



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JUNE 2022



## 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 rejoin 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 Committee and Task Force leadership terms by three months.

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 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 28-30. The exhibit booth was staffed by SVM members Jay Bishop, Kambiz Zorriasateyn, Doug Joseph, Syed Ahsan, 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 IM attendees had little or no awareness of vascular medicine
- Young trainees are interested in VM and Fellowships
- 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 me at the 2022 Vascular Scientific Sessions presented by the Society for Vascular Medicine** (Sept. 29 – Oct. 2, Denver, Colorado), where leading vascular medicine physicians will gather to learn, teach, network 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 be crowned champion in a highly 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 Fellows and Advanced Practice Provider Course**. Both are being held March 17-19, 2023, in Atlanta, Georgia. The overall course will be led by Chair Andrew Galmer, Co-Chair Daniella Kadian-Dodov, and Immediate Past Chair Eric Secemsky. The leadership team will be joined by APP Course Chair Ali Moran, and Co-Chair Melissa Strickengloss. Stay tuned for information on the agenda and faculty, coming soon.

For the second year in a row, **SVM and Medscape Education Collaborative** are developing an educational series, "Innovations in Antithrombotic Therapy: From The Latest Data to Clinical Application," supported by an independent educational grant from Janssen. The Course offers 4.25 CME credits for the entire curriculum. [Click here](#) to explore the program.

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 50 **Patient Information Pages** in the journal Vascular Medicine. 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 AAA 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 monitor compliance with best practices, clinical guidelines, and regional and national benchmarks. The VQI is offering SVM Member institutions a complimentary one-year subscription to the registry. [Click here](#) to learn more about joining.

### RESEARCH

#### PROVE CLINICAL TRIAL

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 walking exercise alone on six-minute walk distance at 12 month follow-up in people with PAD and BMI>28 kg/m<sup>2</sup>. People 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](mailto:mdm608@Northwestern.edu) or 312-503-6419.

## 2022 IAC RESEARCH AWARD

The Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) is dedicated to Improving health care through accreditation® and represents more than 40 professional medical societies in developing standards for diagnostic imaging and interventional-based procedures. This year, the IAC is seeking to fund projects proposed by members of IAC sponsoring societies. The purpose of the 2022 IAC Research Award is to:

- Explore a quality or safety issue identified by a medical society impacting patient care and outcomes.
- Develop benchmarks, best practices, and quality metrics.
- Use the research data to create quality or patient safety practice guidelines.

The IAC Research Committee will award grants to a maximum of \$75,000 (including institutional overhead). Awards are for one year, although the continuation of awards is possible. Interested SVM members are encouraged to submit letters of intent. For submission guidelines, application procedures, and deadlines [click here](#).

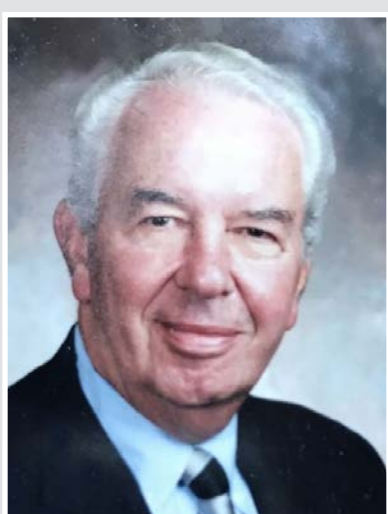
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## CAREER DEVELOPMENT

### Finding or recruiting for a job made easy.

Interested in finding a new position? Or maybe you are recruiting to fill a vacant position? No problem! [SVM's Job Bank](#) is the ultimate career resource. With a large selection of available positions, it's where applicants go to find the right job, and employers go to find talented vascular medicine clinicians. Plus, you can set-up customized job alerts so you know when your dream job has been posted or perfect applicant has applied.

## 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 cardiovascular medicine fellows. He was awarded a Master of the American College of Physicians (MACP), 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. Memorials can be made in his honor to Calvary Episcopal Church, 111 3rd Avenue SW, Rochester, MN 55902, where he was a member.



### 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, pausing 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., 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](#). Join faculty experts from the Anticoagulation Forum, American College of Cardiology, American Society of Health System Pharmacists, and the Society for Vascular Medicine in a 5-module video learning series. Experts in the fields of vascular medicine, vascular surgery, cardiovascular medicine, and pharmacy evaluate current evidence, suggest practical improvements to clinical management of PAD, and highlight a new rapid resource: Antithrombotic Management Following PAD Revascularization. This free program is accredited for up to 2.25 hours of ACCME, ANCC, and ACPE continuing education credits. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Representing physician specialty societies and patient associations, the [Alliance of Wound Care Stakeholders](#) promotes evidenced-based quality care and access to products and services for people with chronic wounds. As a member of the Alliance, SVM is an important partner in these advocacy efforts and is represented by Drs. Teresa Carman, John Fish, and others. Recent activities are highlighted in the Alliance [newsletter](#), 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!](#)

Warmest regards,

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