Innovation is integral to our specialty

SVS members were and continue to be pioneers in developing inventions and techniques: Dr. Denton Cooley used a muscle flap to patch an aorta; Dr. Thomas Fogarty created the Fogarty catheter, which transformed the management of acute ischemia; Dr. Arthur Voorhees revolutionized vascular surgery with a synthetic artery, and Dr. Juan Parodi led the endovascular revolution. These vascular surgery innovators, along with many others, have played pivotal roles in saving or improving the lives of vascular patients throughout the years.

WE STAND ON THE SHOULDERS OF THESE GIANTS. These developments remind each and every one of us that to thrive and advance, to maintain vascular surgery’s position as the leaders in vascular care, we must fund research that leads to the next new breakthroughs. These translate to our ultimate goal: improved patient care.

Your contributions to the SVS Foundation are vital to this continuation. The SVS Foundation typically presents basic and clinical research grants to vascular surgeons early in their careers to promote research skill development and create a foundation for significant life-long research accomplishments as grant-winners’ careers mature. With our support and backing, many of these innovators have secured significant government funding needed to continue with their research.

As a longtime supporter of the Foundation, I am proud to serve as this year’s chair. I encourage you to donate for the first time or to continue with your past support. Those who give $10,000 or more throughout their lifetimes are part of a select group, the SVS Foundation Legacy Program. These generous contributors have led and continue to lead the specialty to ensure funds are available to develop the brightest vascular researchers within our ranks.

The 2016 SVS Foundation Annual Appeal is underway and needs your contributions. This is your chance to make a significant difference in not only our future but that of our patients. Years from now, donations made today will still be working, via the creativity of the innovative researchers—tomorrow’s giants—whom we support.

You may make your donation to the SVS Foundation at SVSFoundationSite.org. Please help us to ensure our future by making your donation today.
Five Facts About the SVS Foundation

1. The SVS Foundation and its predecessors, the Lifeline Foundation and the American Vascular Association, have been awarding basic and clinical research grants to promising vascular surgeon scientists for more than 30 years.
   Millions have been awarded, with the goal of a greater understanding of vascular disease, potential cures—and improved patient health.

2. The SVS Foundation is the only organization solely devoted to supporting multiple awards in vascular research.
   You may support other charities, but this one is laser-focused only on vascular research, both basic and clinical. Your donations are vitally important to improving outcomes for our vascular patients.

3. SVS Foundation grants show an outstanding return on investment.
   SVS Foundation grants pack quite a punch: Vascular scientists who have been awarded K grants have received millions more in subsequent NIH and VA funding; in fact, the most recent statistics show a more that four-fold return on investment.

4. Our grants create a legacy of mentoring that fosters future leaders.
   Though time and money to focus on research is a vitally important benefit, the mentoring winners receive is similarly invaluable. This guidance from more seasoned SVS members helps award winners move up within the specialty and mentor the next generation.

   HEERE ARE JUST A FEW EXAMPLES: Dr. Scott Berceli received direction from Drs. Alexander Clowes and Frank LoGerfo; he now mentors Dr. Salvatore Scali. Dr. William Pearce provided career guidance to Dr. B. Timothy Baxter, mentor of Dr. Willow Head, a 2016 Student Research Fellowship winner, and also Dr. Iraklis I. Pipinos.

5. Our ultimate goal is quality patient care.
   We fund research that has a purpose - better patient care and improved outcomes. SVS Foundation grants address the clinical problems that vascular surgeons see every day. Research and innovation brings us full circle—back into the clinic and the OR with better treatments to prevent and cure vascular disease.

   The giants of vascular surgery knew that research is the backbone of our specialty. In the past seven years, the percentage of donations from individuals has increased, but your assistance is vitally necessary.

Please contribute to the SVS Foundation today.
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Did You Know?

GIANT: Dr. Michael DeBakey

Dr. Michael DeBakey pioneered the use of Dacron grafts, which he first developed with his wife’s sewing machine, and in 1988 served as the SVS Foundation’s president. He famously treated ex-President Richard Nixon for a leg thrombosis. DeBakey debated whether or not to bill Nixon, but in the end, sent him a “generous” bill, which was promptly paid. Dr. DeBakey served as one of our early presidents.
You Make a Difference

Why Your Gift Is So Important

You know the impact you have had on your patients—longer, healthier lives, more chances to see a grandchild born, to attend a wedding, to walk around the block with an old friend.

Those results are what make the years of preparation and long days in the OR all worth it. But those happy outcomes are due not just to surgical skills, but to innovation and research. From loops, clamps, catheters, grafts and stents, to non-invasive testing, new surgeries, new therapies and so much more, research was and remains integral to continued progress and new discoveries.

The SVS Foundation devotes itself to funding vascular research—both clinical and basic—that will help save our generation and the ones to follow.

Your help is vital to our success and to the continued success of vascular surgery and the overall care of patients with vascular disease.

Please keep your money in circulation. Donate:

- To improve patient care and eliminate death and disability from vascular disease
- To maintain our position as leaders, pioneers and innovators in vascular disease
- To increase our “return on investment,” whereby SVS Foundation grants lead to other national grants and continued research
- To develop future Society leaders, through the continuing circle of mentoring

SVS giant Dr. Arthur Voorhees, who created a graft on his wife’s sewing machine, well knew the value of research and that problems would always need solutions. In 1985, he said:

“Research is needed to create that confluence, to solve problems and meet challenges.”

Please contribute today. Tomorrow’s giants are counting on you.
Dramatic Changes Make Giving Critical

Because innovation and scientific advancements are critical to the future of vascular surgery and, ultimately, to the care of vascular patients, research is a crucial first step.

That philosophy helps drive Dr. William H. Pearce’s continued contributions over the course of his career. Dr. Pearce is a longtime vascular surgeon, researcher and SVS Foundation donor.

“When I started my career in 1982, I did not envision the dramatic changes that would occur in my lifetime,” said Dr. Pearce. Back then, he noted, “Rutherford’s Vascular Surgery” was a single volume and just 1,400 pages long, compared to more than 2,700 pages in two volumes today.

Vascular research, he said, helps us lead change in the directions we choose, acquire new knowledge, develop new skills and demonstrate the SVS’ commitment to excellence. All this is important to the specialty and to patients, he said.

Dr. Pearce belongs to an elite group, the Director’s Circle of the SVS Foundation Legacy Program, whose members have made impressive contributions during their lifetimes and are honored for their generosity and commitment in perpetuity.

Giving is a necessity, he said. “Philanthropy has been the bedrock of consistent funding for vascular surgery,” said Dr. Pearce. “The development of new knowledge is primarily funded by government sources and philanthropy, and depending on the economy, government sources may vary dramatically.”

A side benefit of SVS Foundation grants is their impact on the researchers themselves, he said. “Grants launch the careers of promising surgeons who have gone on to get additional grants and become leaders in our societies and their institutions.”

And this success gets noticed, raising the visibility of vascular surgery within home institutions as well as among national surgical associations, he said, adding, “It gives us credibility.”

The visibility, the credibility, the innovations and SVS’ emerging leaders. Each is a reason to give, Dr. Pearce said. But perhaps most important of all, he added, “our patients.”
So Many Ways to Give

Automatic giving option now available

Our diverse family of supporters includes individuals, societies, corporations and foundations. Collectively, they enable the SVS Foundation to fulfill its mission to support the next generation of surgeon-scientists.

The SVS Foundation makes it easy to be part of this vital effort that ultimately improves patient care—and this year has introduced a “recurring payment” to contribute at predictable intervals.

Here’s how to give.

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“Which of the operations we are doing today will be the discards of the next decade? What is needed is knowledge, and such knowledge will be provided by the young amongst us and those yet to come.”

- ALLAN CALLOW, 1987

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GIANT:
Dr. Allan Callow

Dr. Allan Callow was a pioneer in the process of developing the carotid endarterectomy and was one of the early leaders in endothelial cell seeding of vascular prostheses. In the 1980s, he was elected the founding president of the International Society for Applied Cardiovascular Biology, which sought to close the gap between the science of vascular biology and the practice of medicine. He also served as our president in 1986.
Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award (K08)
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Karen Ho, MD
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
PROJECT: The Role of Gut Microbiota in Neointimal Hyperplasia After Vascular Injury

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Yale University School of Medicine
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State University of New York Upstate Medical University College of Medicine
PROJECT: Identifying a Practical Office-based Frailty Assessment for Preoperative Evaluation of Patients with Peripheral Arterial Disease

Misty D. Humphries, MD, MAS, RPVI
University of California Davis Medical Center
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PROJECT: The Role of STAT Proteins in TSP-1 Mediated Regulation of MicroRNA miR-7~92 cluster
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Outcomes following Endovascular versus Medical Management for Acute Type B Aortic Dissection
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Mediators of Endothelial Dysfunction in Veterans with PTSD: Specific Pro-Resolving Mediators and Resolution of Inflammation
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Vascular Research Initiatives Conference Trainee Travel Scholarship

Duy Minh Ha, BS
University of Nebraska Medical Center
ABSTRACT TITLE: Revascularization but not Supervised Exercise Therapy Prevents Progression of Fibrosis in the Gastrocnemius of Patients with Peripheral Artery Disease while Improving Limb Function

Cindy Huynh, MD
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center Harvard Medical School
ABSTRACT TITLE: Development of a Hybrid Cryogel-coated Prosthetic Vascular Graft for Delivery of Targeted Gene Therapies

Alban Longchamp, MD
Harvard School of Public Health
ABSTRACT TITLE: Angiogenesis Is Triggered by Nutrient Deprivation Via Gcn2/atf4-dependent Regulation Of Vegf And H2s Production

Andrew S. Kimball, MD
University of Michigan
ABSTRACT TITLE: Epigenetically Altered TLR4 Expression May Contribute to Increased Inflammation and Impaired Wound Healing in a Murine Model of Diabetes
Meet four of our SVS Foundation grant winners, each with a different focus, but a shared passion for research.
A fascination with space and a focus on patient health

Few years ago, Marlene Grenon faced a big career decision—pursue vascular surgery or continue as a finalist to become a Canadian astronaut. In the end, she chose academic surgery. “This was the best way to incorporate all my passions,” she said.

The Quebec native has always had an interest in space travel as well as medicine, and that eventually led her to a mentor who helped her combine her two interests: former NASA astronaut Millie Hughes-Fulford, PhD., who had been researching omega 3s and cancer.

“I have always been inspired by women surgeons and scientists,” said Dr. Grenon. “I am very interested in health, nutrition and healthier living, and for patients with claudication, it’s all about making them healthier.

“My guiding focus is on where space medicine meets vascular surgery. I want to optimize health on earth and in space. Nutrition is very important in space. And we now know that astronauts are at increased risk of cardiovascular disease. Understanding the vascular system, the micro-gravity environment, nutrition and PAD is really important.”

In her current research project, Dr. Grenon hopes to clarify the role that polyunsaturated fats play in inflammation in patients with peripheral artery disease. In the current phase, patients take 4.4 grams of fish oil per day for three months and will be analyzed for vascular function.

The 2014 SVS Foundation grant was one of the biggest contributions to her career, she says. She hopes to one day to follow up with a National Institutes of Health R01 grant, a major NASA grant.

The researcher, surgeon and busy mother of four also still hopes to be an astronaut someday, perhaps in a private space program.

But one thing she won’t be doing—taking fish oil herself. She is allergic.
Innovation can grow anywhere you plant a seed grant

Why does one patient with carotid disease have a stroke, while another has no symptoms at all? It’s a mystery that baffles many, and it’s one that Dr. Hernan Bazan is determined to solve.

During his vascular surgery fellowship at Yale, he was hit with the research bug while talking with Dr. Alan Dardick about that phenomenon. Even though Dr. Bazan was head-

ing into clinical practice, he wanted to find the answer.

One of his most inspiring mentors was Dr. Larry Hollier, “truly a vascular giant,” said Dr. Bazan. “We did some amazing cases together. His positive attitude even in dire situations was a great example of optimistic forward thinking.”

After Dr. Bazan moved over to Ochsner Health System in New Orleans, LA., he found the opportunity to establish a carotid biobank of plaque tissue and serum of patients with asymptomatic carotid disease as well as those who had an acute event.

In 2014 he earned an SVS Foundation Clinical Research Seed Grant to study the mechanisms of plaque rupture.

“What is great and unique about the SVS Clinical Seed Grants is that they are a funding mechanism for someone like me, a full-time practicing vascular surgeon,” he said. “This grant allows those of us who have busy clinical practices to form strong research collaborations while maintaining a full-time practice.”

If all goes well with his research collaborators, says Dr. Bazan, they will have a better understanding of why some patients have strokes and heart attacks, while others don’t.

“We are hoping to decipher key molecular differences that could target the changes in ruptured carotid plaques,” he said, “so that therapies could be designed for stabilization.”

The SVS Foundation Seed Grant has been instrumental to helping them identify unique serum changes in small molecules called non-coding RNAs, which led to a patent application early in 2016.

Dr. Bazan was born in Argentina and his family moved to New Orleans when he was in grade school. Perhaps because both of his parents are scientists, he learned early the value of research and is a not just a grant recipient, but a committed supporter of the SVS Foundation.

“The SVS Foundation is critically important to our field of vascular surgery,” he explained, “not only to push new knowledge research forward but to keep SVS a leader in translational research.”

Dr. Hernan Bazan
Assistant director, Ochsner Clinic Foundation Program

2014 CLINICAL RESEARCH SEED GRANT RECIPIENT: Biomarkers in Carotid Plaque Rupture
Foundation K08 Grant Leads to Additional Funding, Findings

Dr. Iraklis Pipinos’ research perfectly illustrates two key SVS Foundation hopes and expectations: that a K08 or K23 award free up time to focus on a particular project and that this work eventually leads to more funding from the National Institutes of Health and other agencies.

For his 2005 K08 Award, Dr. Pipinos proposed to develop a mouse model for PAD myopathy. With that grant, for five years he and his colleagues were able to focus fully on hypotheses and questions, developing new approaches and new research methodology.

Early steps led to new findings, to research on both animal and human tissues and to new possibilities. Those, in turn, led to more than $10 million in subsequent funding from two National Institutes of Health grants.

“This award essentially helped me shape the research focus for what will probably be my entire academic career,” he said of the SVS Foundation award. “It made a huge difference.”

His team hopes to understand the mechanisms to connect blockages in the blood vessels to the progressive accumulation of damage in all the tissues of the leg, especially the muscles. Eventual understanding of these mechanisms will help them develop new therapies and personalized approaches to care of patients with PAD, Dr. Pipinos said.

His love of research emerged while attending medical school in Greece. A requested presentation involved reviewing research studies, “and I immediately knew that I wanted to be one of those people who do their best to find new things and understand how the good Lord created us.”

Dr. Iraklis Pipinos
University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, Nebraska
K08 AWARD, 2005:
Mitochondriopathy of Chronically Ischemic Muscle

He draws inspiration and guidance from several mentors, including Drs. D. Emerick Szilagy, Calvin Ernst, Alexander Shepherd and Daniel Reddy, Jae Cho and Timothy Nypaver, all at Henry Ford Hospital, and Drs. B. Timothy Baxter and George Casale at the University of Nebraska. He pays it forward, offering research guidance to students from high school all the way to surgery residents and junior faculty members.

Research is his passion, and his wife and five children are his heart. But his patients—many of them veterans—are his inspiration and the ultimate reason for his life’s work. Dr. Pipinos marvels at their willingness to participate in research, “even though they may not benefit at all, just in case it will benefit someone else.”

“That’s amazing. I feel very honored to be their doctor, and to do research with them and for them.”
Mentors lead to grants, which lead to more mentors and more grants

Foundation gifts are not just the first link in a chain of additional grants. Gift awards are also early links to mentors whose crucial guidance can make all the difference. Dr. Luke Brewster is a case in point.

Because he won a Resident Research Prize in 2005, Dr. Luke Brewster followed his passion into vascular surgery and research.

“In residency I had great mentors in vascular surgery, (Drs.) Bill Baker, Fred Littooy, Ashraf Mansour and Howard Greisler,” he said. “I fell in love with vascular surgery because of them and the ability to care for patients with medicine, needles and wires and open surgery.”

The SVS resident award led to more mentors. Dr. Brewster was introduced to surgeon-scientists who taught him to think like a scientist and researcher. This experience also helped Dr. Brewster match into Emory’s vascular surgery fellowship under Dr. Elliot Chaikof. These relationships led to many others who taught him how to write grants that succeed.

“Drs. Melina Kibbe and Alan Dardik went above and beyond to share with me how to construct research time in an academic setting,” he said. “Dr. Iraklis Pipinos came to Atlanta to figure out the ins and outs of the anatomy of my pig model and Drs. Scott Berceli and Paula Shireman helped me immensely with my grantsmanship, which led to my K08 award. In fact there have been so many people who have helped me, and their plates were not only fuller than mine, but so much bigger as well. I am just so grateful of their precious time and energy.”

Dr. Brewster earned a K08 grant in 2014 and because of that grant he can pay for his time in the lab where he researches artery stiffness and the signaling pathways that alter blood flow.

Now Dr. Brewster’s journey has led him to working not only with vascular surgeons but also biomedical engineers from Georgia Tech. And even though he has numerous appointments, research work and seven children under age 17 (let’s pause a minute and think about that) he has found time to work with medical student researchers as well.

“I treat that time as a privilege,” he said, “and I hope someday to be as polished as a mentor as the people who mentored me.”
2016 SVS Foundation Fiscal Year Highlights

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- 8% for fundraising
- 8% of total donations contributed by individuals
  - up 3 percent since 2015
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### GIANT:
Dr. E.J. (Jack) Wylie

In 1951, Dr. E.J. (Jack) Wylie was the first American to use a new procedure, thromboendarterectomy, which was based on the work of Portuguese surgeon Dr. J. Cid dos Santos. In 1975, Dr. dos Santos delivered an homage to Wylie at the Vascular Annual Meeting, which began the Wylie dinner and eventually the Wylie Society. Dr. Wylie was Society president in 1980.

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GIANT:
Dr. Wiley Barker

Dr. Wiley Barker, innovator, inventor, surgeon. Never board-certified in vascular surgery, Dr. Barker was nevertheless one of the fathers of modern vascular surgery. With fellow surgeon Dr. Jack Cannon, he developed a device made with piano wire for cleaning out the femoral artery, which he used throughout his career. In 2014, Dr. Barker still had one left, in his desk drawer. Dr. Barker served as Society president in 1973.
GIANT:  

Dr. Denton A. Cooley  

Dr. Denton A. Cooley is known for his work with the artificial heart and for performing the first implantation of a total artificial heart. He also founded the Texas Heart Institute in 1962. Some are also likely to think of him as the resident who, in 1949, used a muscle flap to patch a hole in a patient’s ascending aorta, which had already shot blood into the OR lights. With the surgeon’s finger in the hole, Dr. Cooley took a piece of pectoralis muscle, made a patch, placed it and sutured around the surgeon’s fingers. The surgeon pulled his finger out and Dr. Cooley pulled the sutures down. The patch was a success.
Dr. Juan C. Parodi is widely regarded as the leader of the endovascular revolution in vascular surgery, overcoming a host of obstacles to develop specialty-changing aneurysm endograft technology. His first operation was in Buenos Aires in 1990, performed at the personal request of the president of Argentina, who had heard about Dr. Parodi’s method. The president’s friend was suffering from an abdominal aortic aneurysm and could not have traditional open surgery, but Dr. Parodi saved his life. He also performed an emergency gall bladder operation on a poor, local priest—who years later became world-renowned as Pope Francis. Dr. Parodi was the first SVS Medal of Innovation winner.
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Dr. James A. DeWeese, in collaboration with Dr. Jim Adams, developed the Adams-DeWeese clip in 1966, a clamp-like device that prevented blood clots without impeding blood flow in patients with thromboembolic disease. A distinguished leader, Dr. DeWeese served on numerous national boards and served as president of the SVS in 1978.