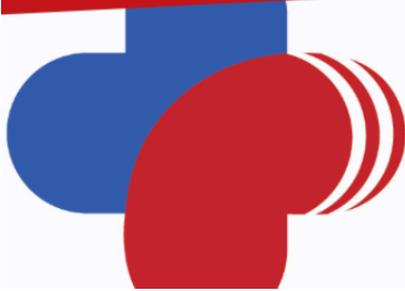


# Summer Newsletter

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Welcome to the SVT Summer 2023 edition of the newsletter.

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## SVT President's Welcome

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### Associate Healthcare Scientist – The Journey so far.....

Within the Vascular Investigations Unit at Coventry, we have seen a steady increase in the number of referrals, particularly for the less specialised tests such as ABPIs, exercise tests and toe pressures.

To cope with this demand an existing member of our team in a level 4 position was trained up 'in-house' and signed off locally as being competent. However, time and quality of training given by senior team members was limited due to departmental pressures. So, when we saw how the Clinical Vascular Science Associate role had been introduced at Manchester Royal Infirmary, we jumped at the opportunity to get our colleague involved.

Brenda enrolled onto the level 4 Healthcare Science

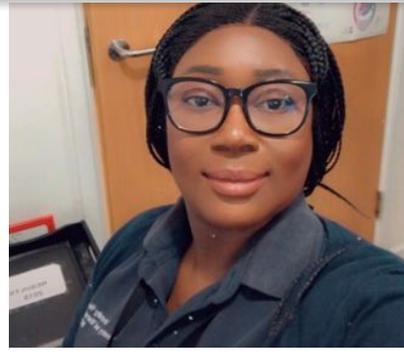
Furthermore, this September will see Brenda amongst the first cohort of students to commence with the new Level 6 Healthcare Science Partitioner Apprenticeship (Vascular Science) BSc at the University of Gloucestershire. Upon completion of this 3-year degree Brenda will also be able to add DVT, AAA, and Carotid scanning to her repertoire, making her even more invaluable to the department!

There were certainly some challenges with the level 4 programme and getting Brenda to this stage, but it is fantastic to see her progress along this pathway and be amongst the first to do so in the country for our specialism, and I would encourage others to consider this pathway for their services.

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November last year. The course was fully funded by the apprenticeship scheme, and on completion has meant Brenda has obtained a formal qualification as an Associate Healthcare Scientist and AHCS Associate registration.

Brenda is an extremely valued member of the team, who along with her now increased clinical duties, also takes charge of all administrative duties for the department. Being able to utilise her clinical expertise for these tests has had a significant impact upon department waiting times and relieved the pressure on senior members of the team to perform more specialised scans and even allow for regular time away from scanning.



## EDUCATION TEXTBOOK FUND RECIPIENTS



**Thank you, SVT!**

The Vascular Studies Unit at **Northampton General Hospital** are absolutely thrilled to receive our textbook of choice, "Introduction to Vascular Ultrasonography" following our application to the SVT book fund. This is amazing for our unit as we are trying to build an inhouse up to date library for our personal reference as the vascular section at our Trust library leaves a lot to be desired! Joking aside, it was such a lovely surprise to be chosen and we are very grateful.

Within Vascular Studies here at NGH, there are 3 Accredited Clinical Vascular Scientists, a Trainee Clinical Vascular Scientist and an Administration Clerk, who work closely with 5 Vascular Nurse Specialists and 6 Vascular Consultants. We are a hard-working and fun unit who provide a high level of vascular diagnostics and have a great time doing it!



Whilst we will all benefit from our new reference book, our current Trainee Rebecca who joined us in 2021 following completion of her MSc in Vascular Ultrasound at Imperial College London, will gain so much from having access to such a great vascular textbook to supplement her revision. She is currently working towards her SVT Accreditation and will shortly sit her SVT Vascular theory exam. She is such an asset to us and complements our quirky little unit so well. We expect great things from Rebecca now she has this amazing new textbook! The below photographs show our Vascular Studies Unit team at NGH with one of our trusty ultrasound machines and Rebecca with our new textbook!

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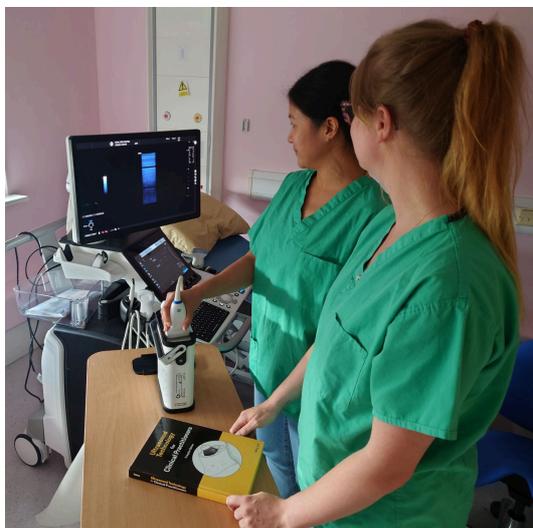
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Our trainees, Alex Pason, Beverly Damayan (and Ponsiano Lukenge - not in pic) all working towards their AVS, were delighted to receive the new book today from the SVT. This will really help support departments of any size with education and training. As most NHS teams will be under financial pressures to even support exam fees and attending the study days, the funding of a new up to date book is really helpful. All of the team, old and new, are eager to read the latest advances for ultrasound in the new 'Ultrasound Technology for Practitioners' by Crispian Oats. Especially after hearing a very interesting talk about modern ultrasound physics and technology by Crispian at the last SVT Scientific meeting.



Thanks again

Jo Walker  
 Chief Clinical Vascular Scientist & VSU Manager  
**University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust**



Thanks to the SVT Education Committee for providing this book, and to Crispian for writing a much needed, up to date book on ultrasound physics. We have all been reading up on ultrafast ultrasound technology, and trying to figure out if there's a way to improve the contrast resolution at depth on machines with no focus control.

**Royal Free London, Vascular Studies Team**

Our current year 1 STP trainee Katie Lees will really benefit from using the book, as well as various other trainees who we host at Barts including rotational trainees and sonographers.

Many thanks again,

**Barts Health NHS Trust**

## RESEARCH





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### Bitesize Research

#### Asymptomatic Carotid Disease

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**Welcome to Bitesize!**

Bitesize will critically reviews a number of papers around a common theme (different for each issue) and outlines the likely impact on clinical practice. It's aim is to educate and provide complex information of the latest trial evidence in a bitesize chunk that can be digested over a coffee. If you have an interesting idea

The SVT Research Committee is pleased to announce the new window for **SVT Research Grant** applications is **NOW OPEN** and will run until 29/09/23.

Please view the research section of the SVT Website for all details:-  
[www.svtgbi.org.uk/research/svt-grant-application](http://www.svtgbi.org.uk/research/svt-grant-application)

Additionally, for the first time we are also welcoming applications to our new **SVT Grant Writing Award**.

We understand through feedback from SVT members that clinical commitments in the workplace often restrict the ability to perform or even begin a research project, despite the many good ideas out there! Applying for research grants is very time-consuming. We would like to address this, at least in part, by providing small 'writing grants' as part of the SVT Grants programme. This will be to a maximum of £500 which we envisage will allow departments to backfill staff for a temporary period, or otherwise free members from clinical duties, enabling them to have the 'space' to formulate and write a research grant application.

Research proposals are expected to have already been broadly planned, discussed and accepted by managers/supervisors who are in agreement that, where relevant, backfilling is appropriate and feasible. Applications are welcomed for a writing grant of up to £500 and may be submitted using the appropriate **Writing Grant application form**. This is a simple one page form, available [HERE](#). Successful applicants will be required to provide evidence of their submitted application.



**RESEARCH WEBINARS**

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**On Demand**  
**May - Dec 2023**



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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.

ScienceDirect



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.

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THE SVTGBI HAS RECENTLY UPDATED THE 'CONSENT AND CHAPERONE GUIDELINES' FOR VASCULAR ULTRASOUND EXAMINATIONS

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Updated SVT Guidelines

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our website for more information

## EDUCATION

**Congratulations!**

Newly Accredited Vascular Scientists

**Tamara Walcott Dhainy    Wanda Navarro**

**REMINDER: Update your CPD profile by the end of the membership year (31<sup>st</sup> of August 2023).**

CPD is an important part of maintaining your AVS accreditation. Accredited members of the SVT are required to maintain a rolling average of 30 points over any 3-year membership period. Membership years run from the 1<sup>st</sup> of September to the 31<sup>st</sup> of August each year.

The Education Committee recommend aiming to accrue approximately 10 points per year. We understand that many of you may only be able to attend a conference once every few years, which is why we now ask for 30 points over any 3-year period.

Each year the CPD team audit 10% of members to ensure that activity uploaded is accurate and complete. Members included in this membership years audit will be contacted at the start of July.

All members with less than 30 points on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2023 will be contacted and risk their AVS lapsing. Please take some time to update your locker before the end of the membership year.

Please ensure your contact details are up to date as the CPD team will use the e-mail address provided in your locker to contact you.

There are numerous ways to earn CPD points throughout the year, [CLICK HERE](#) for suggestions.

**STP EQUIVALENCE FUNDING**

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**SVT GCA  
STUDY DAY**

7th September 2023  
Royal College of  
Paediatrics & Child  
Health, London  
WC1X 8CU

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**SVT GCA Study Day**  
London, September 7th 2023

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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Dublin 22nd – 24th November 2023

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**The Vascular Societies' Annual Scientific Meeting 2023**

In conjunction with the Vascular Society of Great Britain and Ireland, The British Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Amputee Rehabilitation, the Society of Vascular Nurses and the Society for Vascular Technology of Great Britain and Ireland.

[PRELIMINARY OUTLINE PROGRAMME HERE](#)



**A call for BMUS workshop speakers / demonstrators.**

The 54th annual BMUS conference is at York Racecourse  
December 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>.

The vascular workshop is Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, the topics are carotid and upper limb duplex. Also required, someone to present and demonstrate how to scan the carotid vessels and how to scan the upper limb prior to the hands on session.

Can anyone interested contact me [tanyah.ewen@nhs.net](mailto:tanyah.ewen@nhs.net)

## JOBS & VACANCIES

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## 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)

## Get More Involved in SVT

We are currently looking for a volunteer to take on the role of Newsletter Editor

For this role we ask is that you are an accredited member of the SVT and that your CPD is up to date.

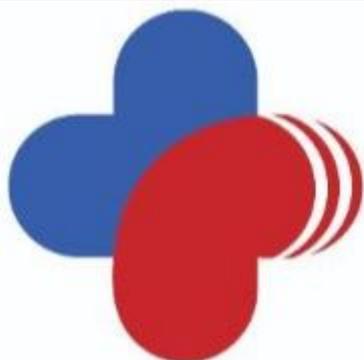
As part of this role, you will be responsible for

- Collecting in appropriate SVT articles from the SVT Committee Chairs, President, and other key members.
- Curating the articles into a suitable format for distribution
- Circulating the newsletter to the SVT membership

No prior experience required, just a willingness to be a part of SVT and contribute to the society. All training will be given on the job.

If interested, please write a statement of no more than 300 words detailing why you think you would be suitable for the role.

Applications should be sent to the SVT President, Emma Waldegrave [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 you should 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.

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

### [Are your contact details correct?](#)

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For general membership enquiries please contact the Membership Secretary [membership@svtgbi.org.uk](mailto:membership@svtgbi.org.uk)

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 Autumn 2023 issue, the closing date for receiving articles will be September 29th 2023](#)**

Daniela Bond-Collins  
Newsletter Editor

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