Learn by doing. In response to feedback and member requests, the Society for Vascular Nursing is embracing that learning model with a clinical surgical simulation session at its 37th Annual Conference.

SVN@VAM, June 12 to 13, is being held in concert with the 2019 SVS Vascular Annual Meeting.

“Members want more hands-on training, particularly on wound care, and discussions that include assessments,” said Chris Owen, MSN, ACNP-BC, RNFA and SVN board member. She is a nurse practitioner in acute care and assists in the surgical operating room for both endovascular and open surgeries at the University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center.

“The Team Approach to Limb Salvage,” from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, June 13, will feature a hands-on collaborative experience with multiple scenarios on venous and arterial wounds.

This session also incorporates the conference theme of teamwork. Keynote speaker Virginia R. Beeson, BSN, MSN, NEA-BC, a retired captain in the United States Navy Nurse Corps, will highlight that theme as well as resilience in her opening address, “Teamwork: It’s All About Teamwork!”

The simulation session is aimed at both bedside and clinic nurse and Advanced Nurse Practitioners. Elements include a review of the diagnostic studies – to include CAT scans and angiograms – necessary for wound diagnosis. “We'll talk about a team approach to these complex patients: What do you see, how to speak to the physician about what you see. Let’s make an assessment and provide a diagnosis,” said Owen.

Task trainers with a variety of wounds specific to either arterial or venous disease will be available, and an industry representative will explain how specific wound care products are used in different settings. There also may be time for a debridement session.

SVN members are enthusiastic about the upcoming session. “It’s something new, different and exciting,” said Owen. For more information about the SVN conference, visit vsweb.org/svnconference19.