International Travelers

Groups audience: 2020 Vascular Annual Meeting

Passport Requirements
Most international residents entering Canada will be required to travel with a valid passport. 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.

**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 common-sense 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 screen 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

Visa Invitation Letter

International guests may upload a copy of the visa invitation letter during the registration process or obtain a copy here.

International Attendee Discount for Eligible Countries

Part of the Society for Vascular Surgery’s mission is to elevate the practice of vascular surgery worldwide. To that end, the Society offers a registration discount to attendees in select countries based on the World Health Index.

SVS is pleased to offer a discounted registration fee of US$425 for all International Attendees representing countries that do not appear on the list below. If your country does not appear in the document below, then you are eligible for the US$425 discounted registration fee. This registration fee will automatically be applied to all online and faxed registration forms.
DISCOUNTED INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION