

## NEWS

## Updates from the Vascular Societies

*JVSGBI* is owned by the Vascular Society for Great Britain and Ireland (VSGBI), for all affiliated societies and the wider vascular community. Here's the latest society news.

### British Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in limb Absence Rehabilitation (BACPAR)

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The BACPAR Executive committee is planning for its next Executive committee meeting in September at which we will start to consider our plans for delivery of the 2025 BACPAR programme. We will also review how the BACPAR objectives have been met through it's work to date in anticipation of the AGM in November.

Themes for the 2024 programme have been shared with the membership - through our Social Media accounts and in discussion at regional meetings to encourage strong attendance and participation.

Themes for the BACPAR programme are as follows;

- acute/ pre amputation/ reconstruction and prevention of amputation
- Non- NHS roles in limb loss
- Rehabilitation
- Prosthetics.

Abstract submission has been encouraged to add to these themes and other Physiotherapy related subjects in limb absence rehabilitation and we look forward to reviewing the submissions now submission is closed.

Dr Miranda Asher continues to represent BACPAR on the *JVSGBI* editorial board as part of her role as one of BACPAR's research officers (ROs). The ROs will be looking to recruit to a working group for the review of the BACPAR Outcome Measures toolbox.

[https://www.bacpar.org/Data/Resource\\_Downloads/ToolboxofOutcomeMeasures.pdf](https://www.bacpar.org/Data/Resource_Downloads/ToolboxofOutcomeMeasures.pdf) in the coming months.

BACPAR looks forward to ongoing collaboration with the Vascular Societies in research, service development, patient information and MDT education.

*Louise Tisdale*

### UK National Interventional Radiology Trainee Research (UNITE) Collaborative

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The UNITE Collaborative is the UK national interventional radiology research collaborative. We were founded in 2021 and have undertaken multiple projects in the field of vascular & interventional radiology since then. This year has been an exciting one for the group with the recruitment of a new committee and a massive increase in our activity with plenty of upcoming projects!

CAASP Study accepted for publication in BJS Open!

The Collaborative Acute Aortic Syndrome (CAASP) is a joint project run by UNITE and VERN that looks into the current diagnostic pathways for aortic dissection and factors contributing to delays in diagnosis. Over 30 collaborators from 10 UK centres have contributed to this study and make this achievement happen, and this marks a huge step forward for trainee-led research in IR.

Dragon's Den pitch competition is OPEN - win up to £1500

This year, UNITE is running a project pitch competition at the British Society of Interventional Radiology (BSIR) meeting in Brighton. We are giving trainees the opportunity to submit a project and pitch it on the day in front of our panel of dragons. The top entries will present on the day and the winner will win a prize of up to £1500 and the opportunity to run their project on a national scale. Full details are available on our website [www.unitecollaborative.com](http://www.unitecollaborative.com).

### Save the date - annual IR Research Day on Friday 13th December

The UNITE Collaborative & BSIR's flagship research meeting is back for 2024. This year we will be bigger and better with an incredible speaker line up who will talk about hot topics, including AI in interventional radiology, how to set up a research group and frontiers in embolisation. The Interventional Radiology Research Day will take place on Friday 13th December 2024 at the Royal College of Radiologists in London.

### The Vascular and Endovascular Research Network (VERN)

[www.vascular-research.net](http://www.vascular-research.net)  
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The last few months have been busy for VERN with some studies coming to a close and others starting or in the development phase.

We are very pleased to share with readers that a manuscript reporting the Collaborative Acute Aortic Syndrome Project (CAASP) study has been accepted for publication in the British Journal of

Surgery, and a manuscript reporting the Vascular Interventions and Surgery in Trauma Audit (VISTA) is near being ready for submission for peer-review. We are proud to have collaborated with other research networks for both of these studies – the UK National IR Trainee Research Collaborative and the National Trauma Research and Innovation Collaborative. The Surgical Site Infection in Major Lower Limb Amputation (SIMBA) project is in the latter stages of data collation and analysis. Thank you to all collaborators who contributed to centre setup and data collection - we hope to update you soon.

Blood loss, anaemia and haemostasis in vascular surgery (BLAST) was launched recently and there has been an excellent

response, numerous centres have launched and data collection is well under way. The centre recruitment period remains open until the end of December 2024 so please do visit the website and register your interest in participating (<https://vascular-research.net/blast/>). Last month, we closed the survey for the Arm Ischaemia Study (ARMIES) and are very grateful to all respondents for their time in completing the survey. This was undertaken in preparation for an observational study of acute upper limb ischaemia, details for which will be shared on our social media platforms in the near future.

Last year's Dragons Den winner, Joseph Cutteridge, is busy working on his project exploring a simplified surgical site infection

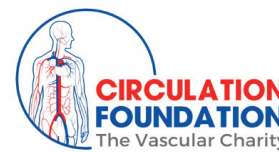
severity grade, the committee are collaborating with him on study design. We are also excited for this year's Dragons Den session which will be held during the Vascular Societies' Annual Scientific Meeting! If you have a project proposal to collaborate with us and want a chance to win funds to support the research, submit your 300 word abstract no later than the 9th of September 2024 to [vern.arterial.disease@gmail.com](mailto:vern.arterial.disease@gmail.com).

We are eagerly looking forward to meeting colleagues and friends again in November.

*Brenig Gwilym*  
VERN president

## News from the Circulation Foundation

[www.circulationfoundation.org.uk](http://www.circulationfoundation.org.uk) @CircFoundation



### #TheBodyWalk

September is Vascular Awareness Month, and the Circulation Foundation's #TheBodyWalk is a national campaign to raise awareness of vascular disease, fund vital research, and support patients. We're inviting everyone to help us raise funds and support individuals coping with serious circulatory problems.

The circulatory system is incredibly long - if you were to lay out all the arteries, veins, and capillaries in one adult end to end, they would stretch about 60,000 miles (100,000 kilometers).

**Our Goal:** Walk, run, cycle, and/or swim a total of 60,000 miles during September.

**Our Progress:** Since starting in 2020, we've completed 40,764 miles and raised £23,774!

[Click here for more information and how to sign up: The Body Walk 2024 | Circulation Foundation \(enthuse.com\)](#)

### Circulation Foundation on social media

Also, keep a close watch on the Circulation Foundation social media channels, we will send out a post every day of the September Vascular Awareness Month

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Chair, Circulation Foundation