CSVS E-NEWSLETTER – Summer 2018

CSVS President’s Message

Dear colleagues,

I trust that some warm weather has come to your part of the country and that you are planning some well-deserved time away from work to spend with family and friends. Plans are well underway for the CSVS annual meeting in Montreal. Dr. Joel Gagnon and the Program Committee are putting together an impressive academic program and Dr. Jason Bayne has put together an outstanding evening for the annual dinner. We look forward to welcoming Dr. Alan Lumsden, the Walter W. Fondren III Chair, Medical Director of the Houston Methodist DeBakey Heart & Vascular Center and Chair of the Department of Cardiovascular Surgery at Houston Methodist Hospital, as our guest speaker and show him some Canadian hospitality.

Your Executive continues to work on your behalf to promote the interests of Vascular Surgery in Canada. The first meeting for the 2018 Strategic Planning process was held in Winnipeg in mid-April, moderated by Hewatt Strategic Edge and we will now undertake part II of the process in Toronto in June.

You will see a message from the CMPA with respect to the Choosing Wisely Campaign in this newsletter along with a link to the 5 items the CSVS identified. I am putting out a call to members interested in becoming involved in Choosing Wisely for the CSVS. Please contact Christiane Dowsing at the CSVS office if you are interested.

I look forward to seeing you in Montreal in September and I hope you have a pleasant summer.

Kent MacKenzie, MD, FRCSC
President, CSVS

Mot du président de la SCCV

Chers collègues,

J’espère que vous jouissez du beau temps dans votre coin de pays et que vous planifiez un congé bien mérité en vue de passer du temps avec votre famille et vos amis. La planification de l’Assemblée annuelle de la SCCV à Montréal est bien avancée. Le Dr Joel Gagnon et le Comité du programme élaborent un impressionnant programme de formation et le Dr Jason Bayne a organisé une merveilleuse soirée pour le dîner annuel. Nous sommes impatients d’accueillir notre conférencier invité, le Dr Alan Lumsden, titulaire de la chaire Walter W. Fondren III, directeur médical du Houston Methodist DeBakey Heart & Vascular Center et directeur du département de chirurgie cardiovasculaire au Houston Methodist Hospital, et de lui faire découvrir notre hospitalité canadienne.

Votre Comité directeur continue de travailler en votre nom à la promotion des intérêts de la chirurgie vasculaire au Canada. La première rencontre liée au processus de Planification stratégique de 2018, animée par Hewat Strategic Edge, a eu lieu à Winnipeg à la mi-avril. Nous procédons avec la partie II du processus en juin à Toronto.
Dans le présent numéro vous verrez un message de l’ACPM au sujet de la campagne « Choisir avec soin » ainsi qu’un lien vers les 5 items identifiés par la SCCV. Je lance un appel aux membres intéressés à participer à cette campagne pour le compte de la SCCV. Le cas échéant, prière de communiquer avec Christiane Dowsing au bureau de la SCCV.

J’ai hâte de vous voir à Montréal en septembre et je vous souhaite un bel été entre temps.

Kent MacKenzie, MD, FRCSC  
Président de la SCCV

**2018 Annual Meeting on Vascular Surgery**  
Please visit the CSVS [website](#) for updates on the 2018 program and to access links to accommodations, online meeting registration and airline travel discounts offered by Air Canada and WestJet. Register now and take advantage of early bird rates!

**CSVS 2018 Membership Dues/Cotisations SCCV 2018**  
A reminder that membership dues payments can be made quickly and securely with the online option that appears on your invoice. Dues may also be paid by mail with a cheque or by calling the CSVS office with a credit card. Thank you to everyone that has renewed for 2018!

**National Student Research Awards**  
Congratulations to the 2018 recipients of the CSVS National Student Research Awards:

- Olena Genis - University of Toronto  
- Asha Behdinan - University of Toronto  
- Anna Eufemia - McGill University  
- Yung Lee - McMaster University

**Vascular Research Group update**  
The CSVS Vascular Surgery Research group’s EVAR project on graft explants is drafting a paper to submit to the SVS. Moving forward, the CSVS Vascular Surgery Research Group has selected 2 projects that can be done simultaneously and led by different people. The first is a retrospective review of type Ib endoleaks and iliac limb migration and the second is a prospective cohort study of short neck and juxtarenal aneurysm repair. The Research Committee will hold a meeting on Saturday, September 29th at the CSVS annual meeting in Montreal.

**Education Committee update**  
The CSVS will be due for re-accreditation in 2020 and an interim report was submitted to the Royal College in early June. There are new standards regarding support/sponsorship of CPD activities that came into effect in January, 2018 as well as new forms for accredited providers from the Royal College. A needs assessment survey was circulated to CSVS members in early May. Other items discussed at a recent meeting of the Education Committee include interest in setting up a resident board and CBD section on the website, exploring online surgical coaching, sending out a weekly message to residents/staff regarding skills mastery as well as looking at reflective activities for Section 3 and CSVS sponsored educational activities i.e., boot camp. There will be an Education Committee meeting held during the CSVS annual meeting in Montreal on Saturday, September 29th.

**Royal College CBD updates**  
Click on the links below for information on Competence by Design (CBD)
Royal College Medical Workforce Knowledgebase

Royal College Medical Workforce Knowledgebase (MWK) is now available on the RCPSC website. It provides key insights regarding the size and composition of Canada’s current and possible future workforce. Launched in 2016, the MWK has been updated based on stakeholder feedback to include subspecialty and faculty of medicine data. The information has also been refreshed to analyze trends from 2011 to 2015. Using an easy-to-read visual dashboard, the MWK mines, analyzes, and visualizes data on specialties/subspecialties from authoritative sources covering the breadth of medical careers, from entry to training to retirement. The medical workforce supply snapshot covers:

- Residency Quota (Canadian Resident Matching Service)
- New Trainees (Canadian Post-M.D. Education Registry)
- New Certificants (Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada; College of Family Physicians of Canada)
- Licensed Physicians (Canadian Institute for Health Information)

Users can review high-level physician workforce supply trends on the Royal College website. The interactive dashboard tool is available for download (Excel). Alternatively, users can download static dashboard snapshots (PDF).

Choosing Wisely - CMPA message

The Canadian Medical Protective Association (CMPA) supports the Choosing Wisely Canada campaign. The CMPA’s mandate is to protect the professional integrity of physicians and promote safe medical care. The decision of whether to recommend unnecessary tests or treatments to patients can be influenced by concerns about legal liability, and physicians often cite this as a barrier to implementing campaign recommendations into practice. The CMPA, in the following article and in a speech by its CEO at the Choosing Wisely Canada National Meeting on April 23, 2018, says that it stands behind physicians who use Choosing Wisely Canada recommendations in practice. Learn more about the CMPA’s support for Choosing Wisely Canada by reading this publication by the CMPA ‘The right test at the right time: Striking the proper balance’.

As a participant in the Choosing Wisely Campaign the CSVS identified 5 things physicians and patients should question. Please contact the CSVS office if you are interested in becoming involved in the Choosing Wisely campaign activities on behalf of the CSVS.

Upcoming Events

Workshop on Intracranial Vascular Treatment

SVS 2018 Vascular Meeting - June 20-23 - Boston MA

Job Postings

Halton Healthcare Oakville
Fraser Health Authority
Covenant Health
Alberta Health Services & University of Calgary
Southlake Regional Health Centre
Scarborough & Rouge Hospital
Royal Columbian Hospital