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The new abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) guidelines are some of the most extensive ever developed by the Society for Vascular Surgery, with 112 recommendations and 774 supporting references. For convenience, the guidelines are included in the SVS iPG Mobile App and have been turned into a Pocket Guide. An educational slide set can be used as a teaching tool.

Mobile App

The free app was launched in Fall 2015 and is available at Google Play and iTunes. It features concise summaries of the latest SVS clinical practice guidelines. Each summary includes key information, an abstract and an explanation of the GRADE framework used to evaluate quality scientific evidence and strength of guideline recommendation.

Pocket Guides

SVS has partnered with Guidelines Central to create a Pocket Guide version of the AAA guidelines. It lists all recommendations, tables with helpful evaluation and risk-scoring schemes as well as treatment algorithms. Cost for the digital version is free for SVS members and \$8.99 for non-members. The printed Pocket Guide is \$11.95.

SVS also has Guideline Pocket Cards for three other recent guidelines: Diabetic Foot Infection, Peripheral Arterial Disease and Venous Leg Ulcers. All are free online for SVS members (\$8.99 for non-members). The printed cards cost \$9.95 for diabetic foot, \$11.95 for PAD and \$13.95 for leg ulcers.

All three cards and the Pocket Guide are available as a bundled set. The digital version is \$27.99 for non-members (free to members) while the printed bundle is \$37.95.

Educational Slide Set

SVS members now can access the slides that present the AAA guidelines, a useful tool to help educate vascular professionals and colleagues about state-of-the-art practices in vascular care. As with the Pocket Guides, content is available for the four most recent guidelines.

The slides and online pocket guides are available at vsweb.org/Guidelines.

The SVS seeks ideas for other knowledge tools to help disseminate and implement guideline-concordant care. Send recommendations to guidelines@vascularsociety.org.

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