DEAR COLLEAGUES:
As we continue to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, I’m moving forward with renewed energy. I want to thank each of you for your membership in the Society for Vascular Medicine and for your ongoing commitment to our patients, our organization, and the vascular medicine community at large.

SOCIETAL BUSINESS
The SVM Annual Business Meeting is moving from June to join the Vascular Scientific Sessions on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022, from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. This change in schedule will extend current SVM Board of Trustees and Executive Committee terms. SVM’s 2nd annual Call for Volunteers to serve on the Society’s committees and task forces, is opening soon. Share your experience and expertise with us, and by doing so, help move the vascular community forward. Volunteering is also a great way to get involved at your vascular home! Applications must be received by July 24, 2022. To learn more and apply, click here.

SVM’s Vascular Medicine Practice Task Force exhibited at the American College of Physicians (ACP) Internal Medicine Meeting in Chicago, April 30-May 3. The exhibit booth was staffed by SVM members Jay Bisson, Kembi Zomayaz, Doug Joseph, Syed Ahsan, and Deb Puffenberger, Geno Merli, and Ammar Saati. The SVM team reported strong interest in our Society and the VM information they shared with internists, residents and medical students who are not typically exposed to VM during their training. Our task force shared the following key takeaways:
• Most of the VM attendees had little or no awareness of vascular medicine
• Young trainees are interested in VM careers
• There is incredible interest in our Vascular Medicine journal
• The profession needs greater representation at educational sessions and large medical gatherings
• Medical students have strong interest in exposure to VM and off-site rotations
• Teaching hospitals should develop VM rotations

Thank you to the SVM Vascular Medicine Practice Task Force for representing the Society and for their expert insights and reporting!

A final note, please be sure to follow SVM on social media to stay abreast of important developments in the vascular medicine space, opportunities you won’t want to miss, and most importantly, to connect with other members of our vascular community. You’ll find us on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

EDUCATION
Planning for our return to in-person meeting is in full swing. Join us at the 2022 Vascular Scientific Sessions presented by the Society for Vascular Medicine (Sept. 29 – Oct. 2, Denver, Colorado), where leading vascular experts will present the latest research and advance their careers. The lineup for this year’s meeting is exceptional, reflecting the latest science, innovation, and recipes for success. We’ve also built in plenty of opportunities for networking and socializing with colleagues. You won’t want to miss past attendee favorites, including:
• Vascular Jeopardy – Vascular medicine thought leaders compete against one another, hoping to become crowned champions in our entertaining environment!
• Cases over Canapés – An interactive event where presenters share their most interesting cases with a panel of vascular experts.
• Year in Vascular Medicine – A summary of the most important publications in the field of vascular medicine
• Jay D. Coffman Young Investigator Presentations - The top basic, translational, and clinical research submitted by young investigators are judged by a panel of vascular experts.

If you are planning to attend the 2022 Vascular Scientific Sessions, be sure to register by July 15 in order to save $100 using our early registration discount.

Mark your calendars for the 2023 SVM Fellowships and Advanced Practice Provider Course Options. Both are being held remote-to-local in 2023, in Atlanta, Georgia. The overall course will be led by Chair Andrew Gaiter, Co-Chair Daniella Kaddour-Dobov, and Immediate Past Chair Eric Seccombe. The leadership team will be joined by top vascular experts to provide a comprehensive education.

SVM President-Elect Ido Weinberg and Trustee Aditya Sharma have led a comprehensive and practical update to the SVM Board Review Course for 2022. In-depth course content and section quizzes enable participants to build a sound knowledge base to tackle the ABVM board certification examination in general vascular medicine and/or endovascular medicine or to simply update their vascular medicine competencies. To learn more or purchase the Course, click here.

We now have over 10 Patient Information Pages in the Vascular Medicine Archive. They are a great resource for patients and trainees and provide a concise summary of a spectrum of vascular disorders. All are freely available online and accessible via the SVM website under “For Patients.” The Archive is now more user-friendly and alphabetized by topic, ranging from A&A to VTE.

QUALITY
In a collaborative effort between SVM, the American Heart Association and the Society for Vascular Surgery, the Vascular Quality Initiative (VQI) has launched the Vascular Medicine Consult (VMC) Registry. The VMC Registry helps participants define the natural history of vascular disease and study the impact of medical management, including pharmacotherapy, tobacco cessation and lifestyle management. This unique registry also allows providers and centers to more accurately track and report outcomes to improve care for patients and their training. The VQI is offering SVM Members institutions a complimentary one-year subscription to the registry. Click here to learn more about joining.

RESEARCH
PROVE CLINICAL STUDY
The PROVE (Promote Weight Loss in Obese Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD) Patients to Prevent Mobility Loss) randomized controlled trial will compare the effect of a weight loss intervention plus walking exercise with a walking exercise alone on a six-minute walk distance and quality of life in people with PAD and BMI ≥28 kg/m². Patients with PAD who live in or near Chicago (IL), Minneapolis (MN), or New Orleans (LA) may be eligible. Potential participants and others interested should contact SVM member and principal investigator Mary McDermott, MD at mdm608@Northwestern.edu or 312-503-6419.

If you have an opportunity to share your experience and expertise with the SVM, please get in touch by sending an email to info@svmedicine.org. We encourage you to share the impact you’ve had on patients, the medical field, and the vascular medicine community.
IN MEMORIAM

JOHN A. SPITTELL JR., MD
SVM celebrates the life and achievements of Dr. John A. Spittell, Jr., who died on April 10, 2022. He was 97 years old. Born in Baltimore, Maryland, he received a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Maryland Medical School in 1949. He served in the Navy and the Air Force during World War II and the Korean Conflict. Dr. Spittell completed Internal Medicine Residency at Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science in 1955, where he subsequently became a staff physician. He worked in the Department of Internal Medicine, specializing in the diagnosis and management of Peripheral Vascular Disease and Cardiovascular Disease until his retirement in 2000. He achieved the academic rank of Professor of Medicine and was appointed as the Mary Lowell-Leary Professor of Medicine. During his career, Dr. Spittell mentored countless internal medicine residents and cardiologists and for his service in the VA, he was awarded the American College of Physicians (ACP) and subsequently received their Laureate Award. Dr. Spittell relished family gatherings, loved baseball and was an avid Baltimore Orioles fan. Our sincere condolences to Dr. Spittell’s family, friends and colleagues.

MARK A. OLIVER, MD
SVM also celebrates the life and achievements of Dr. Mark A. Oliver, who died on May 16, 2022, following a brief illness. Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Oliver followed in his father’s physician footsteps. He earned his Doctor of Medicine degree at Chicago Medical School and began his internal medicine residency at Saint Vincent’s in New York, passing to serve in the US Air Force, and upon return became chief resident. After residency he opened a private practice in Morristown, New Jersey, where he worked for more than 40 years. Dr. Oliver co-founded the vascular lab at Morristown Medical Center, spearheaded an anticoagulant drug trial, gave countless lectures on deep vein thrombosis and contributed to multiple textbooks. Dr. Oliver was a true pioneer and innovator in developing the use of compression duplex ultrasonography for the diagnosis of DVT, a technique that vascular medicine specialists rely upon daily in the care of our patients. He is remembered as a great advocate for vascular medicine and an all-around wonderful person. Our sincere condolences to Dr. Oliver’s family, friends, and colleagues. Donations can be made in his name to the Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease Foundation, Inc., or the Prion Alliance and/or Temple B’Nai Or.

PARTNER NEWS

I am pleased to share a cross-organizational collaborative project: Medical Management of Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD) Virtual Learning Series. SVM is a partner in this project, which summarizes their many advocacy and policy initiatives.

As always, I welcome your questions, concerns, and suggestions. Please let me know how I can best serve you and our Society. See you in-person at the 2022 Vascular Scientific Sessions, SVM22!