



## A Tribute to James S. T. Yao, Md, PhD (1932-2023)

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Pauline, Louise, John, Cathy


## Jimmy Yao Quotes

The first time my wife met Dr. Yao, he said to me,  
 “Get down on your knees and propose.”  
 It is wonderful advice and I did it immediately  
 Typical of Jimmy’s direct communication style  
 “You have to have a concept, a vision”  
 “KSA” (kick some a--)  
 “You have to be an optimist to be a vascular  
 surgeon.”  
 “Done”

## Early Times

- Born October 14, 1935, Canton, China
- Mother raised him “to be better, to do good things, to move upward... You have to be nice to everybody, not just somebody higher than you.”
- National Taiwan University Medical School
- 1961 Began Cook County Residency and met Louise
- Married in 1967

## Band of Brothers



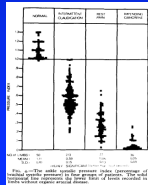
- Shakespeare’s *Henry V* before Battle of Agincourt, “We few, we happy few, we band of brothers; For he today that sheds his blood with me Shall be my brother”
- Repeated by Admiral Nelson, Ernest Gann, Spielberg
- “Denotes a group of individuals who may be diverse in origin but who are joined in life by shared interests and common goals.”
- Dr Dale conducted interviews that became a book, and he wanted to capture their stories, and not just their scientific contributions
- Dr Yao led an SVS effort to produce a video version

## London

- Obtained research assistant position with W. T. Irvine in the blood flow laboratory at St Mary’s Hospital
- Met Charles Rob, Felix Eastcott, John Hobbs, Peter Martin, Gerald Taylor, and John Kinnmouth
- Registered at the University of London to work on his Ph.D. thesis.

## Ankle Pressure

- “Able to measure blood flow in a more objective fashion”
- 1970 BJS “Haemodynamic Studies in Peripheral Artery Disease”
- Dr Yao acknowledged the prior work of Eugene Strandness, Travis Windsor, David Sumner, and others



### Chicago

- 1971 Joined John Bergan at Northwestern
- 1973 Division of Vascular Surgery founded
- Established Fellowship in Vascular Surgery and the first fellows were Dick Dean and Paul Stanton
- 1978 Founded Northwestern December Symposium
- 1980 First book published with Dec Symposium



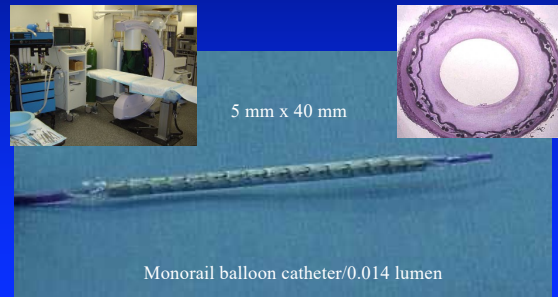
### Vascular Fellows—50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary This Year



### Simulators

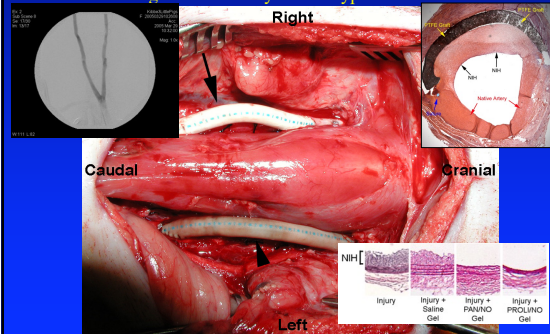


### Carotid Stent-Graft

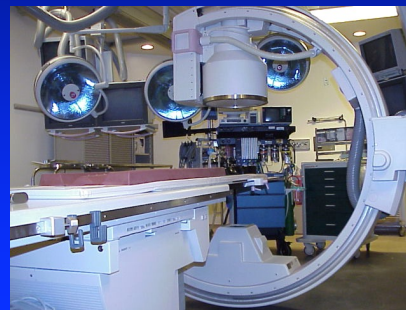


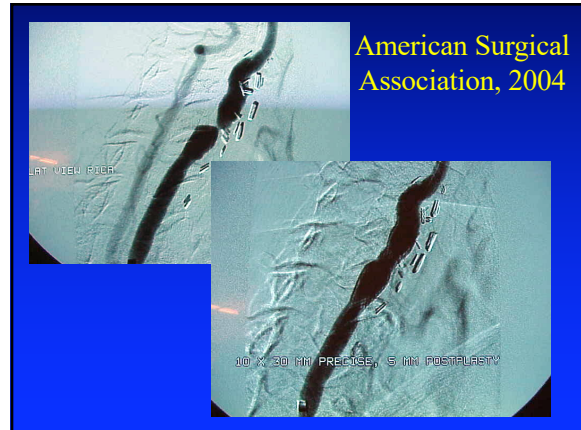
### Implantation of a NO-Eluting PTFE Graft vs. Control PTFE Graft

Fig Carotid Artery PTFE Bypass Model



### Endovascular Surgical Suite





### More Samples of Academic Achievements

- President SVS
- President AVF
- President Chicago Surgical Society
- Ombudsman Journal of Vascular Surgery
- Chair, Department of Surgery
- Impact multiplier: SVN, Bruit
- Master Vascular Surgeon
  - Large pheochromocytoma case



### Summary



- Isaac Newton in 1676, "If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants."
- Representing the Yao family, we are honored by the presence of his son, John.