patrice Nault*
- 2:00 Constraints of Venous Anatomy Influencing Technical Success  
and Outcome with EVLA *Richard Danylewick*
- 2:15 Is 1940nm Wavelength better for EVLA *Sam Azer*
- 2:30 Thermal Ablation of the Small Saphenous Vein,  
how to Avoid Nerve Injuries *Karol Chakkour*
- 2:45 Total EVLA with the 1940nm *Sam Azer*
- 3:00 Round Table  
*S. Azer, K. Chakkour, R. Danylewick, D. Hill, P. Nault*

3:15 ***Refreshment break and exhibit***

**Moderator: Aida Rizk**

- 3:45 Présentations et discussions de cas en français  
Case Presentation and Discussion in French *Michel Zummo*
- 4:30 **General Assembly**  
Board of Directors' Election - All participants are invited  
Only Members may vote
- 5:00 **Adjourn**



**SUNDAY - MAY 17, 2026**

8:40 **Presidential Welcome**

*Janna Bentley*

**New Technology**

**Moderator: Céline Bordeleau**

8:45 Evolution of Venous Surgery in last 50 years

*Richard Danylewick*

9:00 HIFU Veinsound and the Like: What's New?

*Janna Bentley*

9:15 **Keynote Speaker**

Global call to Le.G.athering for Multi-Specialty Vein-Lymphatic Precision Medicine

*Sergio Giancesini*

9:45 **Questions & Answers**

10:00 **Break**

**Bloody (and not so Bloody) Complications -Prevention**

**Moderator: Michel Zummo**

10:15 The Canadian A20 Checklist to Prevent Fatal Bleeding from Varicose Veins

*Patrice Nault*

10:30 Thrombotic Complications in Phlebology.

*Matthieu Josnin*

11:00 Management of Periprocedural Emergency

*Jacobo Jaramillo*

11:15 Anticoagulation in Phlebology: Who, When, and How Long?

*Mandy Wong*

11:30 *Panel Discussion*

*S. Giancesini, D. Hill, J. Jaramillo, M. Josnin, P. Nault, M. Wong*

12:00 **Questions & Answers**

12:15 **Fellowship Ceremony**

12:30 **Lunch**



**SUNDAY - MAY 17, 2026**

**Lifestyle and Compression**

**Moderator: Richard Danylewick**

- 1:15 Sports and Compression *Céline Bordeleau*
- 1:30 Self Management Modalities for Lower Limb Chronic Edema and Lymphedema *Anna Towers*
- 1:45 Indications for Veno-Active Drugs for Venous Disease Outside of the Lower Limbs *Matthieu Josnin*
- 2:00 A Hefty Price for Heavy Legs *Aida Rizk*
- 2:15 **Questions & Answers**

**Lipedema, Lymphedema, Obesity**

**Moderator: Douglas Hill**

- 2:30 The Weight of Disease: How Obesity Fuels Venous Insufficiency and Undermines - Treatment Success *Mandy Wong*
- 2:45 Lipedema: Unveiling a Neglected Disease and Modern Approaches to Management *Fabien Lavoie*
- 3:00 Lower Limb Lymphedema: What is the link with CVI *Anna Towers*
- 3:15 VALID Document on Thermal Tumescent vs Non Thermal Non Tumescent... and more *Sergio Giancesini*
- 3:45 **Questions & Answers**
- 4:00 **Adjourn**