



Society for Vascular Medicine

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Dear SVM Members,

Happy holidays! Thank you so much for being a member of the Society for Vascular Medicine. Your membership helps to support all the amazing activities of the Society and offers many member benefits. (If you have not already done so, [please renew now](#) for 2025.) To close out the year, I wanted to provide you with a few SVM updates:

For the January Vascular Medicine Journal Club, we will welcome several of our vascular medicine colleagues from Henry Ford Health System in Detroit, including Drs. Herb Aronow, Vikas Aggarwal, Olusegun Osinbowale, Syed Ahsan, and Gabriella VanAken, who will be discussing use of cardiopulmonary exercise testing following acute PE. Join us at 8:00 PM ET on Monday, January 27, 2025.

Registration is now open for the 2025 SVM Fellows/APP Course, to be held March 15-16 in Atlanta. Space is limited, so please encourage your colleagues and trainees to register before the January 7 deadline. This complimentary course (chaired by Dr. Daniella Kadian-Dodov) is designed for fellows-in-training and for nurse practitioners and physician assistants in the vascular field. It provides an excellent foundation in vascular medicine including the diagnosis and management of arterial, venous, and lymphatic disease. [Learn more.](#)

Thank you to everyone who donated to SVM's Giving Tuesday Campaign. We raised over \$7,000 to support students, trainees, and early-career members to attend the 2025 Vascular Scientific Sessions (VSS) in Philadelphia, in conjunction with the Alan T. Hirsch Travel Award. It's not too late to [make a year-end donation to SVM.](#)

The second year of the [SVM Michael R. Jaff, DO, MSVM, Fellows Leadership Institute](#) kicked off in October. The Institute will meet twice monthly through June 2025. Over 20 SVM faculty members are contributing to the Institute. This year's 14 Jaff Fellows include Drs. Adeel Ahmad, Haydar Ali, Samer Asmar, Wassim Bedrouni, Juan Caceres, Devanshi Damani, Blake Icton, Aleksan Khachatryan, Ghazal Khandel, Christian Mewaldt, Sivan Naveh, Shiavax Rao, Yama Sadozai, and Fanny Stampfli Silva.

Over 40 SVM members will participate in the next SVM Mentorship Program, which provides longitudinal mentorship over the calendar year for 2025. In addition, each Jaff Fellow will be paired with their own mentor from the NextGen Committee. And of course, we'll have Speed Mentoring at VSS2025.

SVM is collaborating with VAS (European Independent Foundation in Angiology/Vascular Medicine) and several other international groups to create an International Atlas of Vascular Clinical Cases. SVM is responsible for collecting cases on specific topics, and we will need your help in the new year. More details will be coming soon.

I hope you have blocked your clinic and marked your calendar for [VSS2025 in Philadelphia \(September 18-21\)](#). The VSS Program Committee (chaired by President-Elect Dr. Esther Kim) is already hard at work.

I am incredibly grateful to all of you for the time and effort you have dedicated to SVM and to the field of vascular medicine this year. During this busy season, I hope you are able to find time to rest, recharge, and gear up for the great work we'll do together in 2025.

Wishing you all the best,

Elizabeth Ratchford, MD, FSVM
SVM President



Other Updates

Patient Information Pages Make sure to check out this patient resource, available free online from *Vascular Medicine*. You can print the PDFs for your exam rooms. Recent topics: 1) post-PE syndrome, CTEPD, and CTEPH (in English and in Spanish), 2) thromboangiitis obliterans, and 3) erythromelalgia. Coming soon: 1) renal artery stenosis, 2) visceral and renal artery aneurysms, and 3) PAD – 2025 Update (based on the new PAD guidelines). Let us know if you have ideas for new topics.

SVM Career Center 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 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.

Update from the Alliance for Wound Care Stakeholders: [Statement on the Final CTP \(skin substitutes\) LCDs](#). The statement illustrates our shared "win" that the final policy now allows up to 8 CTP applications (with supporting documentation) within a treatment episode, but also flags the lack of clarity on how products currently on the non-covered list can submit new evidence to be considered for coverage and the need for ongoing advocacy on that front.

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](#).