



Annual Norwegian Vascular Forum 2026

(Changes in the program may occur.)

Tuesday 19 May

Time	Item	Speaker / Notes
09:00–10:00	Registration & coffee	
10:00–10:10	Welcome	NKKF and Local Organising Committee

Session 1: Ethics, Limits of Care & Clinical Decisions

Time	Item	Speaker / Notes
10:10–10:30	Ethical challenges in vascular surgery	Avdelingsoverlege Frode Olsbø
10:30–11:00	“Treating into death”? Pain control, amputation vs palliation — what are the options?	Olav Fredheim (Palliative Care)
11:00–11:30	Frailty and surgery: the Clinical Frailty Scale (CFS)	Marte Mellingsæter (Geriatrics / Clinical Ethics Committee) + Mona Moland (MO)
11:30–11:45	Break	
11:45–12:05	Decision-making and treatment limitation: DNACPR, autonomy, prognostication, relatives, and the law	Jørgen Dahlberg (Consultant in Anaesthesia & Lawyer)
12:05–12:20	Case: Asymptomatic AAA — when not to intervene?	Haukeland? (Vascular Surgery) / (Kvaale)
12:20–13:00	Should the threshold for open AAA repair be higher? Interpreting 50/55 mm in context (age, comorbidity, risk, complexity)	Professor Martin Bjørk
13:00–14:00	Lunch	

Session 2: Frailty, ICU Care & the “Difficult” Patient

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14:00– 14:30	The ICU pathway after AAA surgery: frailty, intensive care, and outcomes	Ole Kristian Fossum (Intensive Care)
14:30– 14:55	Case: A challenging consent / capacity / legal dilemma in vascular care	TBA
14:55– 15:15	The “difficult” patient: intoxication, non-cooperation, delirium — rights, duties, coercion in somatic care, and when we may abstain from treatment	Jørgen Dahlberg (Law)
15:15– 15:30	Break	

Session 3: Panel — Faith, Culture & Ethics at the Bedside

Time	Item	Speaker / Notes
15:30– 16:15	Panel: Faith, culture, and ethics at the bedside (illness, death, and relatives in hospital)	Intro + chair: Heidi Skutlaberg Vik Panelists: Hospital Chaplain • Imam • Marte Mellingsæter (Clinical Ethics Committee) • Frode Olsbø

Time	Item	Speaker / Notes
17:00–	Wrap Up, Networking, Coffee	

Wednesday 20 May

Theme: rAAA & Endovascular Emergency Pathways (REVAR)

Session 4: rAAA — Systems, Evidence & National Practice

Time	Item	Speaker / Notes
08:30– 09:00	Introduction & guideline overview	TBA
09:00– 09:20	NORKAR: OSR vs REVAR outcomes in Norway (latest year)	Martin Altreuter
09:20– 09:45	Prospective Norwegian rAAA study: results from the last 10 years	William Indrevåg (Ålesund Hospital)
09:45– 10:00	Break	
10:00– 11:30	National status (5 min per hospital): rAAA pathways and local REVAR criteria	
11:30– 11:45	Summary & comments	Øystein Hovi Rognerud



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11:45– 12:45	Lunch	
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Session 5: Training, Technique & Pitfalls (TTP)

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12:45– 13:05	Acute BEVAR for ruptured juxtarenal AAA: benefits and limitations	Dr Alexander Lott (UNN Tromsø)
13:05– 13:50	Simulation training streamlines real-life performance in endovascular repair and ruptured aortic aneurysms	Pekka Aho (Helsinki)
13:50– 14:20	REVAR workflow details: pitfalls, simulation training, and start-up of a REVAR-first pathway at Ahus (experience from the thrombectomy project)	Dan Levi Hykkerud
14:20– 14:30	Break	

Session 6: ActivC

Time	Item	Speaker / Notes
14:30–14:50	ActivC Update	Erik M. Pettersen
14:50 –15:10	Break	

Session 7: Free Papers

Time	Item	Speaker / Notes
15:10–16:00	Free papers	

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19:30	Gala dinner — Thon Hotel SNØ	

Thursday 21 May

Theme: Access — The Renal Patient

Session 8: Dialysis Access — Strategy, Trends & Outcomes

Time	Item	Speaker / Notes
09:30– 09:35	Theme introduction: are we creating fewer fistulas — and are key techniques being forgotten?	
09:35– 09:45	NORKAR: AV access numbers and trends in Norway	Janusha Baheerathan (LIS, Ahus)



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09:45– 10:15	Choosing dialysis modality: home dialysis, the dialysis patient journey, and why fistulas still matter	Helga Skaare (Nephrology)
10:15– 10:45	AV fistula vs catheter: trends, transplant selection, and guidelines — should we create more AV fistulas?	Geir Mordal (Nephrology)
10:45– 11:00	Break	
11:00– 11:30	Endovascular interventions for AV access: surveillance, volumes, and cost–benefit	Dan Levi Hykkerud (Interventional Radiology)
11:30– 12:15	Case: AV fistula banding (high-flow access / steal / cardiac overload scenario)	TBA
12:15– 13:00	Lunch and good bye	