



CSVs E-NEWSLETTER – February 2015

CSVs President's Message

Colleagues,

In continuing efforts to advocate for vascular care provision and for our patients the CSVs will be participating in the Choosing Wisely Canada (CWC) campaign. Many of you may have seen an article published recently in the New York Times describing alleged abuses in out of hospital settings and inappropriate peripheral interventions for patients with peripheral arterial disease. If you haven't seen it, I encourage you to read it:

http://www.nytimes.com/2015/01/30/business/medicare-payments-surge-for-stents-to-unblock-blood-vessels-in-limbs.html?_r=0

This article has garnered a lot of attention and prompted a response to NYT from Dr. Peter Lawrence, President of the Society for Vascular Surgery (SVS). The CSVs, along with other societies of vascular specialists, have supported evidence based and economically responsible medical, interventional and surgical care for our patients. The NYT article is especially timely as the CSVs participates in the Choosing Wisely Canada (CWC) campaign, a national campaign led by specialty societies to help physicians and patients make smart and effective choices and engage in conversations about unnecessary tests, treatments and procedures www.ChoosingWiselyCanada.org. The SVS has recently participated in this campaign south of the border and I've attached their list tests and procedures. **Please click [here](#) to view the SVS Choosing Wisely list.**

Recently an email was sent to all members asking each of you to think of tests or procedures, currently performed by vascular specialists in Canada, that are unnecessary or harmful to patients. An example from the NYT article might be "Don't perform surgical or percutaneous interventions on patients with asymptomatic peripheral arterial disease". We all know there are other examples and I encourage you to send your suggestions directly to me Thomas.forbes@uhn.ca or to Christiane Dowsing info@canadianvascular.ca

Sincerely,

Thomas L. Forbes, MD, FRCS, FACS

Save the Date! 2015 CSVs Annual Meeting on Vascular Surgery

The 2015 CSVs Annual Meeting will be held in Victoria BC on September 25-26 at the Delta Victoria Ocean Pointe Resort and Spa. The theme for the 2015 meeting is **"Implementing Innovation: Incorporating Advances into Daily Practice"**. We are pleased to welcome invited guest speaker Peter Lawrence, MD, Chief of Vascular Surgery at UCLA and President of the Society for Vascular Surgery. Dr. Lawrence will present two talks and participate as a moderator for various sessions in Victoria.

Call for Abstracts and Awards

The deadline to submit abstracts is April 1, 2015. Please visit the [CSVS website](#) for information on the [Call for Abstracts](#), [Abstract Submission Guidelines](#) and Awards and to view updates on the Annual Meeting in Victoria. [National Student Research Awards deadline for submission is March 15, 2015.](#)

CSVS 2015 Membership Dues/Cotisations SCCV 2015

Notices have been distributed electronically to CSVS members. Please take a moment to pay your 2015 membership dues [online](#), by mail with a cheque or by calling the CSVS office with a credit card (Visa or MasterCard).

CSVS Cycling Kit

The CSVS has designed an amazing cycling and running kit for 2015. Please support the society by proudly sporting your kits in your daily runs, training rides and events. Here is the [story](#) behind the design of the kit. Click here for [kit details](#) and pricing.

Please let us know the items you would like to order and your sizes by April 17, 2015 by [email](#) so that you can have your order delivered by the Spring. If further information on sizing is required, please contact us info@canadianvascular.ca.

Upcoming Events

European Vascular Course 2015

The 19th European Vascular Course will take place on **March 8-10, 2015** in Maastricht, the Netherlands. The day before the start of EVC (Saturday, March 7), the UEMS Section and Board of Vascular Surgery will organize the European vascular surgery examinations at EVC. The scientific program is available at www.vascular-course.com and the final version will be ready shortly. Highly esteemed experts will present the invited lectures in the arterial, venous and vascular access courses during the morning sessions. We invite you to join this exciting program and welcome you to Maastricht, the oldest city of the Netherlands!

2015 Congress of Vascular Access Society



For more information please visit the website <http://www.vas2015.org/>

Winnipeg Vascular & Endovascular Symposium

12th Annual Winnipeg Vascular & Endovascular Symposium, April 24 - 25, 2015 - Combined with Advances in Vascular Nursing Symposium, April 24, 2015

Residents' Day, April 23, 2015

The Fairmont Hotel, Winnipeg

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Charing Cross Symposium 2015

28 April – 1 May 2015

Olympia Grand, London

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National Capital Vascular Symposium: The Aorta

On behalf of The University of Ottawa, Division of Vascular Surgery we would like to invite you to join us in Ottawa on **Saturday, May 9, 2015** to participate in the **National Capital Vascular Symposium: The Aorta**. We have developed an exciting program featuring case presentations, lively debates, didactic presentations and panel discussions by leading International and Canadian Vascular Specialists. All of this will be taking place at the elegant **Fairmont Chateau Laurier** located in the heart of downtown Ottawa . Bring your family and enjoy the beautiful Canadian Tulip Festival which runs in Ottawa from May 8-18, 2015! For complete course details and registration information please visit:

<https://events.cmeuottawa.ca/website/index/110068>

SVS 2015 Vascular Annual Meeting

June 17-20, 2015

McCormick Place West, Chicago, IL Click [here](#) for more information

Job Postings

Western University, London Health Sciences Centre
& St. Joseph's Health Care London

Academic Vascular Surgeon, Department of Surgery

Click [here](#) for details on this employment opportunity.