

NEWS

Updates from the Vascular Societies

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British Society of Interventional Radiology (BSIR)

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The BSIR Executive Officers are receiving valuable input in to the BSIR long term strategy through the regional roadshow which has taken place in the past few months, and which will continue in to next year. These sessions at regional meetings have been designed to engage the membership in the strategy content and gather their feedback and ideas. The strategy can be found here <https://www.bsir.org/society/our-strategy/>

The BSIR Paediatrics UK Annual Meeting took place on Monday 19th May in Birmingham. A successful and well attended meeting, highlights included hot topics such as hepatobiliary intervention, interventional oncology and vascular access. For the first time, the 2025 meeting included a dedicated session for allied health professionals, focussed on the challenges and regards of working in PIR as a nurse or radiographer.

The BSIR Interventional Oncology UK meeting took place on 19th-20th June at the Leonardo Tower Bridge in London. With record number of attendees for this event (over 180 onsite), the programme for IOUK focussed on cutting-edge treatments for Liver, Lung, Renal, Bone, and Soft Tissue cancers, and included a guest lecture from Dr David Breen celebrating 10 years of IOUK. Trainee focussed sessions ran in parallel to the main programme across both days.

IOUK was preceded on 18th June by the launch of Interventional Oncology Network for Research and Innovation Collaboration (IONIC-UK) sponsored by the National Institute for Health and Social Care Research (NIHR), and convened by Professor Tze Wah. This workshop focused on research and innovation in interventional oncology (IO), understanding research methodology in IO clinical trials, building a clinical infrastructure around IO and why Patient and Public Involvement, Engagement and Participation (PPIEP) and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) are important in research and innovation.

The first BSIR Registrar Study Day took place virtually on 25th June, attracting over 50 attendees online. This event focussed on mastering the MDT with practical tips and insights to support procedural planning and clinical decision-making. Programme highlights included aortic interventions, embolisation, PAD and venous access techniques, dialysis fistula interventions, and career development sessions focussed on fellowships and maximising training opportunities.

Registration is open for BSIR 2025 in Liverpool on 11th-13th November. Join us to explore the latest innovations and protocols in IR designed to mitigate risks and ensure the highest standards of care for patients. Early Bird Fees are available until 11th September 2025. BSIR Members can access discounted registration. Applications for Educational Grants, Essay Scholarships and Case Study Awards are now closed. An overview of the programme can be found at: www.bsirmeeting.org.

You can find out more about upcoming BSIR events and activities on the BSIR website www.bsir.org

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Our BSET and National Vascular Training Day reps helped organise another fantastic course, held at Tortworth Court Hotel in June. The Joint Rouleaux and BSIRT session the following day was insightful and well received, covering the topics of AI in endovascular interventions and collaborative working between vascular surgery and interventional radiology.

Turning our attention to the run up to VSASM, we have received a good number of high quality, fascinating video abstracts for the MDT session. We currently have the difficult but enjoyable task of scoring these, hopefully curating an interesting session for surgeons of every stage, from aspiring to experienced.

Submissions for the second year of the Averil Mansfield prize surpassed the strong numbers we received last year; 48 submissions were received, nominating 36 candidates. We will be interviewing the top four nominees, along with VS representation, in the coming days.

Planning, support and sponsorship etc is underway for the Introduction to Vascular Surgery Course, an annual highlight, held on the Wednesday of VS ASM.

We have selected our three essay titles for the annual essay competition for both medical students and resident doctors (pre SPR level) and submissions are now open. The winner from each category has their essay published in *JVSGBI* and entrants receive free entry to the above course.

Dates for the Rouleaux Club and RCSEd Vascular Surgery Specialty Board's course "So you think you want to be a vascular surgeon?" have been announced-October 25th in Birmingham and April 25th 2026 in Edinburgh.

Please do encourage any junior members of your team to take advantage of the range of opportunities above.

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The raison d'être of the Vascular Anaesthesia Society of Great Britain and Ireland (VASGBI) is to promote excellence in the peri-operative and anaesthetic care of patients undergoing vascular surgery. Our flagship conference where best practice is shared and recent research and quality improvement in vascular anaesthesia is presented is coming up next month. The VASGBI ASM 2025 will take place in London at the Royal Society of Medicine on 15th and 16th September. The programme is finalised and is available on the VASGBI website **VASGBI 2025 Programme**. The programme is varied as ever, with input from many members of the vascular surgery multi-disciplinary team.

Abstract submission has closed and residents have been invited to present their work. The top scoring abstracts will be presented orally and will be published in the JVSGBI in due course.

Members of the VASGBI committee have been working with the Royal College of Anaesthetists to produce Quality Improvement guidance for undertaking projects related to vascular surgery and anaesthesia. The webpages are due to go live in December 2025. Multidisciplinary engagement in quality improvement of services is key to overall success

Does your hospital have a VASGBI linkman representative? Our aim is to have a linkperson in every hospital to aid 2-way communication between the VASGBI and all anaesthetic departments involved in providing anaesthetic services for vascular surgery. You can check if your hospital has a linkperson via the link, and if not, get in touch [vasgbi-linkpersons.pdf](#)

We have recently updated the clinical guidelines area of our website; if you are interested in any of our clinical guidelines or have recently produced a guideline which you think others may find useful please get in touch via our administrator Jane Heppenstall jane.heppenstall@vasgbi.com

Peri-operative pain control is something most readers will be interested in. We are currently undertaking a survey to investigate the current national picture related to analgesic strategies in aortic surgery. We would be very grateful to if you would share your experiences and opinions, you can click on the link **Open Aortic Surgery Analgesia Survey** or go to the homepage of our website www.VASGBI.com to complete the survey. Completion only takes a few minutes, but you will need to have a rough idea of the number of open repairs performed on an annual basis in your hospital. As ever, if you have a survey you would like to distribute to our members, please get in touch to discuss.

Do you have a research or QI initiative that requires some funding to get started? VASGBI offer small grants which can be applied for via the NIAA website **VASGBI Trainee Development Grant — National Institute of Academic Anaesthesia** Applications for trainee grants are currently open: the closing date is noon on 26th September 2025.

This year a few of our longstanding VASGBI committee members are due to demit, we are very grateful for the many significant contributions made by Gary Matthews (past treasurer), Ronelle Mouton (past chair) and Manik Chandra (linkman co-ordinator). We welcome three new full committee members and one new trainee representative.

The Vascular and Endovascular Research Network (VERN)

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VERN have been busy over the summer in supporting the closing stages of the BLAST and ARMIES studies. The BLAST study, coordinated by committee member Paris Cai, examines blood loss, anaemia, and haemostasis in vascular surgery and is in the final stages of data validation before analysis may begin. Similarly, committee member Tamer El-Sayed leads on ARMIES in the data validation phase – the results of this study on acute upper limb ischaemia will be welcomed with open arms.

SIMBA-T was launched earlier this year and has seen great success in site recruitment. The study explores surgical site infection and in trans-metatarsal amputations, following on from the SIMBA study which focussed on major lower limb amputations. Thank you to all the collaborators who are contributing to this study.

Earlier in the year, VERN welcomed a new committee member to fulfil the role of Allied Health Professional representative. We are excited to bring you new projects that focus on collaboration between professional groups in the near future.

We are grateful to all who have contributed to previous projects and are continuing to support collaborative research within vascular surgery - thank you! We look forward to meeting everyone again at the Vascular Societies' Annual Scientific Meeting this year in Hull. For updates, please visit the website (www.vascular-research.net) and follow us on X (@VascResearchNet) – please keep an eye out for details concerning this year's Dragon's Den competition which will be announced soon!!

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