The year 2021 marks the 75th Anniversary of the Society for Vascular Surgery. We are planning a year-long celebration beginning at VAM21 and concluding at VAM22 in Boston.

Here are some things to look forward to at this year’s meeting:
Opening Day

Wednesday at the Vascular Annual Meeting is the new Thursday. With so much important information to present, sessions formerly presented on Wednesday have been integrated throughout the meeting. This year Wednesday will feature the Opening Ceremony at 7:30 a.m., to officially kick off VAM 2021. The E. Stanley Crawford Critical Issues Forum – also a Thursday mainstay – has moved to Wednesday as well, as will the first VAM plenary sessions. Be sure to factor four full days of content into travel plans! VAM begins Wednesday, Aug. 18, and ends Saturday, Aug. 21. You won’t want to miss a minute.

Collaborative Sessions

SVS continues its collaboration with its affiliates! In addition to its annual conference, SVU liaised with the Postgraduate Education Committee to develop a stand-alone, team-based concurrent session on vascular ultrasound. The American Venous Forum (AVF) will hold a special program Wednesday afternoon on “what’s new in venous”. Continuing its “every other year” rotation, The Society of Thoracic Surgery partners with SVS to bring the Aortic Summit to the schedule.
Community Practice

What is safe and reasonable in a community hospital? Attend the Community Practice session from 1:30-4:30 p.m. on Saturday to find out. This session will go into detail about hospital capacity, discuss necessary medical equipment, and highlight staff experiences of treating complicated vascular emergencies in a community hospital.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion/Healthcare Disparities

Sixty minutes of related content will be presented during a special Friday morning plenary. Abstracts addressing healthcare disparities will fill the hour.
Section on Outpatient and Office Vascular Care

Block out two hours on your Thursday afternoon to participate in two office-based vascular lab sessions! Content will cover issues specific to OBL practitioners, including how to develop your business plan and a hybrid OBL.
VAM20 Content

Last summer’s SVS ONLINE proved challenging in that a good portion of invited session content planned for the in-person Toronto meeting did not transition to a virtual format. Not to be lost, many of those programs have been rescheduled for this year! Running the gamut across all four invited program types, topics include aortic dissection, complication management, occupational hazards to the vascular surgeon and leadership.
Live Streaming

Those unable to attend VAM in person will have the opportunity to view programming in real time, courtesy of their computer! A handful of special sessions, the morning plenaries and international content will be streamed live, with up to 15 CME credits available. A remote/online registration fee applies, and is available via online registration and the registration form.
Two Presidential Addresses

This year’s Vascular Annual Meeting will feature not one, but two, Presidential Addresses. Immediate Past President Dr. Kim Hodgson will deliver his addresses – canceled when the 2020 VAM was – on Thursday, Aug. 29, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. President Dr. Ronald Dalman (who will have completed his term by the time of VAM) will present his address at the traditional time, from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20. Dr. Ali AbuRahma will assume the presidency during the SVS virtual Annual Business Meeting in June. See where SVS has been and where it’s headed. Plan to attend both Presidential Addresses.

Society for Vascular Ultrasound

The Society for Vascular Ultrasound is the professional society of the Vascular Laboratory. Their members are dedicated to the advancement of noninvasive technology (ultrasound) used in the diagnosis of vascular disease. The 2021 SVU Annual Conference (as part of the Vascular Annual Meeting with the Society for Vascular Surgery) has been
moved to August. Please make note of these new dates: August 18-21, 2021. The conference is currently scheduled to be held in-person at the San Diego Convention Center.

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**Vascular Quality Initiative**

The SVS VQI began in 2011 as an expansion of the Vascular Study Group of New England, which originated in 2003. More than 750 centers participate in VQI, which has 14 procedural-based registries encompassing the treatment of arterial and venous disease as well as a disease-based registry collecting data on the medical management of aneurysms, carotid stenosis and lower extremity arterial occlusive disease. The VQI Annual Meeting 2021 has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, August 17 and Wednesday, August 18. The SVS VAM will be held August 18-21, 2021.

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**Society for Vascular Nursing**

The Society for Vascular Nursing was founded in 1982, with the initial meeting in June at the Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts, to discuss establishing a society that would officially recognize vascular nursing as a specialty. It was originally incorporated as the Society for Peripheral Vascular Nursing (SPVN) in 1982 and renamed the Society for Vascular Nursing (SVN) in 1990. The 39th Annual Conference will be held August 18-19, 2021 at the San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, CA. The meeting will be taking place at the same time and venue as the SVS Vascular Annual Meeting.
Ask the Experts

Have more questions? We have more experts! The “Ask the Experts” session is returning with experienced giants from the vascular industry. Attendees can ask and chat with these experts in a small group setting. Seats fill up fast – make sure to arrive early to guarantee your spot.
Explore the Exhibit Hall

The VAM Exhibit Hall will be open on Thursday and Friday, August 19-20. The exhibit hall will feature over 125 companies that will be showcasing the latest technology and services relative to vascular surgery. In addition, the exhibit hall will feature an opening reception, scavenger hunt, Vascular Live presentations as well as coffee breaks and box lunches. Please schedule time in your itinerary to visit the exhibit hall and demonstrate your support of these companies that help fund the meeting.
Sunny California

San Diego is the birthplace of California. From its famous Gaslamp Quarter (known for its excellent restaurants) to the many options for arts, culture and just plain fun, San Diego has it all. To learn more about the city’s many attractions, visit www.sandiego.org.