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This year's Vascular Annual Meeting, June 20-23 in Boston, is geared to the entire vascular team: doctors, vascular nurses, PAs working in the vascular setting, technologists... everyone. In fact, VAM's theme is "Home of the Vascular Team – Partners in Patient Care. "

So, SVS members, consider bringing your team members along. The Society for Vascular Nursing will hold its 36th Annual Conference in conjunction with VAM. The SVN meeting will be June 20-21 and the registration fee includes access to both meetings. Both meetings take place at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston.

The SVN program will focus on vascular areas, including carotid disease, venous, aneurysms, lower extremity and PAD, wound care, critical limb ischemia, and renal disease.

"VAM will include sessions on most, if not all, of these topics," said Program Committee Chair Matt Eagleton, M.D. "We at SVS hope that after the SVN conference closes, those participants come to VAM to learn even more about vascular

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illnesses. Our final two days include a host of sessions, much of it relevant to vascular nurses and others on the vascular team."

SVS created a section within the affiliate membership category late last year for physician assistants, and already has more than 135 members. The PAs will have an afternoon of programming on Thursday created by and for them. PAs submitted ideas for programming – interesting cases, quality initiatives – and also will speak on topics relevant to PAs in the vascular setting.

In addition, VAM will present a vascular team forum Friday, June 22. "Improving Metrics in Clinical Practice" is set for 1:30 to 3 p.m.

"I can't wait to feel the energy and enthusiasm that will be part of VAM this year," said Dr. Eagleton. "Our students and residents have always contributed interest and passion to VAM. We'll be turning the dial up a few notches. It's going to be great."

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