

President's Message

Dear colleagues,

I hope you are all keeping well and adjusting to the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic . We have been guided by our Federal and Provincial Governments and following recommendations on limiting mass gatherings and inter-provincial travel we made the difficult decision to cancel our "in-person" 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting in St. John's Newfoundland. This was done to protect the health and safety of our delegates, as well as to ensure our surgeons remain close to home to continue to serve our local vascular patients.

Although we will not be able to hold our usual in person annual scientific meeting in St. John's this year, I am happy to report that the CSVS Executive has decided to proceed with a virtual meeting on Saturday, September 12th. The program will focus largely on the research activities of residents and students. More information on the virtual program will be provided in the next few weeks.

Your Executive continues to work on your behalf to promote the interests of Vascular Surgery in Canada. Dr. Varun Kapila has been hard at work leading 3 teams to develop guidelines for Vascular lab, venous disease and carotid disease. Dr. Roche-Nagle, Chair of the Quality and Outcomes Committee, successfully negotiated a reduced fee with VQI for Canadian Centers and Dr. Oreopoulos has developed the SKILL SAP, an online technical skill coaching program that satisfies members' needs for strategies to improve their technical performance and also provides an opportunity to accumulate category 3 credits.

Stay well, stay safe and I look forward to your participation in the first ever virtual meeting of the CSVS!

Sincerely,

Keith Baxter, MD, FRCSC

President, CSVS

Mot du président de la SCCV

Chers collègues,

J'espère que vous allez bien et que vous vous adaptez aux défis engendrés par la pandémie de COVID-19. Guidés par nos gouvernements fédéral et provinciaux et suivant les recommandations concernant la limitation des rassemblements de masse et les déplacements interprovinciaux, nous avons pris la décision difficile d'annuler notre Assemblée scientifique annuelle 2020 « en personne » à St. John's, Terre-Neuve. La décision était motivée par le souci de protéger la santé et la sécurité de nos délégués et de veiller à ce que nos chirurgiens demeurent dans leur région pour continuer à prodiguer des soins vasculaires aux patients locaux.

Bien que nous ne puissions pas tenir notre assemblée scientifique annuelle habituelle à St. John's cette année, je suis heureux d'annoncer que le Comité directeur de la SCCV a décidé d'aller de l'avant avec une réunion virtuelle le samedi 12 septembre. Le programme portera en grande partie sur les activités de recherche des résidents et des étudiants. Plus de renseignements au sujet du programme virtuel seront diffusés au cours des prochaines semaines.

Votre Comité directeur continue à vous représenter et à promouvoir les intérêts de la chirurgie vasculaire au Canada. Le Dr Varun Kapila travaille ardemment à la direction de trois équipes qui élaborent des directives liées aux laboratoires de médecine vasculaire, aux maladies veineuses et à la maladie carotidienne. Le Dr Roche-Nagle, président du Comité de la qualité et des résultats, a négocié avec succès un tarif réduit avec la VQI pour les centres canadiens. Pour sa part, le Dr Oreopoulos a mis au point l'autoévaluation SKILL SAP, un programme en ligne d'encadrement des compétences techniques qui répond aux besoins des membres en matière de stratégies d'amélioration de leur performance technique, tout en leur permettant d'accumuler des crédits de catégorie 3.

Restez en santé et en sécurité. J'espère que vous participerez à la toute première réunion virtuelle de la SCCV!

Sincèrement,

Keith Baxter, MD, FRCSC

Président, SCCV

Save the Date!

CSVS Virtual Meeting | Saturday, September 12, 2020

On behalf of the Canadian Society for Vascular Surgery and program chair Dr. Ted Rapanos, we are pleased to invite you to attend the upcoming CSVS Virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the Oral Abstract Presentations.

While we had to cancel the full Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) due to COVID19, we still wish to highlight the hard work our Canadian trainees and residents have invested into their research. We hope you will join us in supporting and promoting their excellent efforts by participating in the virtual oral abstract presentations. Research and student awards will also be presented at this time.

More information will be provided in the coming weeks! Check the CSVS website and your emails for updates!

In Memoriam

Dr. Fernand Laurendeau passed away earlier this year in February . Dr. Laurendeau was a founding member of the CSVS as well as Treasurer (1982-85) and President (1987). Throughout his career, Dr. Laurendeau always embodied with pride the values set forth by the Canadian Society for vascular surgery.

CSVS 2020 Membership Dues/Cotisations SCCV 2020

A reminder that membership dues payments can be made quickly, securely and easily 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. We truly appreciate the support of the CSVS membership during these challenging and unprecedented times.

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"MOC Program requirements waived for 2020" For details, please see: [FAQ: Impact of COVID-19 on 2020-21 MOC and dues cycles.](#)

COVID 19 Resources

The CSVS is here to support you during these challenging times. Log in to the [surgeons/trainees section](#) to access COVID 19 resources in the member section.

Upcoming Events

Click [here](#) to view upcoming events.

Job Opportunities

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