

## Editor's foreword

Welcome to the May 2026 edition of the *JVSGBI*.

This edition contains two editorials. The first By Nandhra and colleagues succinctly highlights the uncomfortable findings of the recent NCEPOD report on acute limb ischaemia and clearly identifies five priorities to rapidly transform the care of these hugely vulnerable patients. Urgent action is clearly required. The second editorial by Long and colleagues is the latest in a series of editorials dissecting mentorship. This editorial focuses on the responsibilities, roles and benefits of being a mentor.

We also present three original articles, a protocol and a case report. The first original article from Sharma and colleagues is a single centre prospective observational study assessing the environmental impact of four commonly undertaken arterial vascular procedures and potential solutions to reduce their carbon footprint. The second original article from Bitterlin and colleagues presents qualitative research assessing the barriers to health care access experienced by patients with chronic venous disease secondary to intravenous drug abuse. The final original article from Duff and colleagues is a report detailing the serial involvement of patients and carers throughout the development of a research programme to investigate the value of rehabilitation following revascularisation for chronic limb threatening ischaemia. The protocol from Stanley and colleagues outlines the plans for a scoping review to assess decisional regret in patients following vascular surgery. Finally the case report from Gunawardena, a consultant vascular and transplant surgeon in Sri Lanka, describes the presentation and management of a giant true aneurysm of the dorsalis pedis artery.

The wide variety of topics, different research methods and widespread origins of authors speaks volumes of the reach of the *JVSGBI* in a relatively short period of time.

I wish to express my thanks to authors for choosing to publish with the *JVSGBI*, the reviewers for their continued support and enthusiasm, and the editorial staff for their commitment.

I hope readers find the articles of interest.



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