2026 VASCULAR ANNUAL MEETING
CALL FOR HOT TOPIC PROPOSALS

The Society for Vascular Surgery (SVS) is seeking proposals for **Hot Topics** in consideration of the Vascular Annual Meeting (VAM), June 10-13, 2026, at the Hynes Convention Center, Boston, MA.

Description of Hot Topics:
Hot Topics in vascular surgery is an educational session designed to highlight the most current, practice-changing developments in the field. The talks in this session should focus on rapidly evolving areas of patient care, technology, and/or research, giving vascular surgeons timely updates they can apply directly in clinical practice. The submissions are meant to be fast paced, no more than 15 minutes each, highly focused, and clinically relevant, ensuring participants walk away with practical knowledge and a clear sense of the latest trends shaping vascular surgery.

Submit a single lecture idea on a timely issue; SVS will group selected lectures into one session.

Review & Selection Processes
After online submission, proposals are judged blindly through an online platform by the Postgraduate Education Committee (PGEC). Proposals scoring above a certain threshold are typically considered for the VAM program, sometimes with suggestions for further development, based on the overall content needs and related requirements.

Post-Selection
If a proposal is chosen for inclusion in the VAM program, submitters are **required** to:
• Collaborate with the PGEC on the development and delivery of the proposed topics and adherence to all meeting requirements.

About the Call
• Proposals submitted outside the online process will not be considered or reviewed.
• **Submission does not guarantee acceptance.**
• The email provided in the submission will be notified by the end of October if their proposal has been selected.
• The deadline for submission is **3pm CT, Wednesday, October 15**.

Components Required for Submission (all proposals must be submitted through the submission site, however please use the list below to work on your proposal prior to submitting)
• Session Title
• Topic Classification – select an overarching subject area from a drop-down menu
• Purpose/Justification – what is the educational need you are trying to address?
• Topic Summary – description of the topic that will be presented.

ACCME Standards
The Education Council and Committees oversee the development and implementation of CME activities and as such volunteers must adhere to The Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education. **Per these requirements, owners, executives and employees of ineligible companies (formerly known as commercial interest) are considered to have unresolvable financial relationships and must be excluded from participating as planners or faculty.** These individuals cannot influence or control any aspect of the planning, delivery, or evaluation of accredited continuing education, except in the limited circumstances outlined in Standard 3.2. All volunteers involved as planners or faculty will be required to disclose all financial relationships within the prior 24 months.

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