Dear SVM members,

I hope you are doing well this winter, staying warm, and avoiding influenza. There is much happening at SVM, and I hope you find the information below informative. The SVM Fellows’ Course held in December was a tremendous success, and we are planning for next year’s event to be held in December, 2018. See updates below on some of our other SVM activities, including information on our participation in the Alliance of Wound Care Stakeholders, the latest articles in Vascular Medicine, and the Online SVM Board Review Course.

Read Dr. Gornik’s full message

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Registration is now open for the 29th Annual Scientific Sessions! This year, the premier meeting for vascular medicine professionals will take place in downtown Chicago, IL, June 13-16. The preliminary schedule can be found online and includes attendee favorites such as Cases Over Cocktails and Vascular Jeopardy.

Learn more

VANDERBILT VASCULAR MEDICINE PROGRAM

The Vanderbilt Vascular Medicine Section announces the inauguration of the Brown Family Fellowship in Vascular Medicine. This one-year clinical non-interventional fellowship will equip trainees to apply for certification in Vascular Medicine through the American Board of Vascular Medicine and obtain their Registered Physician in Vascular Interpretation (RPVI) credential. Download the fellowship application.

Core rotations will include those in the outpatient vascular medicine clinic, inpatient vascular medicine consultation service, the non-invasive vascular
COST AND IMPACT OF CHRONIC WOUNDS

By Teresa L. Carman, MD

The Alliance of Wound Care Stakeholders was established in 2002. It is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit multidisciplinary trade association of health care professional organizations including over 20 clinical and non-clinical associations as well as business organizations. The Alliance of Wound Care Stakeholders mission is to promote quality care and access to products and services for people with wounds through effective advocacy and educational outreach in the regulatory, legislative, and public arenas. Under the leadership of the executive director, Marcia Nusgart, R.Ph and a dedicated Board of Directors the Alliance of Wound Care Stakeholders identifies opportunity for input, advocacy, and comment regarding regulatory issues, national and local coverage determinations as well as other initiatives influencing the ever-changing healthcare delivery. In addition, the Alliance of Wound Care Stakeholders published the first comprehensive study of Medicare spending on wound care. This study analyzed 2014 Medicare data to determine the cost of chronic wound care for Medicare beneficiaries in aggregate, by wound type and by care setting. “An Economic Evaluation of the Impact, Cost, and Medicare Policy Implications of Chronic Nonhealing Wounds. The findings and policy implications are compelling. You can reference this manuscript which was published in the prestigious economic journal, International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research’s (ISPOR) Value in Health. Since 2010, the Society for Vascular Medicine has participated in the Alliance of Wound Care Stakeholder. Drs. John Fish and Terri Carman serve as SVM representatives to The Alliance of Wound Care Stakeholders.

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SPECIAL EVENT AT #SVM18

All SVM registrants are invited to attend the Wednesday night reception hosted by Women in Vascular Medicine and SVM’s new committee, Next Generation. An improv presenter from ImprovEdge will provide an interactive talk, IMPROVe Your Presentation and Presence, on how to improve your presentations skills and your presence utilizing tools from the field of Improv. This is sure to be an entertaining and informative session!
BOOK YOUR HOTEL
All activities at the 29th Annual Scientific Sessions will take place at the Fairmont Chicago Millennium Park in Chicago, IL. Book your room early to ensure your reservation.

SVM18 SCHEDULE
A preliminary schedule for the 2018 Annual Scientific Sessions is on the SVM website. Start viewing the session topics and planning your schedule.

SVM 2017 FELLOWS COURSE
For the third year the Society for Vascular Medicine has run a fellows’ course. This year the course was held as a stand-alone offering in Atlanta, December 2-3, and was full at 51 fellow attendees. The fellows came from all cardiovascular subspecialties. They were quite engaged and showed much enthusiasm for the content and for the society. The course’s content showed the breadth of Vascular Medicine and ranged from medical management of PAD to Fibromuscular dysplasia to anticoagulation to interventions. Feedback after the course was excellent and we look forward to holding another course this year.

BOARD REVIEW COURSE
The SVM Board Review Course is available for order. Topics include: The vascular system and its clinical laboratory evaluation, peripheral artery disease, venous, lymphatic and thromboembolic disease, cerebrovascular disease and the aorta and its branches and more!

FROM VASCULAR MEDICINE
Vascular Medicine is SVM’s premier peer-reviewed journal, featuring the latest clinical and scientific information in vascular medicine. Heather Gornik, MD, FSVM, of the Cleveland Clinic, serves as Editor-in-Chief and many senior SVM members serve on the Editorial Board. Learn more about Vascular Medicine and CME opportunities for SVM Members. Follow the journal on twitter at @VMJ_SVM.

Read the Editor’s Choice:
Approach to thrombosis at unusual sites: Splanchnic and cerebral vein thrombosis
Nicoletta Riva and Walter Ageno (read article)