

**Society for Vascular Surgery  
2025 Vascular Annual Meeting  
Submission Polices and  
Guidelines**

**In-person Presentation of Any Accepted Abstract is Required**

All presenting authors should be at the meeting, in-person, to present their work. Use of Zoom or any other streaming platform will **not** be available for a virtual lecture.

**Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Self-Assessment Questions are Required**

All submitting authors will need to provide one (1) self-assessment question at the time of abstract submission. (This does not apply to video submissions.) Guidelines on how to write a proper question will be made available via the submission portal, online at [vascular.org](http://vascular.org) and through various SVS communication channels.

**Redundant Publication/Presentation Withdrawal**

The work represented in the abstract must NOT have been presented nor published at any scientific meeting or journal prior to that year's Vascular Annual Meeting. Failure to comply with the above rules will result in the abstract being rejected or later withdrawn. In addition, the penalty may include a one-year ban from presentation at the Vascular Annual Meeting, subject to the discretion of the Program Committee.

It is the responsibility of the submitting author or sponsoring SVS member to consult with the Program Committee prior to submission if there is any question regarding possible redundancy of the work to be presented. Direct inquiries to [vameducation@vascularsociety.org](mailto:vameducation@vascularsociety.org).

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**ABSTRACTS**

- The Objectives/Methods/Results/Conclusions sections are limited to 400 words **total**.
- Authors are not restricted by the number of abstracts and/or videos submitted. However, no more than **15** authors per submission are allowed. Ensure **ALL** authors are included at the time of submission. **You will not be able to add an author after the portal closes or acceptance.**
- Abstract submissions must be entered in the English language.
- Updates and edits to submissions can be made as needed prior to the submission deadline.
- Titles and abstract content may not include author, institutional and/or proprietary names.
- You **must** identify the following roles during the submission process:
  - Submitting Author - the author who enters the abstract information into the online system. All administrative correspondence regarding the submission will be sent to this individual.
  - Presenting Author - the author who will present the submission on-site during the session.
  - Submitting and Presenting Author - the author who will both enter the abstract information into the online system and present the material on-site during the session.
  - Co-Author - an individual who has contributed data or other information to the submission.
  - Senior Author - the author who is primarily responsible for the research
  - Senior Author Discussant- if the author presenting the paper is a medical student or trainee, a Senior Author Discussant will be identified and present at the podium during the presentation to answer questions on the abstract.

### Author

It is SVS policy that either the submitting author or one of the co-authors of each abstract be an SVS member. If neither the submitting author nor the co-authors are members, then a member must sponsor the abstract. SVS sends all correspondence to the submitting author or member sponsor regarding the submission. Papers may be presented by a student, resident or fellow; however, the senior author must be present in the audience during the discussion phase of the paper. The presenting author must have a command of the English language and be able to respond to questions in understandable English.

### Graphics

- Tables must be:
  - Editable, and submitted as a Word document.
  - Numbered with Roman numerals and have a title.
  - Cited in the text of the abstract in the following format: (Table I).
  
- Figures must be:
  - Sharp, and all text is to be legible (when the image is sized to 3" wide).
  - Numbered, and accompanied by an editable legend.
  - Cited in the text of the abstract in the following format: (Fig 1).
  - JPG is the only accepted format for figures. Maximum file size is 15 MB.
  
- Miscellaneous
  - No more than **two** images may be uploaded. **MULTIPLE PANEL FIGURES ARE NOT ALLOWED** (i.e., a single figure with parts 1A, 1B, 1C).
  - Images must be the original, unpublished property of the author(s). Written permission must be obtained from the rights-holder to reuse any copyrighted material. Resolution should be 300 DPI at 3" wide or larger.

### SA-CME Question Writing Requirements

- Format
  - One question; multiple-choice format.
  - A stem, typically clinical in nature (but non-clinical stems), may be used when appropriate to test the particular content area.
  - One correct answer and four incorrect distracters (for a total of **FIVE** possible answers).
- Discussion/Rationale
  - Review the correct response, with justification for why it is correct.
  - Discuss why the incorrect distracters are not correct.

## Session Types

Authors may submit an **abstract** for any or all the following program types, **only select the type of programming you meet the criteria for and are willing to present in:**

### Plenary

Abstracts accepted for these sessions will be slotted for either “full-length” (6-minute presentations, with 5 minutes for discussion) or “rapid-paced” (3-minute presentations, with 4 minutes for discussion); authors will be notified which format has been designated for their abstract(s). Manuscript submission to the *Journal of Vascular Surgery* is required for both types of lectures, there is no guarantee of acceptance. Manuscript submissions must conform to JVS policies on originality and conflict of interest disclosure.

### Vascular and Endovascular Surgery Society (VESS)

Abstracts accepted for this session will be given 7 minutes to present, with 2-3 minutes for discussion (dependent upon whether a discussant has been assigned to a paper). Submission of a manuscript to the *Journal of Vascular Surgery* is required, there is no guarantee of acceptance. Manuscript submissions must conform to JVS policies on originality and conflict of interest disclosure.

For Vascular and Endovascular Surgery Society (VESS) session submissions, it is the policy of VESS that either the submitting author or one of the co-authors of each abstract must be a member of VESS. If neither the submitting author nor the co-authors are VESS members, then a VESS member must sponsor the abstract.

### International Plenary Session

Abstracts accepted for this session will be given either 6 minutes to present, and 4 minutes for discussion or 3 minutes to present, and 2 minutes for discussion. Abstracts must be current work, but previous presentation at local or regional meetings is acceptable; other domestic or international meetings is not. If none of the contributing authors is an SVS international member, the International Relations Committee may sponsor an abstract. Submission of a manuscript to the *Journal of Vascular Surgery* is not required.

### International Young Surgeon Competition

Accepted abstracts will have 4 minutes to present and 2 minutes for discussion. Abstracts must be current work, but previous presentation at local or regional meetings is acceptable; other domestic or international meetings is not. If none of the contributing authors are an SVS international member, the International Relations Committee may sponsor an abstract. Submission of a manuscript to the *Journal of Vascular Surgery* is not required.

Eligible presenters must meet the following criteria: reside outside the U.S. or Canada; be 40 years of age or younger; and agree to attend the Vascular Annual Meeting. The successful presenter will receive a certificate of recognition.

### International Poster Competition

Separate from the Poster Competition, posters selected for this program type will be grouped by category and placed on poster boards in the exhibit hall. Authors will be given 3 minutes to

present, and 2 minutes for discussion. The competition will be judged by select members of the International Relations Committee. Participation in the entire session is expected by one of the authors. Winner of the International Poster Competition will present their poster as a PowerPoint during the “Championship Round”.

**\*\*For all international sessions, co-authors may be from the United States or Canada; however, both the presenting and senior authors must reside outside the U.S. or Canada.\*\***

### Poster Competition

Posters will be grouped by category and placed on poster boards in the exhibit hall. Poster presentations will be made during a 90-minute session, of which participation in the entire session is mandatory by one of the authors. The presenting author will be given 3 minutes to present, and 2 minutes for discussion; the presenting author will be judged by his/her peers and a group moderator. One winner from each category will present their poster as a PowerPoint during the “Championship Round”. Winners will be selected for first-, second- and third-place monetary prizes. *Basic research abstracts are only eligible to be accepted for this session; see below for additional information.* Submission of a manuscript to the *Journal of Vascular Surgery* is not required. **\*\*This program type is separate from the International Poster Competition.\*\***

If selecting your submission as a **Case Report**, please remember the following criteria: a case report should describe something new or unusual, whether a rare condition, an uncommon presentation of a more common disease, or a unique or innovative approach to treatment. The report should also highlight important takeaways or clinical learning points from the case. Patient written consent for use of case details (including images, where applicable) must be secured required prior to submission, and the report should confirm that such consent has been secured.

### Interactive Poster

Taking place during the Welcome Reception on the exhibit hall floor, Interactive Poster presenters interact with attendees, discussing their work and answering questions. While there is no formal presentation, at least one author is expected to be present for the duration of the 90-minute event. Manuscripts may be submitted to the *Journal of Vascular Surgery*, but submission itself is not required.

### Basic Research

Submission of abstracts describing basic science research or early translational research (under the topic “Basic Science”) will only be considered for the Poster Competition. Investigators are encouraged to consider submission to the SVS Vascular Research Initiatives Conference (VRIC), which focuses on state-of-the-art basic and translational vascular science. Presentation at the VRIC does not preclude presentation at the Vascular Annual Meeting. All submissions to this category will be evaluated by the Basic & Translational Research Committee chair and can be presented at both meetings. Submission of a manuscript to the *Journal of Vascular Surgery* is not required.

**Journal Publication**

While manuscript submission to one of the *Journal of Vascular Surgery (JVS)* journals is required for full-length and rapid-paced abstracts presented during the plenary & VESS sessions, there is no guarantee of acceptance. (Submission is not mandatory for any of the other program types.) Manuscript submissions must conform to *JVS* policies on originality and conflict of interest disclosure. Most accepted abstracts will be published in an online-only supplement to a regular monthly issue of the *JVS* and will be available online at the time of the Vascular Annual Meeting.

Contact [jvascsurg@vascularsociety.org](mailto:jvascsurg@vascularsociety.org) with questions.

**AI Policy**

Where authors use generative artificial intelligence (AI) and AI-assisted technologies in the writing process, authors should only use these technologies to improve readability and language. Applying the technology should be done with human oversight and control, and authors should carefully review and edit the result, as AI can generate authoritative-sounding output that can be incorrect, incomplete or biased. AI and AI-assisted technologies should not be listed as an author or co-author or be cited as an author. Authorship implies responsibilities and tasks that can only be attributed to and performed by humans, as outlined in Elsevier's [AI policy for authors](#).

## Disclosure instructions

Authors must disclose the use of generative AI and AI-assisted technologies in the writing process by adding a statement at the end of their manuscript in the core manuscript file, before the References list. The statement should be placed in a new section entitled 'Declaration of Generative AI and AI-assisted technologies in the writing process'.

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More information can be found at the SVS website: <https://vascular.org/vascular-specialists/research/journals/declaration-generative-ai-scientific-writing>

## VIDEOS

Authors may submit a **video** for the following two program types:

### Plenary and/or “How I Do It”

Videos accepted for these sessions will be given 5 minutes to present, and 5 minutes for discussion. A single author or group may submit up to four videos, but if accepted, a maximum of two would be selected. Videos presented at other meetings will, in general, not be considered.

Videos showcasing a novel/unique approach, or a core vascular surgical procedure, are the cornerstones of this type of submission. Current topics of interest include:

- Lower extremity revascularization (including surgical bypasses)
- Open and endovascular renal and mesenteric procedures
- Thoracic outlet syndrome
- Open and endovascular carotid interventions
- Open and endovascular venous interventions
- Dialysis access
- Aortic arch, thoracic and abdominal aortic procedures
- Management of adverse events

### Overall

- Videos should be high-quality, up-to-date and provide a fair and balanced presentation of the content.
- Videos must not have visible or audio information that would allow identification of the authors or their institution, including its title sequence. If accepted, the title sequence should be altered to include authors and their institution(s) for presentation at VAM.
- Due to HIPAA requirements, no patient-identifying information should be visible or audible in the video.
- Videos must include narration for purposes of selection; however, if accepted, the presenting author will have the opportunity to provide live narration during the lecture.
- Submission to the learning management system or *Journal of Vascular Surgery* is suggested.
- Video submissions must be entered in the English language.

### Technical

- An MP4 is the only file format accepted, with a 250 MB size limit.
- Do not password-protect videos.