



Society for Vascular Medicine

SVM UPDATE

in 500 words or less

Dear SVM Members,

Below you'll find key updates on SVM events and committee work. If you'd like to get more involved, just let me know. Thank you to those who renewed their membership for 2025! If you have not done so yet, please [renew now](#). Your membership provides many member benefits, while supporting the Society.

Request for Proposals - Building the Evidence Base for Vascular Medicine - For this second funding cycle, SVM seeks projects that evaluate the direct impact of vascular medicine specialists on patient care and clinical outcomes. Click [here](#) for full details. **Deadline to submit: March 27**

The Call for Abstracts is now open! Mark your calendar and [submit your abstract now](#) to showcase your work at the 2025 Vascular Scientific Sessions in Philadelphia (September 18-21). **Deadline to submit: March 3**

In memory of SVM Founder and Past-President, Dr. Alan T. Hirsch, SVM offers travel awards to assist our younger colleagues in attending the Vascular Scientific Sessions. The Hirsch Travel Award Program supports attendance for those experiencing financial hardship and is funded in part by the SVM Giving Tuesday Campaign. Click [here to make a donation](#) to the program. Click [here to apply](#) for the Travel Award. **Deadline to apply: May 16**

The SVM Venous Task Force has launched the [Venous Disease Assessment \(VDA\) Toolkit](#) to assist in the evaluation, classification, and management of venous diseases. The VDA toolkit presents commonly used tools in a manner which can easily be adopted for daily use and incorporated into your electronic health record. The VDA Toolkit can be found in "Practice Resources" under the Education Tab.

SVM Coding for Vascular Billing Webinar - The SVM Vascular Medicine Practice Task Force will host a billing webinar on **Wednesday, March 26th, from 6:30-7:15 PM ET**. The expert panel will clarify recent updates in vascular coding from both non-invasive and invasive perspectives and offer relevant "How and What" to code in frequently encountered clinical situations. *Faculty: Kathy Parkhurst, CPC, CPCO, CDEO, CPMA, CPPM, CRC, CPC-I, American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC) and Billing Manager/Compliance Officer, Vascular Associates of WNY; Peter Soukas, MD, FSVM, Director, Vascular Medicine and Interventional PV Lab, Brown University; and Drs. Lichaa, Bishop, and Lou of the Vascular Medicine Practice Task Force.*

Publish your cases! SVM's Education Committee is collaborating with VAS (European Independent Foundation in Angiology/Vascular Medicine) and other groups to create an **International Atlas of Vascular Clinical Cases**. SVM is responsible for collecting cases on specific topics, and we need your help. Please [click here for more details](#), including topics, cases needed, and author benefits. **Deadline to submit: April 30**

The ABVM Vascular Medicine Examination application period is open from 6/25/2025 to 9/9/2025, and the exam will be administered 9/23/2025 to 10/23/2025. The ABVM certification shows you have attained the highest level of proficiency in vascular medicine and you have the knowledge, skills, and commitment to provide quality patient care in vascular medicine. [Learn more.](#)

SVM is dedicated to supporting **Vascular Advanced Practice Providers (APPs)** in their professional development, and we invite our SVM Doctorate and FSVM Members to be part of this exciting growth. Consider **sponsoring a Vascular APP for SVM membership** and help advance their career in vascular medicine. If you or a Vascular APP in your network would like to explore **membership benefits and sponsorship opportunities**, please reach out to us at info@vascularmed.org. Your support will help foster the next generation of Vascular APP leaders!

I'm looking forward to seeing you in Atlanta for the Fellows/APP Course and in Philly for VSS2025!

Warmly,

Elizabeth Ratchford, MD, FSVM
President, Society for Vascular Medicine



Other Updates

SVM Career Center: Are you interested in finding a new position? Are you hiring? 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 where 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 the perfect applicant has applied.

Patient Information Pages: Check out this patient resource, available [free online](#) from *Vascular Medicine*. You can print the PDFs for your exam rooms. Recent and upcoming topics: 1) Renal Artery Stenosis, 2) Visceral Artery Aneurysms, and 3) PAD - 2025 Update (based on the new PAD guidelines). Let us know if you have ideas for new topics.

Get Out the Clot: SVM, together with the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis, National Blood Clot Alliance, Penumbra, and the PERT Consortium™, is excited to announce Get Out the Clot. This collaborative educational initiative will address gaps in patient care related to blood clots, expand access to and promote awareness of the latest treatment innovations, and work toward standardizing approach to treatment. Learn more at GetOutTheClot.com.

Update from the Alliance for Wound Care Stakeholders:

The "effective date" of the recently finalized local coverage determinations guiding use of cellular- and tissue-based products for wounds (CTPs or "skin substitutes") in diabetic foot ulcers and venous leg ulcers has been delayed by 60 days, moving the implementation date across all Medicare Administrative Contractor jurisdictions from 2/12/25 to 4/13/25. Learn more about the delay, new requirements, and impacts on this [LCD info page](#) from the Alliance of Wound Care Stakeholders.