

Dear Colleagues,

As always, I'd like to begin this newsletter by thanking each of you for your membership in the Society for Vascular Medicine (SVM). Your membership helps support provider education, enhance vascular medicine fellowship training and ultimately improves the care of our patients with vascular disease.

I hope that in the interim since my last newsletter, you found time to enjoy the summer months and that this issue finds you recharged and ready for whatever lays ahead. There is much going on at SVM, and I can't wait to update you!

## SOCIETAL BUSINESS

It's Time to Renew – Take a step toward making 2023 a successful year by renewing your SVM membership. Your member benefits include networking and career-building opportunities; our mentorship program; a subscription to *Vascular Medicine\**; discounts on CME programming, including the Annual Meeting; access to the latest educational materials; and much more. I encourage you to help shape the future of vascular medicine by renewing your membership by December 15. Renew today>>>

(\*Doctorate & Fellow Members)

**Board Certification –** SVM continues to work on your behalf in pursuit of Vascular Medicine board certification. We are in the process of securing letters of support from various US and international cardiovascular societies for our ABIM application. At this time, no decisions have been made about certification pathways (e.g., internal medicine => vascular medicine; cardiovascular medicine => vascular medicine; or a dual pathway that allows for both approaches). We will solicit input from SVM membership before any decisions about certification pathway are made. Please stay tuned!

**Find a Vascular Specialist –** Good news for SVM members! SVM is pleased to announce that its <u>Find A Vascular Specialist Directory</u> was launched in September. This valuable new SVM member benefit enables patients and referring physicians to search for a Vascular Specialist by last name, city, state, or zip code. Only 17% of the membership has completed the "Directory Form." We encourage all members to complete the <u>Directory Form</u> to be listed.

### **EDUCATION**

**The Vascular Scientific Sessions -** President-Elect and Program Chair, Ido Weinberg, the SVM Scientific Program Committee, and our partners at Veritas Association Management worked diligently to create and deploy the 2022 Vascular Scientific Sessions in Denver, Colorado. The meeting was a resounding success and included new and reimagined sessions including a hands-on

POCUS workshop, a risk-factor management workshop, Late Breaking Science, and even an inaugural SVM 5K Fun Run in memory of Dr. William R. Hiatt. We also hosted 25 primary care and hospital medicine physicians at the Updates in Vascular Disease primary care track presented by SVM faculty who shared up-to-the-minute, state-of-the-art knowledge in vascular disease diagnosis and management. Finally, the Jay D. Coffman Young Investigator Award for the top basic, translational, or clinical research submission to the Vascular Scientific Sessions was bestowed upon Omar Chehab, MD, MSc, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland, for his study, *"Association of HIV Infection with Clinical Features and Outcomes of Patients with Aortic Aneurysms."* 

## **CME REMINDER**

If you haven't claimed your CME for the 2022 Denver Vascular Scientific Sessions, be sure to do so before the November 30, 2022, deadline. You'll find more information <u>here</u>.



# 2022 VSS By-the-Numbers

Be sure to mark your calendar and save the dates for the **2023 SVM Fellows Course** and the **2023 SVM Advanced Practice Provider Course** being held March 18-19 in Atlanta, Georgia, and for the **2023 Vascular Scientific Sessions** being held September 7-10 in Washington, DC.

SVM President-Elect Ido Weinberg and Trustee Aditya Sharma led a comprehensive and practical update to the <u>SVM Board Review Course</u> 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 or to simply update their vascular medicine competencies.

The SVM Education Committee is currently creating additional endovascular content to support preparation for the examination in or update for endovascular medicine. To learn more or purchase the Course, <u>click here</u>.

The SVM Education Committee and Dr. Andrew Dicks are proud to bring you **SVM Vascular Medicine Journal Club.** These virtual events showcase vascular medicine faculty at member institutions who present an intriguing paper of their choice followed by an interactive discussion. The next SVM Journal Club will be held in December.

The SVM Medscape educational series, <u>Innovations in Antithrombotic Therapy: from the Latest</u> <u>Data to Clinical Application</u> is now available. The series includes the following content:

- Peripheral Artery Disease and Dual Antithrombotic Strategies: What Do the Latest Data Suggest?
- Calling All Vascular Specialists! Interprofessional Approaches to Improve Peripheral Artery
  Disease Management Today
- Peripheral Artery Disease Quickfire Case Challenges: Where Does Antithrombotic Therapy for Vascular Protection Fit?
- Evolving Strategies in Peripheral Artery Disease Post-Revascularization: Insights for the Vascular Team
- What Vascular Specialists Need to Know About Antithrombotic Strategies In Peripheral Artery Disease Post-Revascularization

The complete series, which provides 4.25 of CME, was developed through a collaboration between SVM and Medscape Education and is supported by an independent educational grant from Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

In October 2022, SVM Member Geoff Barnes and I participated as faculty at the European Society of Vascular Medicine at their 8<sup>th</sup> Congress in Stockholm, Sweden. This faculty exchange represents the beginning of a new era of greater collaboration for our vascular medicine societies. We look forward to their participation in the SVM 2023 Vascular Scientific Sessions and to our continued partnership.

I'd like to thank Jay Bernardo, President of the Philippine Society for Vascular Medicine (PSVM) for the invitation to represent SVM virtually at their annual meeting in October 2022. Notably, PSVM again had the largest international contingent to attend SVM Vascular Scientific Session this year. We are thrilled with the ongoing partnership our societies have forged!



Dr. Aronow presenting at PSVM Oct. 2022



Dr. De Jesus presenting award to Dr. Aronow, 2023 SVM VSS, Denver, CO



SVM President Dr. Aronow, President-Elect Dr. Ido Weinberg and PSVM contingents, 2023 SVM VSS, Denver, CO

### **QUALITY**

SVM continues to push the needle on quality improvement. In a collaborative effort with the Society for Vascular Surgery Patient Safety Organization (SVS PSO) and the American Heart Association, past President Josh Beckman helped design the Vascular Quality Initiative's <u>Vascular Medicine</u>

**Consult Registry** (VMCR), which follows ambulatory patients with vascular disease. The VMC Registry adds tremendous value to the portfolio of available VQI registry modules and provides an incredible opportunity for SVM members who practice at participating institutions to engage in meaningful research and quality improvement initiatives. For a limited time, SVS VQI is offering a **complimentary one-year trial subscription** to the VMCR for an easily accessible first-hand experience of its value and ROI. <u>Click here</u> to learn more about the offer.

#### RESEARCH

The SVM Research, Quality, and Publications Committee, led by Chair Daniella Kadian-Dodov, MD, has two papers in progress. A vascular medicine white paper is a joint effort of SVM and the European Society of Vascular Medicine and is currently being outlined. The Committee is also working on *Research Priorities in Vascular Medicine*, an effort being co-chaired by Dr. Marc Bonaca and Dr. Mary McDermott.

#### **CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

**SVM Pulse** – One of SVM's strategic goals is to grow our membership through enhanced member value (e.g., by facilitating career development). To that end, we have retained DocMatter to create <u>SVM Pulse</u>, a private online vascular community for learning, collaborating, mentoring, and networking with each other. As an SVM member, you should have received a welcome email from DocMatter with a link to your profile. Please be sure to update your profile to receive notification of new discussions that are in line with your interests and expertise. If you have questions on how to use or access <u>SVM Pulse</u>, simply email <u>support@docmatter.com</u>.

SVM's <u>Mentorship Program</u> was launched in 2020 to support the professional development of our early-career members. Watch your inbox for upcoming announcements regarding the 2023 Mentorship Program.

Interested in finding a new position? Or maybe you are recruiting to fill a vacant position? No problem! <u>SVM's Job Bank</u> 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.

#### **PARTNER NEWS**

VAS-European Independent Foundation in Angiology/Vascular Medicine will host their annual academic conference, the 19th European Angiology Days, on December 2-4, 2022. Learn more and view the program <u>here</u>.



Dr. Aronow and Dr. Barnes with VM colleagues at Stockholm City Hall

As always, I welcome your questions, concerns, and suggestions. Please let me know how I can best serve you and our Society.

Warmest regards,

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