

Society for Vascular Medicine

SVM UPDATE

in about 500 words or less

Dear SVM Members,

Happy Spring! We are excited to share several important announcements with you. If you only take away one thing: [Register for VSS2025!](#)

Call for Volunteers

The SVM Call for Volunteers for the 2025-2026 program year will open in June. We encourage all members to get involved by serving on an SVM Committee. A full list of SVM Committees can be found [here](#).

2025 Vascular Scientific Sessions (VSS2025)

Join us September 18-21, 2025, in Philadelphia!

Under the exemplary leadership of Dr. Esther Kim, the Program Committee has developed an outstanding agenda featuring keynote speakers, hands-on POCUS and venous vascular medicine workshops, Clash of the Titans, Vascular Jeopardy, Cases on the Rocks, networking opportunities, and more. Early bird pricing is available until June 30. Learn more and register [here](#).

Hirsch Travel Award Program

In memory of SVM Founder and Past-President Dr. Alan T. Hirsch, SVM offers travel awards to help younger vascular clinicians, practitioners, and researchers attend the Vascular Scientific Sessions. The program is supported by the SVM Giving Tuesday Campaign. The deadline to [apply](#) is May 16.

SVM Fellows/APP Course

The 2025 SVM Fellows/APP Course in Atlanta welcomed 85 attendees and delivered an outstanding foundation in vascular medicine, led by Dr. Daniella Kadian-Dodov and other world-class faculty. Congratulations to incoming course leaders:

- Fellows Course: Dr. Stan Henkin (Chair) and Dr. Kamal Gupta (Co-Chair)
- APP Course: Danielle Vlazny, PA-C, MS (Chair) and Ali Moran Baird, DNP, AGACNP, RN (Co-Chair)

Save the date now for the 2026 SVM Fellows/APP Course in Chicago, March 21-22!

In Memoriam:

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of Dr. James (Jim) R. Sowers, a founding member of our Society. *"Jim Sowers was an outstanding scientist whose seminal research enhanced our understanding of the effect of insulin on vascular function. He provided balance to our founding group when we first gathered to form what was then called the Society for Vascular Medicine and Biology and was an important influence on the scientific aspects of our mission."* - Dr. Mark A. Creager
[Read more here](#).

Certification

The ABVM Vascular Medicine Examination application period runs from June 25 to September 9, with the exam offered between September 23 and October 23, 2025. ABVM certification demonstrates expertise, knowledge, and commitment to excellence in vascular medicine. [Learn more here](#).

Practice Resources

The SVM Vascular Medicine Practice Task Force hosted a successful Coding for Vascular Billing Webinar in March, offering critical updates from both non-invasive and invasive perspectives. Members can [watch it here](#).

The SVM Venous Task Force also launched the [Venous Disease Assessment \(VDA\) Toolkit](#) to assist in the evaluation, classification, and management of venous diseases.

Member Kudos

Dr. Christian Mewaldt (Jaff Fellow) delivered a lecture at the collaborative SVM/Society for Vascular Nursing webinar on April 22.

Congratulations to Dr. Marc Bonaca, SVM Board of Trustees member, on the publication of the landmark STRIDE trial in *The Lancet*, demonstrating that semaglutide increased walking distance in patients with diabetes and symptomatic PAD. Look for this article in an upcoming SVM Journal Club!

For Your Calendar

May 16, 2025	Hirsch Travel Award Deadline
May 19, 2025	SVM Journal Club hosted by Stanford (Drs. Icton, Fukaya, and Leeper)
June 11, 2025	SVM Journal Club hosted by Mayo (Dr. Brunton)
June 25, 2025	ABVM Exam Application Opens
June 30, 2025	Early Registration Ends for VSS2025
Sept. 18-21, 2025	VSS2025 at the Loews Philadelphia
March 21-22, 2026	Fellows/APP Course in Chicago

Thank you for being a vital part of the Society for Vascular Medicine community.

Warm regards,

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