

# Journal of Vascular Surgery Venous and Lymphatic Disorders

## EVENTS OF INTEREST

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### Vote on SVS Branding Initiative

SVS is launching a new branding initiative. Over the past year, SVS has worked with a health care branding consultant to develop focused branding concepts that tell the story of the Society and its members. The first priority is to get the message out over the coming year to primary referral sources: providers in internal medicine, family practice, emergency rooms, wound centers, podiatry, and others. Campaigns also will be developed to reach hospital administrators and, of course, patients and the public. SVS is looking for input from ALL members. Concepts were first unveiled at the Vascular Annual Meeting and voting is ongoing. Please visit the SVS website, [vascular.org](http://vascular.org), for the appropriate links or email [communications@vascularsociety.org](mailto:communications@vascularsociety.org).

### VAM on Demand Will Be Available Soon

Enjoy time travel! Of a sort, that is. With overlapping sessions, no one person could be at every session and presentation of the 2019 Vascular Annual Meeting. The VAM on Demand library permits buyers to see sessions they missed or review, at their own pace, others they did see. And, those who couldn't attend VAM can still become informed on the educational opportunities. Cost for VAM attendees is \$99; cost for nonattendees is \$499. The fee purchases access to recordings and slides of hundreds of sessions and some videotaped sessions. Materials can be downloaded; access ends in June 2020. The library should be available in late July/early August. Visit [vsweb.org/OnDemand19](http://vsweb.org/OnDemand19) for more information.

### Rocky Mountain Vascular Society, 40th Annual Meeting, July 24-27, 2019 – Coeur D'Alene Resort – Coeur D'Alene, Idaho

The Rocky Mountain Vascular Society (RMVS) is a regional society working to improve the quality and practice of vascular surgery as a specialty in the Rocky Mountain region.

Now in its 40<sup>th</sup> year, the Annual Meeting is a relaxed, collegial conference where invited speakers openly share their vascular experiences in such sessions aptly named "El Toro" and "What Was I Thinking?" A Resident/Fellows Case Competition is also highlighted. Half-day sessions allow attendees to enjoy the amenities and recreational opportunities of the meeting destination.

### 23rd Annual Max R. Gaspar, M.D. Symposium: Carotid Artery Disease and Acute Stroke: Current Treatment Strategies

This event will take place Thursday, September 5, 2019 and is presented by the USC Division of Vascular Surgery and Endovascular Therapy in the Keck School of Medicine of USC, and the USC Office of Continuing Medical Education. The course directors are Vincent L. Rowe, MD, FACS, and Fred A. Weaver, MD, MMM.

This annual day-long symposium, honoring Dr Max R. Gaspar, has assembled fifteen distinguished faculty from across the country and the University of Southern California. This year, Dr Bruce A. Perler, MD, MBA, the Julius H. Jacobson, II, Professor of Surgery, at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, in the Department of Surgery at The Johns Hopkins Hospital, will be featured as the Gaspar Visiting Professor. The event will again be held at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles.

To register, visit [www.usc.edu/cme](http://www.usc.edu/cme), click on Conference Calendar, and scroll to 23rd Annual Max R. Gaspar MD Symposium. Phone: (323) 442-2555; Fax: 1 (888) 665-8650; E-mail: [usccme@usc.edu](mailto:usccme@usc.edu). On site: Crystal Ballroom, Millennium Biltmore Hotel.

### Forty-sixth Annual Meeting of the New England Society for Vascular Surgery, September 13-15, 2019 – Omni Hotel – Providence, Rhode Island

Founded in 1973, the New England Society for Vascular Surgery was the first regional vascular society in the country. The Forty-sixth Annual Meeting of the New England Society for Vascular Surgery is designed to provide 2 and 1/2 days of comprehensive educational experiences in the fields of vascular surgery and disease, related sciences, and socioeconomic aspects of vascular surgical care.

It is the Society's intent to bring together surgeons, physicians, researchers, fellows, residents, allied health professionals, and students from around New England to discuss their latest clinical and research findings on various topics in vascular surgery and to collaborate to construct a robust program on current controversies or topics within the vascular community.

### **SVS Coding Course Will Be September 20 and 21**

The 2019 SVS Coding and Reimbursement Workshop changes locations this year, from Chicago to the Hyatt Rosemont, near O'Hare International Airport and the SVS' new headquarters. The workshop, a must-attend to stay up-to-date on billing and coding issues, will be September 20 and 21. An optional half-day workshop on evaluation and management codes is also planned. Cost is \$880 for SVS members and staff, \$955 for nonmembers, and \$250 for residents and trainees. The fee for the E&M workshop is \$100 for members and staff, \$125 for nonmembers, and \$50 for residents and trainees. Visit [vsweb.org/Coding19](http://vsweb.org/Coding19) for more details.

### **International Aortic Summit - Biennial Meeting, October 16-18, 2019 – Hilton Hotel & Casino, Palm Beach, Aruba**

The 2019 International Aortic Summit will offer a comprehensive educational experience, creating a robust program that includes expert presentations from leaders in the fields of vascular and endovascular surgery. An extensive group of expert faculty will present and discuss topics about the latest advances in aortic surgery, such as fenestrated-branched endografts, thoracoabdominal

repair, adjuncts to endo AAA repair, aortic occlusive disease, graft infection, imaging, aortic dissection and emergencies and new endovascular techniques. This outstanding biennial meeting began in Italy over 10 years ago but moved to the beautiful island of Aruba in 2015.

### **CME Credit Available to JVS-VL Readers**

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