



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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DEAR COLLEAGUES:

I'd like to begin my first official newsletter by thanking each of you for your membership in the Society for Vascular Medicine (SVM) and for your awe-inspiring professionalism and commitment during these incredibly challenging times. Your support for patients, colleagues, and trainees has been impressive and SVM is proud to support you in your vascular medicine practices.

There are many exciting announcements I'd like to share. First, I'd like to welcome SVM's new Executive Director Matthew Helms, MA, CAE, an accomplished association executive, who brings vast experience in strategic planning, membership growth and operations management to his new role. Please take a moment to reach out and welcome **Matt** to SVM.

On the heels of our 2021 Annual Scientific Sessions in September, SVM leadership participated in a focused strategic planning session to identify goals and develop a plan to achieve them over the coming three years. The group agreed to develop metrics and key performance indicators across our Mission's pillars – post-graduate training and specialty recognition; advocacy; clinical excellence; education; and research. We will present these to the membership over the next quarter. We are confident in our ability as a Society to accomplish these overarching strategic initiatives.

A comprehensive and practical update of the **SVM Board Review Course** for 2022, led by SVM President Elect Ido Weinberg and Aditya Sharma, has just been released. Through in-depth course content and quizzes for each section participants build a sound knowledge base for tackling the ABVM board certification exam in general vascular medicine and endovascular interventions. To learn more or purchase the Course, [click here](#).

Our **2022 Fellows Course** and **2022 Advanced Practice Provider Course**, led by Eric Secemsky and Andrew Galmer, were held in Atlanta, Georgia on March 5-6. Not surprisingly, seats for both courses sold out quickly, signaling both an eagerness to return to in-person learning and reflecting the tremendous value that these comprehensive vascular medicine educational opportunities provide.

Chaired by President-Elect Ido Weinberg, the **SVM 2022 Scientific Sessions will be held in-person on Sept. 29 - Oct 2 in Denver, Colorado**. We are long-overdue to reconnect, so please put those dates on your calendar now and watch your inbox for announcements regarding abstract submission and meeting registration dates as the event draws nearer.

Under the leadership of Immediate Past President, Raghu Kolluri, our Vascular Medicine Specialty Recognition Taskforce is hard at work on vascular medicine fellowship training program accreditation and board certification. Please stay tuned for announcements as we make inroads on these initiatives.

We have exciting news on the membership front. Our **SVM Mentorship Program**, the brainchild of SVM Secretary and Membership Committee Chair, Elizabeth Ratchford, recently paired 21 mentors with mentees. This unique program is facilitating the development of one-on-one relationships between practicing professionals and early-career members, in which mentors may highlight different approaches for tackling professional and personal challenges, hone leadership skills, and provide networking opportunities. It's not too late to get involved, so if you're in search of a mentor, please email [Elizabeth Ratchford](#).

SVM membership engagement is at an all-time high! Our recent Call for Volunteers yielded a bumper crop of applicants seeking to participate in our committees and taskforces. The response was unprecedented, and we were able to place all applicants in important roles. Please find a list of SVM Committees and Taskforces on our [website](#). If you are interested in volunteering to serve, stay tuned for this year's call for volunteers.

Our **Vascular Medicine Journal**, led by Editor-in-Chief, Heather Gornik, is as robust as ever. We have witnessed year-over-year increases in the Journal's impact factor with publication of your impactful research. Please visit the Journal's website often to keep abreast of vascular science, [download information](#) to distribute to your patients and don't forget to join us as we review important publications at our monthly **VMJ Journal Club**.

At SVM, we are fortunate to have corporate support for our Annual Scientific Sessions, Fellows/ APPs course and other educational initiatives. Beyond that, I am thrilled to announce a unique, multi-year collaboration with Boston Scientific in support of SVM's continuing education and professional development programs for vascular medicine providers; we are truly grateful for this commitment. This, and our other corporate support, will be recognized during our Annual Business Meeting, which will move from June to September, to be held in conjunction with the 2022 Scientific Sessions.

I would also like to take a moment to thank all of you that donated to the SVM during our Giving Tuesday initiative. The initiative brought in over \$7,000 in restricted funds to be used to advance the SVM mission. I am proud to inform you that 100% of your Board of Trustees contributed to this fund to demonstrate their commitment to the Society. If you missed the call for action for this program don't worry, there are easy ways to [donate](#).

One final note, please follow SVM on social media to stay abreast of important developments in the vascular medicine space, opportunities you won't want to miss at SVM, and most importantly, to connect with other members of our vascular community. You'll find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

I am truly optimistic about what the coming year holds for each of us and for SVM. Please feel free to contact me with questions, concerns, or suggestions so that I can best serve you.

I look forward to seeing you in-person soon!

Warm regards,

Herb Aronow, MD, MPH, FSVM

COVID ANTICOAGULATION SURVEY – SHARE YOUR EXPERTISE

An important COVID anticoagulation survey has been created and SVM members have been invited to participate. The anonymous survey takes about 5-10 minutes to complete.

The knowledge of the venous thromboembolic (VTE) complications associated with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) has evolved since the pandemic began. At the request of the CDC, a survey was created to learn how providers are preventing VTE in patients with COVID-19 and if patients have experienced bleeding or thrombotic complications. This information is especially critical given the recent multiplatform trials and new guidance documents. Results from this survey will help inform the global community about current practice patterns.

[TAKE THE SURVEY NOW](#)

FINDING A JOB OR RECRUITING MADE EASY

Interested in finding the next great job? Or are you recruiting to fill a 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 jobs, and employers go to find the highest quality talent. You can find jobs in the exact specialty and setting you want, get your resume reviewed by an expert and set-up customized job alerts so you know when your dream job is posted.

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