

## 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.

### Rouleaux Club

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It's hard to believe that it's been almost a year since Dublin, but time flies and the Rouleaux Club are once again preparing for a busy schedule at the upcoming 2024 ASM in Brighton.

As in previous years, the association will be hosting an 'Introduction to Vascular Surgery' course on the Wednesday of the conference, which is opened to medical students and resident doctors who have an interest in the specialty. Once again, the Rouleaux Club are grateful to the support from our industrial partners who support these events and really add to the hands-on experience of the participants.

On the Thursday, the Rouleaux Club are teaming up with the Vascular Society to run the case-based 'MDT session', which this year runs standalone in the schedule. On the final day, we will be hosting our annual 'Rouleaux Club Symposium', which this year is themed around the current state of vascular training in the modern NHS. These run alongside sessions from the Venous Forum and Circulation Foundation, which also have Rouleaux Club representation.

The ASM will also be the opportunity where the winners of the annual essay competition and the inaugural 'Averil Mansfield Award for Trainer of the Year' will be announced. The Averil Mansfield Award, named in honour of Professor Dame Mansfield, is a joint Rouleaux Club/Vascular Society initiative which aims to recognise excellence in training. This year nominations from over

25 individual surgeons were received and after a demanding process of shortlisting and interviews, the Rouleaux Club are delighted to announce the winner at the Gala Dinner.

At the ASM I will be handing over the presidency to Lauren Shelmerdine and demitting from the association. I'd like to thank all the executive committee for their hard work and dedication over the last year and I wish Lauren every success in her future role.

*Andrew Nickinson*  
*Rouleaux Club President*

### Society of Vascular Nurses (SVN)

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#### Conference

The SVN are working alongside the joint societies preparing for the annual vascular conference in Brighton. We have a full and varied programme and of particular note is the session around compassionate leadership in honour of past president Wendy Hayes, who sadly passed away before conference last year. This symposium will look at preventing burnout and promoting civility in the work place. Some members of the SVN have been granted bursaries to assist with the financial cost of attending conference.

The SVN have 3 committee spaces to fill this November and have had a number of applicants, the results of the voting will be shared at the AGM during conference.

#### Nurse delivered venous intervention survey

Members views were sought on nurse delivered venous intervention. Total of 154 individual full members.

28% response rate.

Only 2.5% currently perform endovenous intervention.

10% are interested in developing into this role in the future.

Trust waiting time for venous intervention ranged from 4-72 weeks.

#### Sustainability statement

The SVN have developed a sustainability statement. We aim to support the NHS by developing a sustainable committee and society, minimising waste whilst supporting excellence in clinical practice, education, research and professional networking cross vascular services. The statement can be viewed on our website.

#### Education

This year the SVN has focused on education for both members, allied health professionals and the public. There have been a number of SVN webinars hosted by legs matter covering both venous and arterial disease. These webinars had an excellent turn out and there are further events planned.

#### Professional Links

We continue to represent the voice of vascular nursing within various forums, including VVAPPG, Venous Forum, Legs Matter, NICE and research and audit meetings.

*Jane Todhunter*  
*President SVN*

## Vascular Anaesthesia Society of Great Britain & Ireland (VASGBI)

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The aim of the Vascular Anaesthesia Society of Great Britain and Ireland is to promote excellence in the peri-operative and anaesthetic care of patients undergoing vascular surgery. We develop educational materials, sponsor research, facilitate surveys and foster good working relationships with colleagues whose share our aim of delivering excellent care to patients with vascular disease.

In March 2024 we hosted the biennial 'CPD in vascular anaesthesia' meeting organised by Dr Dan Taylor and his team from Guys and St Thomas'. A record number of delegates registered for this event which is designed as an update for anaesthetic colleagues who don't necessarily have a regular commitment to vascular surgery.

Leeds was the venue for the VASGBI ASM in September 2024. We enjoyed a varied programme with input from representatives of the wider multi-disciplinary team. We heard about modern strategies for dialysis access, carotid stenting and deep venous arterialisation, prehabilitation, avoiding

post-operative complications and exercise therapy for peripheral arterial disease from our surgical, medical and physiologist colleagues. We were delighted to welcome patient representatives who talked to us about communicating risk, use of patient decision aids and the AAA journey from a patient's perspective. The anticipation of a presentation from the head coach of the Leeds triathlon training centre inspired some of us to get up and enjoy a 5 mile run along the canal before the start of the second day.

Members of our committee are involved in various different workstreams, many in conjunction with other national bodies. We continued to work with the RCoA to update the vascular anaesthesia section of the GPAS guidelines and have also been involved in updating the VASGBI approved 'Anaesthesia for Vascular Surgery' PIL; [14-VascularSurgery2020web.pdf \(rcoa.ac.uk\)](#) we hope clinicians find this useful for patients. We are part of the Study Advisory Group for the NCEPOD 'Acute Limb Ischaemia' project and a stakeholder in the redesign of the Vascular Services QIP.

Our website has had a makeover [Home - VASGBI](#) making it easier to identify upcoming events and find links to educational resources.

We have updated the clinical guidelines area of our website; this area is accessible to VASGBI members only, but if you are interested in any of our clinical guidelines please get in touch via our administrator Jane Heppenstall [jane.heppenstall@vasgbi.com](mailto:jane.heppenstall@vasgbi.com)

In the year ahead we are aiming to complete e-learning modules on 'Anaesthesia for vascular access' and 'Anaesthesia and analgesia for Major Lower Limb Amputation'. If you are interested in contributing please get in touch [vanessa.fludder@nhs.net](mailto:vanessa.fludder@nhs.net)

Our biennial trainee symposium will be on March 14th 2025 organised by our trainee representative Hefin Llewelyn. The programme can be viewed on our website [VASGBI Trainee Symposium 2025 - VASGBI](#). It is a virtual event designed to cover the FRCA curriculum, so is perfect for residents preparing for the final FRCA exam.

Applications are open (but will close soon) for our trainee research development grants [VASGBI Trainee Development Grant — National Institute of Academic Anaesthesia \(niaa.org.uk\)](#)

The next VASGBI ASM will be held in London at the RSM on 15th and 16th September 2025.