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Dr. Herbert Dardik (left) is presented with the SVS's highest honor, the Lifetime Achievement Award, at the 2017 Vascular Annual Meeting by SVS President Dr. Ron Fairman.

CHICAGO, Illinois, June 21, 2017 – Dr. Herbert Dardik, chief emeritus of vascular surgery and general surgery at Englewood Hospital and Medical Center in Englewood, N.J., was awarded the distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award by the Society for Vascular Surgery (SVS) at the organization's annual meeting in early June.

The award is the highest honor SVS bestows on one of its members. Selection for this honor recognizes an individual's outstanding and sustained contributions to the profession and the Society, along with exemplary professional practice and leadership.

Dr. Dardik, 82, still maintains office hours, runs student and resident programs and works in his vascular lab. He was recognized for his tireless contributions over many decades to the specialty as a physician, surgeon, teacher, researcher, clinician, community practitioner and academician. For the Society, he is the first community practitioner to receive the award.

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"In every way Dr. Dardik is a shining example, thanks to his contributions to research, science, practice and leadership, and his never-say-quit work ethic," said Society President Dr. Ron Fairman while presenting the award. Over the course of his career, Dr. Dardik has earned a prestigious reputation for many of his contributions and innovations in field of medicine including innovations in resident training for vascular surgery, contributions in clinical research in lower extremity bypass patency studies, evaluation of thrombolytics, and work with small vessel bypass, exposure, technique, indications and outcomes.

He is director and founding member of the bloodless medicine and surgery program for the avoidance of blood transfusions and in developing blood conservation techniques.

"Dr. Dardik is a great surgeon, a great leader, a great mentor and a true pioneer in the field of medicine. His innovation and drive have helped Englewood Hospital and Medical Center become the great medical center that it is today," said Dr. Michael Harris, senior vice president and chief medical officer. "On behalf of the entire Englewood Hospital and Medical Center family, we congratulate Dr. Dardik on this well-deserved honor."

Dr. Dardik has given more than 448 invited lectures, chaired the annual Vascular Symposium for 15 years and started one of the first approved noninvasive vascular laboratories. Further contributions include his work on the nationalization of the Society for Clinical Vascular Surgery and as a founding member of the Eastern Vascular Society and the Vascular Society of New Jersey, all three of which he served as president.

The Society for Vascular Surgery® (SVS) is a not-for-profit professional medical society with more than 5,800 members, primarily specialty-trained vascular surgeons. The society seeks to advance excellence and innovation in vascular health through education, advocacy, research and public awareness.

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