

Editor's foreword

Welcome to the May 2024 edition of the *Journal of Vascular Societies Great Britain and Ireland (JVSGBI)*.

Professor Rob Sayers from Leicester opens this edition with a review of the current management of type B aortic dissection in the UK sign posting specifically the associated tool kit, the need for improved outcome data and the up coming NIHR EARNEST trial – a randomised study to assess endovascular intervention.

This edition contains two fascinating studies in patients with critical limb ischaemia, linking pre existing comorbidities, and particularly frailty, with poorer outcomes following vascular interventions. Such studies are crucial to inform patient centred care and personalised management.

Also included in this edition is a study assessing the safety and efficacy of intravascular lithotripsy during endovascular treatment of patients with peripheral arterial disease. This type of study provides essential underpinning data for future funding applications and research, a fundamental priority for the *JVSGBI*.

There are two protocols published in this edition. Both outline studies, which aim to increase the engagement of claudicants with exercise. This was highlighted as a priority in the James Lind Alliance research priority setting exercise, and it is fantastic to see this work guiding the direction of research focus.

The four case reports included in this edition not only provide examples of fascinating cases, but in addition are written by early career trainees. Finally included are the excellent Rouleaux Club prize winning essays. These case reports & essays are often a first foray into academic writing / publication and frequently promote academic interest and development. A second fundamental priority for the *JVSGBI*.

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