

## General Information:

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## Education:

- 06/2020 – Present **Massachusetts General Hospital – Boston, MA**  
 Categorical General Surgery Resident
- 09/2015 – 05/2020 **University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry – Rochester, NY**  
 Doctor of Medicine (MD)  
 • Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society  
 • Honors Distinction in Research
- 08/2014 – 05/2016 **University of Rochester Simon Business School – Rochester, NY**  
 Masters of Business Administration (MBA)  
 • Phillip Myers Award for highest GPA in graduating class  
 • Beta Gamma Sigma, International Business Honor Society
- 09/2010 – 06/2014 **Middlebury College – Middlebury, VT**  
 Bachelor of Arts (BA) - Biochemistry major, Computer Science minor  
 • Summa cum laude, GPA: 3.81  
 • Varsity Lacrosse x4 years (NEILA Academic All-Region Selection)

## Honors and Awards:

- 2020
- Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society
  - Distinction in Clinical Research, University of Rochester Medical School
  - Robert L. Caldwell Prize in Surgery – awarded to highest performing 4<sup>th</sup> year medical student
- 2019
- AΩA Carolyn L. Kuckein Student Research Fellowship
- 2018
- ELSO Research Grant, Extracorporeal Life Support Organization
  - Looking to the Future Scholarship Recipient, Society of Thoracic Surgery
  - Innovation Corps Grant, National Science Foundation
  - Student Research Fellowship Grant, Office of Medical Education
- 2017
- Eastern Vascular Surgery Society Medical Student Scholarship
  - Society for Vascular Surgery General Surgery Resident/Med Student Scholarship
- 2016
- Phillip Myers Award, Simon Business School, highest GPA in graduating class
  - Beta Gamma Sigma, International Business Honor Society
  - Gary and Bill Sanders Poster Award, Computing in Cardiology, Vancouver, Canada
  - Summer Research Grant, URSMD Office of Medical Education
- 2015
- New York State Business Plan Competition 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Social Entrepreneurship
  - McGary Merit Scholarship Recipient, Simon Business School
- 2014
- Baggataway Award (selected for leadership and sportsmanship), Middlebury Men’s Lacrosse
  - NEILA Academic All-Region Selection (Lacrosse)
  - NESCAC All-Academic Selection (Lacrosse; 2014, 2013, 2012)
- 2010
- Charter Communications Scholar-Athlete of the Year for Central New England
  - Academic All-American (Lacrosse); All New-England (Football, Quarterback)

## Research Experience:

- June 2021 – Present      **Machine learning to augment perioperative care – Boston, MA**  
*Resident Researcher*
- Member of Dr. Aaron Aguirre’s research laboratory located in the Wellman Center for Photomedicine and the Center for Systems Biology at MGH involved with the development of new digital health and medical device technologies for use in the intensive care unit.
  - Develop machine learning algorithms that augment clinical decision making for the perioperative care of cardiothoracic surgery patients
- Aug 2018 – June 2019      **Cardiothoracic Surgery Research Department – Rochester, NY**  
*Student Research Fellowship*
- Clinical research – extracted big data from Epic for clinical research on ECMO and LVAD patients using machine learning and traditional statistical approaches.
  - Educational research – worked with an engineering team to develop a high-fidelity 3D printed hydrogel model of the thoracic cavity for surgical simulation.
- Summer 2016      **Heart Research Follow-Up Program, URMC – Rochester, NY**  
*Digital Signal Processing Software Engineer*
- Wrote digital signal processing software to implement algorithmic detection of atrial fibrillation using a novel EKG monitoring device.
- Summer 2014      **Middlebury College Biology Department – Middlebury, VT**  
*Bioinformatics Research Technician*
- Performed analysis of next-gen sequencing datasets to identify specific gene differentiation, alternative splicing, and novel transcripts to study the genetics of various diseases.
- Summer 2013      **University of Massachusetts Medical School – Worcester, MA**  
*Researcher in Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacology Department*
- Conducted research on the cytotoxicity and functionalization of up-converting nanoparticles to be used for cancer imaging
  - Applied knowledge to senior thesis project “Conjugation of anti-CD47 antibody to gold nanoparticles via click chemistry for cancer therapy”
- Summer 2012      **University of Massachusetts Medical School – Worcester, MA**  
*Clinical Research Assistant in the Emergency Department*
- Surveyed patients in the emergency room to gather data on tobacco use for clinical studies.
  - Provided resources and counseling on tobacco cessation programs.
- Summer 2011      **University of Massachusetts Medical School – Worcester, MA**  
*Cell Biology Summer Researcher*
- Extracted and measured levels of various miRNA in arthritic hip and knee cartilage taken from total joint replacement patients to study osteoarthritis at the molecular level.

## Research Support:

- 2022      **Center of Expertise Medical Education Grant: \$3,000**
- Grant awarded from Mass General Brigham (MGB) for “Eye tracking for quantitative feedback during surgical simulation”.
  - The goal of the study is to use wearable cameras and pupil tracking software in conjunction with deep learning algorithms to identify times of maximum cognitive load and stress while trainees perform surgical simulation tasks to provide insights for more targeted training

- 2019 **AΩA Carolyn L. Kuckein Student Research Fellowship; \$5,000**
- Grant awarded from national AΩA organization to investigate the use of machine learning techniques to predict the likelihood of neurologically intact survival for patients supported by VA-ECMO
  - The goal of the study is to utilize big data analysis to develop an algorithm capable of augmenting clinician decision making in regard to the often difficult choices related to the continuation of VA-ECMO support in critically ill patients
- 2019 **ELSO Research Grant, Extracorporeal Life Support Organization; \$5,000**
- Grant awarded to study patterns in renal recovery after VA-ECMO
  - Big data analysis conducted by creating an institutional ECMO database that combines patient characteristics with over 2 million lab values to gain insights to improve patient care
- 2018 – 2019 **Innovation Corps Grant, National Science Foundation; \$3,000**
- Grant awarded to aid in the development of an iOS-based app to collect patient reported outcomes and activity data postoperatively.
  - The goal is to leverage technology to improve patient adherence to ERAS protocols and integrate wearable technologies to collect more detailed data that can be incorporated into machine learning algorithms to reduce LOS and improve postoperative outcomes.
  - My role is the development of the concept and the software development for the app.
- 2018 – 2019 **Student Research Fellowship Grant, Office of Medical Education URMC; \$18,600**
- Grant awarded to conduct a research year with the cardiothoracic surgery department
  - Research focused on outcomes projects involving big data and predictive analytics, as well as the development of 3D-printed synthetic organs for surgical simulation
- 2016 **Student Research Grant, Office of Medical Education URMC; \$3,000**
- Grant awarded for 3 months of research with the Heart Follow-Up Research Department
  - My project was to write the code to automate the detection of atrial fibrillation using a single lead signal from a novel EKG-enabled scale.

## Teaching Experience:

- 10/2017 – 9/2019 **Course Coordinator and Teaching Assistant**, University of Rochester Medical School
- Student leader for the course “Effective Communication in the Clerkship”
  - Elective for 2<sup>nd</sup> year medical students to practice having difficult conversations with standardized patients on diverse topics such as end of life decision making and delivering cancer diagnosis
- 8/2016 – 8/2018 **Digital Medical Education Developer**, University of Rochester Medical School
- Built an interactive web app to practice identifying histology slides during 1<sup>st</sup> year of medical school
  - Distributed the website to all classmates and we subsequently achieved the highest class average for histology in the school’s history
  - Transferred code to the university IT department so that future classes can continue to use the resource

## Professional and University Leadership Positions:

- 04/2020 – Present **Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning STS Database Committee**, Society of Thoracic Surgery
- Resident member of the STS committee on AI/ML. Help consult research projects applying modern AI/ML techniques to the STS national database.
- 08/2018 – 07/2019 **National Representative**, Committee on Health Information Technology, American Medical Association
- Elected member of the national AMA committee on healthcare information technology.
  - We provide research and recommendations for technology related healthcare policy for the AMA.

- 08/2016 – 05/2019 **Technology Coordinator**, URWell Free Health Clinic, University of Rochester Medical School
- In charge of all technology related to the student run free healthcare clinic, including managing the website to relay information to our patient population.
  - Built a private Wikipedia-style website to allow for the central storage of clinic information for volunteers.
- 10/2016 – 05/2017 **Technology Representative**, Student Senate, University of Rochester Medical School
- Elected representative on behalf of medical student class to represent their interests to the school administration in regard to the use of technology in the medical school curriculum.
- 08/2016 – 05/2017 **Student Liaison**, Surgery Interest Group, University of Rochester Medical School
- Helped coordinate events for the medical school surgery interest group throughout the year, specifically acting as the liaison to the vascular surgery department.

## Work Experience:

- 03/2022 - Present **Gesund.ai – Boston, MA**  
*Consultant*
- I work as a consultant for a medical AI startup developing a full-stack machine learning platform that allows for thorough and secure validation of medical AI algorithms.
  - Provide clinical insights, research development, business development, and contribute to the code base
- 01/2014 – Present **Freelance Web Developer – Boston, MA**  
*Self-employed*
- I build websites as a freelance web developer as a source of income during medical training. Clients include startup healthcare companies spun-out of the University of Rochester Technology transfer office.
- 10/2014 – 06/2016 **Simon Venture Capital Fund – Rochester, NY**  
*Due Diligence Analyst*
- Performed due diligence analysis on healthcare companies seeking investment from the Simon School Venture Capital Fund.
  - Presented analysis and investment recommendation directly to the Board of Directors, including current board members of the university.
- 01/2011 – 10/2015 **Goodees Clothing – Southborough, MA**  
*Founder, acquired 2015*
- Founded a custom clothing and lifestyle brand during college that is positioned as a socially conscious, USA-made clothing company.
  - Expanded to over 10 schools across the country. Acquired in 2015 before starting medical school.

## Volunteer and Community Service:

- 2014 – Present Patrick Wiese Foundation, Syracuse, NY, Board Member
- 2014 Lacrosse the Nations, Managua, Nicaragua, Volunteer
- 2013 Common Hope, Antigua, Guatemala, Volunteer
- 2012 Open Door Clinic, Middlebury, VT, Volunteer
- 2010 Orphanage Outreach Teach Corps, Dominican Republic, Volunteer

## Memberships:

2020 – Present	Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society
2019 – Present	International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation
2018 – Present	American College of Surgeons
2018 – Present	Society of Thoracic Surgery
2016 – Present	Beta Gamma Sigma, International Business Honor Society
2015 – Present	American Medical Association
2015 – 2020	Medical Society of the State of New York

## Ad hoc guest reviewer:

2021 – Present	Artificial Intelligence in Medicine
2021 – Present	Clinical Case Reports
2020 – Present	Nature Partner Journals: Digital Medicine
2019 – Present	Innovations: Technology and Techniques in Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery

## Interests:

Waterskiing, snow skiing, hiking & camping (100-mile hike Tour du Mont Blanc), running, basketball, creating websites and apps, building computers, ceramics

## Peer Reviewed Publications

### Published:

1. Mahdi, E., Toscano, N., Pierson, L., Ndikumana, E., **Ayers, B.**, Chacon, A., Brayer, A., Chess, M., Davis, C., Dorman, R., Livingston, M., Arca, M., & Wakeman, D. Sustaining the gains: Reducing unnecessary computed tomography scans in pediatric trauma patients. *J Pediatr Surg*. 2022 Sep 26. doi: 10.1016/j.jpedsurg.2022.09.027.
2. Kruger, J., Balceniuk, M., Zhao, P., **Ayers, B.**, Ellis, J., Doyle, A., Glocker, R., & Stoner, M. Left Subclavian Artery Coverage is Not Associated with Neurological Deficits in Trauma Patients Undergoing Thoracic Endovascular Repair. *Ann Vasc Surg*. 2022 Oct. doi: 10.1016/j.avsg.2022.04.050.
3. **Ayers, B.**, Sandhold, T., Padman, R., Gosev, I., Prasad, S., & Kilic, A. Using Machine Learning to Improve Survival Prediction After Heart Transplantation. *J Card Surg*. 2021 Aug 19. doi: 10.1111/jocs.15917.
4. Bjelic, M., **Ayers, B.**, Paic, F., Bernstein, W., Barrus, B., Chase, K., Gu, Y., Alexis, J., Vidula, H., Cheyne, C., Prasad, S., & Gosev, I. Study results suggest less invasive HeartMate 3 implantation is a safe and effective approach for obese patients. *J Heart Lung Transplant*. 2021 Jun 11. doi: 10.1016/j.healun.2021.06.001.
5. Lindenmuth, D., Chase, K., Cheyne, C., Wyrobek, J., Bjelic, M., **Ayers, B.**, Barrus, B., Vanvoorhis, V., Mckinley, E., Falvey, J., Barney, B., Fingerut, L., Sitler, B., Kumar, N., Akwaa, F., Paic, F., Vidula, H., Alexis, J., & Gosev, I. Enhanced Recovery After Surgery in Patients Implanted with Left Ventricular Assist Device. *J Card Fail*. 2021 May 26. doi: 10.1016/j.cardfail.2021.05.006.
6. **Ayers, B.**, Wood, K., Sheen, S., Morrison, E., Vidula, H., Prasad, S., & Gosev, I. Complete sternal-sparing left ventricular assist device implantation is associated with improved postoperative mobility. *Interact Cardiovasc Thorac Surg*. 2021 Feb 4. doi: 10.1093/icvts/ivab017.
7. Balceniuk, M., Blegen, M., **Ayers, B.**, Calderon, T., Negron, T., Retz, W., Glocker, R., Doyle, A., & Stoner, M. Evaluation of Opioid Prescription and Consumption Habits Following Endovascular Aortic Aneurysm Repair. *Ann Vasc Surg*. 2021 Feb 3:S0890-5096(21)00093-5. doi: 10.1016/j.avsg.2020.12.033.

8. **Ayers, B.,** & Kilic, A. Extended Reality Platforms: A Technological Solution Still Finding the Right Problem. *Ann Thorac Surg.* 2021 Jan 29;S0003-4975(21)00133-8. doi: 10.1016/j.athoracsur.2020.11.064
9. **Ayers, B.,** Bjelic, M., Kumar, N., Wood, K., Barrus, B., Prasad, S., & Gosev, I. Long-term renal function after venoarterial extracorporeal membrane oxygenation. *J Card Surg.* 2021 Mar. doi: 10.1111/jocs.15277.
10. **Ayers, B.,** & Kilic, A. Commentary: Extended Reality Platforms: A Technological Solution Still Finding the Right Problem. *Ann Thorac Surg.* 2021 Jan 29. doi: 10.1016/j.athoracsur.2020.11.064.
11. **Ayers, B.,** E Lee, Wood, K., Bruckel, J., Alexis, J., Vidula, H., Barrus, B., Prasad, S., & Gosev, I. Patient-Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System (PROMIS) in Left Ventricular Assist Device Patients. *Ann Thorac Surg.* 2020 Dec 1;S0003-4975(20)32041-5. doi: 10.1016/j.athoracsur.2020.11.011.
12. **Ayers, B.,** Wood, K., Bjelic, M., & Gosev, I. Minimally invasive off-pump surgical pulmonary embolectomy for improved patient-centered care. *Eur J Cardiothorac Surg.* 2020 Nov 22;ezaa380. doi: 10.1093/ejcts/ezaa380.
13. Bjelic, M., **Ayers, B.,** Ling, F., Prasad, S., & Gosev, I. Transcatheter aortic valve replacement in Left Ventricular Assist Device patient- Overcoming the complications with transapical approach and circulatory arrest. *J Card Surg.* 2020 Nov 22. doi: 10.1111/jocs.15199.
14. Sebastian, A., Balceniuk, M., Schroeder, A., **Ayers, B.,** Raman, K., Ellis, J., Doyle, A., Glocker, R., & Stoner, M. Regional Variation in Usage of Ultrasound Guided Femoral Access in the Vascular Quality Initiative. *Ann Vasc Surg.* 2020 Sep 16. doi: 10.1016/j.avsg.2020.08.156.
15. Balceniuk, M., Motyl, C., **Ayers, B.,** Geiger, J., Sebastian, A., Doyle, A., Glocker, R., & Stoner, M. Association Between the Atherosclerotic Disease Risk Score and Carotid Artery Stenosis. *J Surg Res.* 2020 Aug 21;257:189-194. doi: 10.1016/j.jss.2020.06.041.
16. Saba, P., **Ayers, B.,** Melnyk, R., Gosev, I., Ghazi, A., & Hicks, G. Development of a High-Fidelity Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Training Platform Using 3D Printing and Hydrogel Molding. *J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg.* 2020 Jun 24. doi: 10.1016/j.jtcvs.2020.05.106.
17. **Ayers, B.,** Wood, K., Sagebin, F., Kumar, N., P Knight, Barrus, B., Prasad, S., & Gosev, I. The Use of Hydroxycobalamin for Vasoplegic Syndrome in Left Ventricular Assist Device (LVAD) Patient. *Clin Case Rep.* 2020 Jun 26;8(9):1722-1727. doi: 10.1002/ccr3.2967.
18. **Ayers, B.,** Wood, K., Gosev, I., & Prasad, S. Predicting Survival after Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation by Using Machine Learning. *Ann Thorac Surg.* 2020 Oct;110(4):1193-1200. doi: 10.1016/j.athoracsur.2020.03.128.
19. **Ayers, B.,** Wood, K., Cameron, S., Marinescu, M., Bjelic, M., Barrus, B., & Gosev, I. Surgical Pulmonary Embolectomy with No Systemic Anticoagulation for Patient with Recent Stroke. *Ann Thorac Surg.* [Accepted, In Press]
20. **Ayers, B.,** Wood, K., Melvin, A., Prasad, S., & Gosev, I. MELD-XI is Predictive of Mortality in Venovenous Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (VA-ECMO). *J Card Surg.* 2020 Apr 27. doi: 10.1111/jocs.14578. *J Card Surg.* 2020 Jun;35(6):1275-1282. doi: 10.1111/jocs.14578.
21. **Ayers, B.,** Goodman, A., and Thomas, S. Obtaining Accurate In-Office Blood Pressure Readings. *Indian Hypertension Journal.*
22. **Ayers, B.,** Wood, K., McNitt, S., I Goldenberg, Chen, L., Alexis, J., Vidula, H., Thomas, S., Storozynsky, E., Barrus, B., Prasad, S., & Gosev, I. Association of Previous Cardiac Surgery with Outcomes in Left Ventricular Assist Device Patients. *Interact Cardiovasc Thorac Surg.* 2020 Apr 4. pii: ivaa055. doi: 10.1093/icvts/ivaa055.
23. **Ayers, B.,** Sagebin, F., Wood, K., Barrus, B., Thomas, S., Storozynsky, E., Chen, L., Bernstein, W., Lebow, B., Prasad, S., & Gosev, I. Complete Sternal-Sparing Approach Improves Outcomes for Left Ventricular Assist Device Implantation in Patients with History of Prior Sternotomy. *Innovations: Technology and Techniques in Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery.* 2020 Jan 5:1556984519886282. doi: 10.1177/1556984519886282.

24. Louis, C., **Ayers, B.**, Barrus, B., Prasad, S., Alexis, J., Bernstein, W., Cheyne, C., & Gosev, I. HeartMate 3 Pump Exchange via Sternal-Sparing Bilateral Mini-Thoracotomies. *J Card Surg*. 2020 Feb 25. doi: 10.1111/jocs.14476.
25. **Ayers, B.**, Cheyne, C., Wood, K., Quinlan, A., Dick, S., Vidula, H., Alexis, J., Barrus, B., Prasad, S., & Gosev, I. Management Strategies for the Treatment of Short-to-Shield in Left Ventricular Assist Device Patients. *Clinical Case Reports*. 2020 Feb 7. doi: 10.1002/ccr3.2583
26. Brodell, J., **Ayers, B.**, Baumhauer, J., DiGiovanni, B., Flemister, A., Ketz, J., & Oh, I. Chopart's Amputation: Questioning the Clinical Efficacy of a Longstanding Surgical Option. *J Am Acad Orthop Surg*. 2020 Mar 6. doi: 10.5435/JAAOS-D-19-00757.
27. Sagebin, F.\*, **Ayers, B.\***, Wood, K., Barrus, B., Chen, L., Alexis, J., Vidula, H., Thomas, S., Storozynsky, E., Prasad, S., & Gosev, I. Extracorporeal Life Support to Ventricular Assist Device: Improved Outcomes Using Sternal-Sparing Approach. *J Thorac Dis*. 2019 Nov;11(11):4790-4797. doi: 10.21037/jtd.2019.10.21. \*equal contribution authors
28. Gosev, I., Wood, K., **Ayers, B.**, Barrus, B., Knight, P., Alexis, J., Vidula, H., Lander, H., Wyrobek, J., Cheyne, C., Goldenberg, I., McNitt, S., & Prasad, S. Implantation of a Fully Magnetically Levitated Left Ventricular Assist Device Using a Sternal-Sparing Surgical Technique. *J Heart Lung Transplant*. 2019; <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.healun.2019.09.012>
29. Balceniuk, M., Zhao, P., Chu, I., Negron, T., **Ayers, B.**, Glocker, R., Doyle, A., & Stoner, M. Opioid Consumption Following Carotid Revascularization. *Annals of Vascular Surgery*. 2019 Aug; doi: 10.1016/j.avsg.2019.08.070
30. Wood, K., **Ayers, B.**, Gosev, I., Kumar, N., Melvin, A., Barrus, B., & Prasad, S. Venoarterial ECMO Without Routine Systemic Anticoagulation Decreases Adverse Events. *Ann Thorac Surg*. 2019 Sep 26. pii: S0003-4975(19)31429-8. doi: 10.1016/j.athoracsur.2019.08.040
31. Mitchell, D., **Ayers, B.**, Patel, A., Chacon, M., Wood, K., Barrus, B., Prasad, S., Gosev, I., & Christiano, J. Bilateral Pectoralis Major Flaps for Salvage of Ventricular Assistance Device Deep Pocket Infection. *European Journal of Plastic Surgery*. Forthcoming. doi: 10.1007/s00238-019-01554-6
32. Gosev, I., **Ayers, B.**, Wood, K., Barrus, B., & Prasad, S. Cessation of Anticoagulation for Bleeding and Subsequent Thrombosis Events with a Fully Magnetically Levitated Centrifugal Left Ventricular Assist Device. *J Heart Lung Transplant*. 2019; doi: 10.1016/j.healun.2019.04.005
33. **Ayers, B.**, Stahl, R., Wood, K., Bernstein, W., Gosev, I., Philipppo, S., Lebow, B., Barrus, B., & Lindenmuth, D. Regional Nerve Block Decreases Opioid Use After Complete Sternal-Sparing Left Ventricular Assist Device Implantation. *J Card Surg*. 2019 Mar; doi: 10.1111/jocs.14008
34. **Ayers, B.**, Weinberg, G., Caserta, M., Kauffman, A., & Wakeman, D. Pyogenic liver abscess following perforated appendicitis. *J Pediatric Surgery Case Reports*. 2019 May; DOI: 10.1016/j.epsc.2019.101196
35. Wood, K., **Ayers, B.**, Sagebin, F., Vidula, H., Thomas, S., Barrus, B., Knight, P., Prasad, S., & Gosev, I. Complete Sternal-Sparing HeartMate 3 Implantation: a Case Series of Ten Consecutive Patients. *Ann Thorac Surg*. 2018 Nov; doi: 10.1016/j.athoracsur.2018.10.005
36. Fernandez, G., Narins, C., Bruckel, J., **Ayers, B.**, & Ling, F. Patient and Physician Perspectives on Public Reporting of Mortality Ratings for Percutaneous Coronary Intervention in New York State. *Circ Cardiovasc Qual Outcomes*. 2017 Sep; 10(9). doi: 10.1161/CIRCOUTCOMES.116.003511
37. **Ayers, B.**, Beshaw, C., Serrano-Finetti, E., Casas, O., Pallas-Areny, R., & Couderc, JP. Enabling Atrial Fibrillation Detection Using a Weight Scale. *Computing in Cardiology*. Sep 2016; 43:11-5. doi: 10.23919/CIC.2016.7868906

**Abstracts & Presentations:**

1. **Ayers, B.**, Sandhold, T., Padman, R., Gosev, I., Prasad, S., & Kilic, A. Using Machine Learning to Improve Survival Prediction After Heart Transplantation. *Digital poster, AHA Scientific Sessions, Nov 2020.*
2. Ndikumana, E., **Ayers, B.**, Chacon, A., Dorman, R., Livingston, M., Mahdi, E., Michels, J., Toscano, N., Wittman, L., & Wakeman, D. Sustaining the Gains: Reducing Unnecessary Computed Tomography Scans in Pediatric Trauma Patients. *Oral presentation, Pediatric Trauma Society Meeting, New Orleans, LA, Nov 2020.*
3. **Ayers, B.**, Wood, K., Kozakiewicz, L., Bernstein, W., Lander, H., Alexis, J., Vidula, H., Barrus, B., Prasad, S. & Gosev, I. Acuity Matters: INTERMACS Profile for Left Ventricular Assist Device Patients Implanted via Sternal-Sparing Approach. *Poster presentation, International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, Apr 2020.*
4. **Ayers, B.**, Marini, T., Wood, K., Kim, S., Croake, M., Bernstein, W., Storzynsky, E., Tallman, M., Cheyne, C., Barrus, B., Prasad, S. & Gosev, I. Sternal-Sparing Approach for LVAD Implantation Allows for a More Consistent Inflow Cannula Angle. *Poster presentation, International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, Apr 2020.*
5. **Ayers, B.**, Wood, K., Cheyne, C., Alexis, J., Chen, L., Goldenberg, I., Barrus, B., Prasad, S. & Gosev, I. Concurrent Left Atrial Appendage Occlusion and Sternal-Sparing LVAD Implantation. *Poster presentation, International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, Apr 2020.*
6. Sherazi, S., **Ayers, B.**, Polonsky, B., McNitt, S., Kutyla, V., Alexis, J., Gosev, I., Goldenberg, I. & Vidula, H. Association of Cardiac Rehabilitation with Improved Healthcare Utilization and Long-Term Survival after Left Ventricular Assist Device Implantation. *Poster presentation, International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, Apr 2020.*
7. Schettle, S., Stulak, J., Rosenbaum, A., Cheyne, C., **Ayers, B.**, Alexis, J. & Gosev, I. Outcomes Following Discontinuation of Warfarin in Heartmate 3 Patients: A Multi-Center Review. *Poster presentation, International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, Apr 2020.*
8. Bernstein, W., Wyrobek, J., Tang, J., Lindenmuth, D., Stahl, R., **Ayers, B.** & Gosev, I. An Anesthetic Approach to Off Pump Complete Sternal-Sparing Implantation of a Fully Magnetically Levitated LVAD. *Poster presentation, International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, Apr 2020.*
9. Wood, K., **Ayers, B.**, Bernstein, W., Vidula, H., Chen, L., Barrus, B., Prasad, S. & Gosev, I. Sternal-Sparing LVAD Implantation Reduces the Incidence of Severe Right Heart Failure. *Oral presentation, International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, Apr 2020.*
10. **Ayers, B.**, Wood, K., Gosev, I., & Prasad, S. Machine Learning Prediction Model for Early Prognosis of Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation Support. *Oral Presentation, The Society of Thoracic Surgeons Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, Jan 2020.*
11. **Ayers, B.**, Wood, K., Cameron, S., Wright, C., Lin, Y., Elbadawi, A., Hamer, A., Barrus, B., Prasad, S., & Gosev, I. Surgical pulmonary embolectomy in good surgical candidates leads to exceptional survival and low chronic thrombotic burden. *Poster Presentation, PERT Scientific Symposium, Boston, MA, Oct 2019.*
12. **Ayers, B.**, Wood, K., Gosev, I., & Prasad, S. Machine Learning Prediction Model for Early Prognosis of Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation Support. *Oral Presentation, The Society of Thoracic Surgeons Critical Care Conference, Baltimore, MD, Sep 2019.*
13. Kumar, N., **Ayers, B.**, Wood, K., Smith, K., Knight, P., Barrus, B., Gosev, I. & Prasad, S. Renal Recovery in Survivors of Venoarterial Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation. *Poster Presentation, The Society of Thoracic Surgeons Critical Care Conference, Baltimore, MD, Sep 2019.*
14. Balceniuk, M., Zhao, P., **Ayers, B.**, Glocker, R., & Stoner, M. Association Between Carotid Artery Stenosis and Atherosclerotic Disease Risk Score in a Screening Ultrasound Population. *Poster presentation, Society for Vascular Surgery*



*Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, June 2019.*

15. Balceniuk, M., Zhao, P., **Ayers, B.**, Glocker, R., Doyle, A., & Stoner, M. Chronic Anticoagulation Is Associated with Increased Rates of Reintervention for Endoleak Following Endovascular Aneurysm Repair. *Poster presentation, Society for Vascular Surgery Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, June 2019.*
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