



Society for
Vascular Surgery

Society for Vascular Surgery Honors Vascular Nurses Week Sept. 10-16

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TO: Our valued colleagues

As vascular surgeons, we can never thank our specialty trained nurses enough for their expertise, hard work and superb patient-oriented care. We are humbled by your dedication and the team work that you exemplify.

But during Vascular Nurses Week, we have a special opportunity to thank those who are part of our healthcare teams.

Taking care of vascular patients requires a multidisciplinary team effort that is not simply centered on the physician. Without our specialized vascular nurses, nurse practitioners, clinic nurses, surgical teammates, and their allies, the technicians and physician's assistants, we would be unable to treat the most complicated cases. Nor would we have come close to accomplishing the marvels of vascular surgery that have evolved over the past 50 years.

Before I became a physician, I worked for several years as an OR technician. I came to understand first-hand how crucial the role of the team is to a patient's health. A skilled OR team makes a huge difference during a procedure, and specialized clinical caregivers can ensure the best possible patient health afterward. Because of you, we know all patients get the information they need to take charge of their health and if possible, avoid surgery altogether.

As part of the celebration, the SVS is inviting Society for Vascular Nursing members to join the SVS as affiliates, with the application fee waived through Oct. 16, 2017. You can learn more about that here <http://vsweb.org/Nurses>.

Meanwhile, please accept our sincere appreciation for all you do for us and for our patients. During Vascular Nurses Week, and every week, we thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.



Warmly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. Clement Darling III".

Dr. R. Clement Darling III
President, SVS