COVID-19: Coronavirus Preparedness as of March 12, 2020
SVS is receiving many inquiries regarding VAM 2020 in Toronto and appreciates all the communications from members and update notices regarding institutional and workplace travel bans.

Based on information known today, the Vascular Annual Meeting will take place as planned June 17-20, 2020, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Registration continues to be open at the link below and here.

Our policy has always been that attendees are entitled to a full registration refund in the event of an emergency. In the event VAM is canceled due to the global pandemic, attendees will be refunded in full for registration fee only.

Our first concern, of course, is the health, safety, and security of SVS members, their patients and all stakeholders planning to attend VAM. SVS leadership is actively and closely monitoring this evolving situation and meeting regularly and will continue regular communications with members, VAM attendees, partners and stakeholders as the situation develops.

SVS continues to follow published guidance of national and local health authorities, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) and encourage attendees to take commonsense precautions and follow CDC guidelines to prevent the spread of illness. For additional information see the links below.

Local authorities in Toronto have put some procedures in place to scree international passengers arriving at Toronto Pearson Airport to help prevent the introduction of further cases and to ensure Toronto remains a safe environment. Further details may be found here. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control has not identified any elevated risk in Canada and is not advising American travelers to alter their travel plans to Canada.

The Metro Toronto Convention Centre is working closely with industry partners to monitor developments relating to COVID-19 and taking direction from provincial, Canadian and global health authorities. Ontario officials are actively working with partners in the health care system at the municipal, provincial and federal levels to identify, prevent and
control this emerging global health issue.

We will continue to update you via our website, vascular.org, social media channels, and email. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact SVS at 800-258-7188.

Additional resources:
World Health Organization
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
AMA Resource Center for Physicians
Public Health Agency of Canada
Metro Toronto Convention Centre Preparedness

Passport Requirements
All U.S. residents entering Canada will be required to travel with a valid passport. To begin the passport application process, please visit the USA.GOV website. Your passport expiration date may not be within six months of your travel dates. For additional information (including passport requirements for international travelers), please visit the Canada Border Services Agency’s website.

**Canada Border Services Agency**

**Americans With Disabilities Act Accommodations**

Registrants who need specialized accommodations to participate in the Vascular Annual Meeting (i.e., large print or Braille materials; assistance obtaining motorized scooter rentals) should check the “Yes” box under Disability Accommodations on the Attendee Meeting Registration Form. Someone from the SVS office will call to discuss how we may assist you.


**Air Travel -- Toronto Pearson International Airport**

Toronto is served by two airports. **Toronto Pearson International Airport**, managed by the Greater Toronto Airport Authority, is Canada’s principal airport with travel connections to every continent and ranks among the top 30 world airports in terms of passenger traffic and aircraft movements. There are over 76 scheduled and charter airlines currently serving Toronto Pearson International Airport and air carriers provide non-stop service to numerous destinations in Canada, the United States and the world. Pearson airport is located approximately 30 minutes from downtown Toronto.

**Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport** (formerly Toronto City Centre Airport) is one of the most convenient urban airports in the world. It is located on Toronto Island, minutes from the downtown core with links to the city by a short ferry ride or pedestrian tunnel, and is served by both Porter Airlines and Air Canada. Porter provides a unique and personal flying experience with air connections to regional Canadian and U.S. destinations.

**Ground Transportation**

For information on options (such as bus or rail) to downtown Toronto from Pearson International airport, please visit the airport’s website.

**Airport Taxi Service**

Taxi fares from Pearson International Airport to downtown Toronto are approximately CAN$50-$60*.

*all pricing is estimated as of August, 2019 and based on one-way trip excluding tax, tolls and tip