

# Journal of Vascular Surgery Venous and Lymphatic Disorders

## EVENTS OF INTEREST

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### SVS Debuts New Marks of Distinction for SVS Members

All Active SVS Members in good standing will now be considered Fellows of the Society for Vascular Surgery™ (FSVS™). The trademarked designation is one of the benefits of SVS membership and is a public acknowledgement that a surgeon has met the high standards required by the SVS of its members and has shown and professional commitment to the field of vascular surgery. Those who meet the requirements may add the initials FSVS™ after their name in any usage, such as signature lines, letterhead, door signage, and so on. Distinguished Fellows also may use the trademarked designation of DFSVS™. See [vsweb.org/Designations](http://vsweb.org/Designations) for more information.

### New Private Online Community for SVS Members

The Society for Vascular Surgery is creating a private online community, SVSConnect, with a number of resources for SVS members and their peers. This new collaborative online community will let members connect and engage with, and learn from, fellow members and peers on an infinite number of topics. It is expected to launch by late 2018. Users will enjoy a member directory search, forums, mentor match programs and resource sharing.

### Submit Abstracts for VRIC; Plan to Attend

Abstracts for the 2019 SVS Vascular Research Initiatives Conference, "Hard Science: Calcification and Vascular Solutions," will be accepted until January 15, 2019. The 2019 conference on emerging vascular science will be May 13 in Boston. See [vsweb.org/VRIC19](http://vsweb.org/VRIC19).

### VAM Abstract Submission Site Open

Abstracts for the 2019 Vascular Annual Meeting are being accepted until January 16, 2019. The 2019 VAM will be held June 12-15, 2019, at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, Md, outside Washington, D.C. Scientific sessions will be held June 13 through 15 and exhibits will be open June 14 and 15. See [vsweb.org/VAM19](http://vsweb.org/VAM19) for more information about the meeting. Information on the abstracts guidelines is at [vsweb.org/Guidelines19](http://vsweb.org/Guidelines19).

### Time Running Out to Claim VAM 2018 CMEs

All credits from the 2018 Vascular Annual Meeting in Boston must be claimed by December 31. Visit [vsweb.org/ClaimCME](http://vsweb.org/ClaimCME) and follow the directions to list sessions, provide evaluations, take exams and generate credit certificates.

### CME Credit Available to JVS-VL Readers

One AMA PRA Category 1 Credit for Continuing Medical Education (CME) can be obtained by successfully answering questions about the CME article from each issue of the *Journal of Vascular Surgery: Venous and Lymphatic Disorders (JVS-VL)*. Selected by the JVS editors, the CME article contains information relevant to vascular surgery practice. The Senior Editor develops the exam questions. Access to the CME questions is free and open to the public. After successfully answering the questions, Journal subscribers can print a CME certificate at no cost. For nonsubscribers, there is a \$10 fee per examination to receive a certificate of completion. CME accreditation is provided by the Society for Vascular Surgery. To access CME questions or to obtain additional information, visit <http://www.jvsvenous.org/cme/home>.