At the heart of the Vascular Annual Meeting is research and education: presentations on the latest information on preventing vascular disease, mitigating its effects and improving patient care.

Over the years, the Society for Vascular Surgery also has expanded its educational sessions to include such topics as tips and tricks for younger surgeons just starting their practices, managing complications, advice from seasoned practitioners - even how to run a practice and managing work-life balance to avoid burnout.

Participants can earn and collect Continuing Medical Education and Maintenance of Certification credits during VAM, depending on participation levels.

Educational gatherings at the 2019 Vascular Annual Meeting will include:

- **Scientific sessions (nine):** these abstract- and research-based presentations are held Thursday through Saturday, showcasing the best research has to offer - including videos.
- **Postgraduate courses (six):** topics include management of carotid and great vessel disease, vascular trauma, venous disease, AAA, managing chronic limb-threatening ischemia and the always popular “Standing on the Shoulders of Giants.”
- **Concurrent sessions (seven):** topics include negotiation tips for young surgeons, risk factor modification, a leadership session and more.
- **Workshops (three):** transcatheter revascularization, fenestrated EVAR and below-the-knee access round out this year’s hands-on offerings.
- **Breakfast sessions (six):** subject areas include gender differences in leadership, SFA interventions, complex hemodialysis, wellness, and joint sessions with the EJVES and OEIS.
- **Ask the Experts (seven):** small group sessions will highlight important patient-related topics such as filter
complications, infected grafts, thoracic outlet syndrome, complex open aortic surgery, spine exposure, mesenteric/hybrid and open tibial exposures.

- **International programs**: in addition to the Forum, Fast Talk, and Chapter Forum, the International Relations Committee welcomes two new components to the VAM - the International Young Surgeon Competition and the International Poster Competition.
- **“Top Ten”**: the best papers outside the *Journal of Vascular Surgery*.
- **An “aortic summit”**: this Saturday afternoon forum is co-sponsored with the Society of Thoracic Surgeons.
- **Ultrasound Physics and Vascular Test Interpretation**: in collaboration with the Society for Vascular Ultrasound.
- **Special lectures**: these include the E. Stanley Crawford Critical Issues Forum, the John Homans Lecture and the Roy Greenberg Distinguished Lecture.
- **Programming for physician assistants, residents and students**
- **NEW THIS YEAR**: educational programming specifically geared to Fellows