YOUR SVS: SVS Announces New Marks of Distinction for Members

Are you an active member or Distinguished Fellow?

Let everyone know The SVS Executive Board has announced that all SVS Active Members in good standing will now be considered Fellows of the Society of Vascular Surgery™ (FSVS™). The trademarked designation is one of the benefits of SVS membership and is a public acknowledgement that a surgeon has met the high standards SVS requires of its members and has shown a professional commitment to the field of vascular surgery.

Active members in good standing may add the initials FSVS™ after their name in any usage, such as signature lines, letterhead and door signage. For example:

• Dr. Mary Smith, MD, FSVS

• Dr. John Jones, DO, PhD, FSVS, FACS

This applies to vascular surgeons in the United States or Canada who have been approved for membership by the Society and are up-to-date on their dues. Such members can begin using the designation immediately.

If your dues have lapsed or you aren’t yet an Active Member, please contact membership@vascularsociety.org to reinstate your Active membership or to apply before using the designation. The final membership application deadline for 2018 is Dec. 1 (with the first 2019 deadline set for March 1, 2019). Get application information at vsweb.org/JoinSVS.

Distinguished Fellow of the Society of Vascular Surgery™ (DFSVS™)

SVS has long recognized Distinguished Fellows™, members who have distinguished themselves in a sustained manner by making substantial contributions in two of three categories: research, service or education. In addition to referring to themselves as Distinguished Fellows, these honorees can now use the distinctive mark, “DFSVS™.”

Current Senior, Active and International SVS members are eligible to apply for Distinguished Fellow status. (The annual deadline is typically March 1, with Distinguished Fellows recognized at the Vascular Annual Meeting.) The process is rigorous; upon approval, Distinguished Fellows may list the initials after their name in any usage, such as signature lines, letterhead, door signage, etc. For example:
• Dr. Mary Smith, MD, DFSVS
• Dr. John Jones, DO, PhD, DFSVS, FACS

Members must be up-to-date on their dues to use the designations. If your dues have lapsed or you aren’t yet a Distinguished Fellow, please contact membership@vascularsociety.org to reinstate your Active membership or apply for Distinguished Fellow status before using the designation.

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