Societies for Vascular Surgery and Nursing Form New Alliance

CHICAGO, Illinois, Dec. 21, 2016 – The Society for Vascular Surgery and the Society for Vascular Nursing have signed an agreement in which the nursing association will be managed from the Chicago-based SVS office.

“This is a great leap forward for two professions that already work side by side,” said Dr. R. Clement Darling III, SVS president-elect. “We want to support coordination of care with a team approach, so that all specialty-trained physicians and nurses are skilled in providing the best care for patients. Both organizations see the value in collaborating on our mutual goals.”

The two societies share a vested interest in quality patient care, professional education, research, advocacy and public outreach. In their first collaborative act, the SVS has officially endorsed a set of SVN practice guidelines for vascular nurses on carotid endarterectomy.

“The Society for Vascular Nursing is excited to form this collaboration that will pave the way for the future of vascular nursing and vascular medicine,” stated Marie Rossi, RN, SVN president. “Through our collaboration we will strengthen the education we provide and ultimately improve patient care.”

Initially, joint efforts for the two societies will focus on the upcoming annual meetings of each organization. The SVS will assist the SVN with hosting its annual event in Nashville, Tenn., April 4-7, 2017. The nursing association will participate in its first joint session at the SVS’s 2017 Vascular Annual Meeting in San Diego, May 31 -June 3.

The timing of this agreement was optimal for both groups, said Dr. Ronald Fairman, president of SVS. “This alliance makes perfect sense and will get everybody excited,” he said. “The SVN was looking for a new operational home and we are delighted they chose us.”

“This is a bold step toward the future of vascular healthcare delivery for both SVS and SVN,” noted Kenneth M. Slaw, PhD, SVS executive director. "It will be a privilege to help SVS and SVN optimize the care of vascular patients and address the professional needs of their members."

## The Society for Vascular Surgery® (SVS) is a 5,600-member, not-for-profit professional medical society, composed primarily of specialty-trained vascular surgeons, which seeks to advance excellence and innovation in vascular health through education, advocacy, research and public awareness.

The Society for Vascular Nursing (SVN) is a non-profit organization with nearly 600 members. Its mission is to provide
a professional community for nurses focused on advancing the care of persons living with vascular disease through excellence in evidence-based practice and education. SVN collaborates with over 13 vascular organizations throughout the United States. It also publishes a quarterly scientific journal, The Journal of Vascular Nursing.

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