

Editor's foreword

Welcome to the February issue of the *Journal of Vascular Societies Great Britain and Ireland (JVSGBI)*. We are really pleased with the response to the launch issue, which took place at the Vascular Societies GB&I Annual Scientific Meeting held in December 2021. Attendees from all societies and industry were delighted to see the journal, which is open-access and represents the whole vascular community.

On behalf of the Editorial Board I would like to extend my thanks to all authors who have submitted articles. This issue includes two important editorials which present the views of both the trainers and the trainees regarding the recent changes to the Vascular Curriculum.

This issue also contains further outcomes from individual Special Interest Groups who worked with the James Lind Alliance and perhaps most importantly vascular patients, to identify research priorities across the sub-specialties of vascular surgery. These priorities, I am sure, will guide vascular research and funding for the foreseeable future. It gives me great personal satisfaction to see this crucial work in print. Thank you for all the hard work.

We cannot escape the impact of COVID-19 and this issue contains articles highlighting the impact of the pandemic on vascular surgical training in Scotland and the innovative modifications made to the ASPIRE 7 and 8 courses to enable delivery of these important courses despite heavy COVID associated restrictions.

Please remember this journal is for members of all societies involved in the management of vascular patients, and we would encourage submissions from all areas of interest to the vascular community. If you would like to share your work and experience with your fellow society members, and the wider vascular community, please submit your articles to *JVSGBI*, to ensure we can represent everyone with our content.

There is also a supplement to this issue of the journal – Provision of Services for People with Vascular Disease 2021. This update sets out the views of the UK Vascular Societies regarding the provision of high quality, evidence based, patient centred vascular services. We hope your organisation can use POVS 2021 to optimise the care delivered to people with vascular disease across your local vascular network. The UK vascular societies are committed to this aim, as is the Vascular Society charity, the Circulation Foundation. Visit the journal website to access the document.

Finally, I hope you enjoy reading this issue of *JVSGBI*, and please do continue to share your work by submitting articles for publication.



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