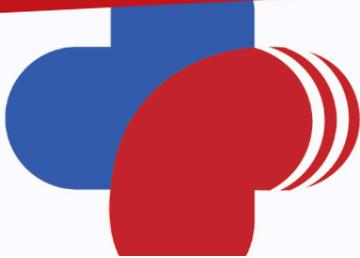


# Winter Newsletter

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Welcome to the SVT Winter 2023 edition of the newsletter.

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## [2022 SVTGBI ASM Winners](#)

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**Nicholas Zakikhani**  
St. George's University Hospital

"A Reflection of Measuring and Applying Qualitative Approaches to a Vascular Ultrasound Lab"

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**Hannah Davey**  
University Hospital Southampton NHS FT

"Transthoracic Ultrasound Evaluation of Thoracic Aortic Aneurysms"

**Congratulations!**  
Best Research Proposal

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**Emily Alderson**  
Cambridge University Hospitals NHS FT

"An Audit to Determine Whether Patients Receive Two Forms of Carotid Imaging Pre-Operatively When Carotid Endarterectomy is Being Considered in Line with the ESVS 2017 Clinical Practice Guidelines "

**The Ann Donald Scientist of the Year Award - 2022**



**Kate Houghton**  
University Hospitals Bristol NHS FT

**SVTGBI**  
Honorary Membership Awards  
2022





**Sara Causley**      **Dominic Foy**

See the SVT's 30th Anniversary ASM in pictures [HERE](#)

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## Performance of Wells Score for Deep Vein Thrombosis in the Inpatient Setting

A Paper Review

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By Simon Hartley, AVS



In September 2022 the SVT Professional Standards Committee sent out a survey to Heads of Service (56 services). The aim was to find out how many services are engaging with IQIPS, whether there are any significant barriers and what further help services require from the SVT.

Read the full report [here](#)

## Healthcare Science Bulletin- February 2023

Access the first Healthcare Science Bulletin of 2023 by clicking [here](#).

If there is anything that you would like to see included in the next bulletin, please contact [CHCSO@gov.scot](mailto:CHCSO@gov.scot).

Healthcare science week is an annual week of celebration and awareness-raising for the many careers in healthcare science. How will you promote Vascular Science? For more information on how you can get involved [click here](#). Don't forget to share your Healthcare Science Week 2023 promotion news: [@WeHCSscientists](#), [#HCSWeek2023](#), [@svtgbi](#), [newsletter@svtgbi.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@svtgbi.org.uk)



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The JVS GB&I is an International peer-reviewed journal publishing relevant, high quality research, reviews, case reports and news to support the vascular community.



SVT members have full access to Science Direct which includes the European Journal of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery. The Science Direct link is found in the ['My Locker'](#) section of the SVT Website.

## PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE

There are new and updated professional performance guidelines for the following:

- Duplex Ultrasound Examinations of Prosthetic Arterio-Venous Dialysis Grafts (AVG)
- Duplex Ultrasound Examinations Post- creation of Dialysis Arterio-Venous Fistulas (AVF) and Arterio-Venous Grafts (AVG) You can find these on our website by clicking [here!](#)

## EDUCATION

### Vascular Science Degree January 2023 Update

The new Vascular Science Undergraduate degree is now open to recruitment for its first intake Sept 2023!

This new role will be able to support your service by performing AAA and peripheral aneurysm scans, ABPI/TBI measurements, DVT scans and carotid screening scans to detect the presence/absence of disease.

The Vascular Practitioner will not only help increase the workforce and create a complete career framework from level 3 to level 8 helping retain staff but will also standardise the learning and training expected at this level. This is particularly important now that some centres have already developed this role locally to help resolve workforce issues. With an increased workforce it will allow the current band 7 staff time to develop their own roles and create more Consultant Vascular Scientist roles within the Vascular Science profession.

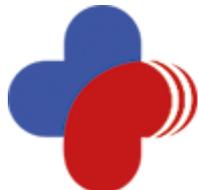
Following the high volume of enquiries from SVT members at the recent ASM, the Education

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Watch out for further updates on the Vascular Science degree on the [website](#) and social media.  
For further info please contact [educationpathways@svtgbi.org.uk](mailto:educationpathways@svtgbi.org.uk)



## STUDY DAYS



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Last year the SVT ran a virtual Fundamentals Study Day. We are making these talks available as an On-Demand feature from 28th February till 28th March.  
For full details and registration click [HERE](#)

## JOBS & VACANCIES

### Want to join the SVT Executive Committee?

We currently have a vacancy for:

#### Non-Portfolio Member (Executive Committee)

This year the executive committee has a vacancy for a non-portfolio member. This role does not have specific tasks however you will have the opportunity to assist other committee members with their work and is a great introduction to the committee if you are interested in being more involved in future.

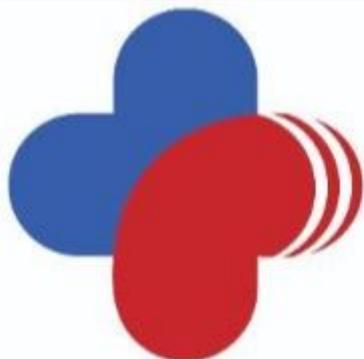
Typically members attend four executive meetings a year in London (expenses are paid).

Please email expressions of interest to [president@svtgbi.org.uk](mailto:president@svtgbi.org.uk)

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### Ever thought about becoming an external practical examiner?

Here are some of the reasons why should you get involved!

- It is a great way to gain CPD points - 5 points for each exam.
- Great for personal and professional development.
- You can use your knowledge and expertise to help maintain the high standards of practice for those wishing to become clinical vascular scientists and support the work of the SVT.
- You get to become involved in the wider community of clinical vascular scientists around the UK.

To be an external examiner you must be a current AVS and have 3 years post accreditation experience.

[Read a first-time external examiner's experience](#) [HERE](#)



Are you interested in becoming a UKAS Independent Technical/Peer Assessor for the IQIPS scheme?

### Are your contact details correct?

Please remember to login to your locker on the SVT website and update the 'My Account & Contact Preferences' section if any details have changed.

For general membership enquiries please contact the Membership Secretary

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As Newsletter Editor I am continually looking for original contributions. Please email any case studies, reviews, your experiences or any comments you think would be of interest to members of the society to [newsletter@svtgbi.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@svtgbi.org.uk)

CPD points are available for published articles and a £25 prize offered for the best submission each season.

**The next newsletter will be the Spring 2023 issue, the closing date for receiving articles will be March 31st 2023**

Daniela Bond-Collins  
Newsletter Editor

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