

CSVS E-NEWSLETTER – Winter 2020

CSVS President's Message

Dear colleagues,

I trust you had some time over the holidays to spend with family and friends and are now recharged for 2020! A new year and a new decade is upon us and planning is well underway for the annual meeting in St. John's with Dr. Ted Rapanos as the 2020 Program Chair and Dr. Fadi Elias as the assistant program chair. Information on the Call for Abstracts and Awards can be found on the CSVS website and I encourage you to promote these activities within your institutions. I am very pleased to welcome Ms. Alexi Campbell to the CSVS management team. Alexi will be focussing initially on the organization of the September meeting in St. John's and will transition into full management duties when Christiane retires at the end of the year. Alexi has several years of experience working with medical associations and is a past Royal College employee and she is currently managing the Canadian Association of Medical Oncologists.

I am also very pleased to announce that this year's invited speaker is Tara Mastracci, MD, MSc, FRCS(C), FACS, clinical director, vascular surgery and clinical lead, complex aortic surgery at the Royal Free Hospital, London UK. Dr. Mastracci has been selected as one of the recipients of the 2020 Royal College Harry S. Morton Lectureship in Surgery Visiting Professor.

This early period in the New Year is always a good time to renew your CSVS membership - electronic invoices have been distributed and I encourage you to renew your membership promptly. The activities of your Society are dependent upon your valuable support.

The CSVS committees continue to be engaged in various projects. The Canadian Vascular Surgery Research Group is undertaking a second project comparing outcomes following open or endovascular repair of juxtarenal/short neck AAA. The education committee has planned the program and selected the speakers for the half-day CME session at the CSVS annual meeting and has submitted an application to the Royal College to maintain the accredited provider status for the CSVS. Members wishing to obtain section 3 credits are encouraged to complete the online CSVS SKILL SAP. Instructions on how to access the program are included in this newsletter.

The CSVS Quality and Outcomes Committee chaired by Dr. Graham Roche-Nagle will be looking to share quality tracking insights and several CSVS members are participating in guideline development for venous disease, carotid disease and vascular lab. We will also continue to be involved in the Choosing Wisely activities.

I encourage our members to attend the Winnipeg Vascular and Endovascular Surgery Symposium April 23-25 as well as the National Capital Vascular Symposium taking place May 10 in Ottawa as both offer outstanding programs of important educational value to all Canadian Vascular Surgeons and Trainees. Links to these events are posted on the CSVS website and in the upcoming events section within this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support of the Canadian Society for Vascular Surgery and once again I wish all of you a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2020.

Keith Baxter, MD, FRCSC
President, CSVS

Chers collègues,

J'espère que vous avez profité des Fêtes pour passer du temps avec votre famille et vos amis et faire le plein d'énergie pour 2020! En ce début d'une nouvelle année et d'une nouvelle décennie, la planification de l'Assemblée annuelle à St. John's est bien avancée sous la direction du Dr Ted Rapanos, président du programme de 2020, et du Dr Fadi Elias, président adjoint du programme. Les renseignements propres à l'appel de résumés de recherche et aux prix sont affichés sur le site Web de la SCCV. Je vous encourage à promouvoir ces activités dans vos établissements. Je suis ravi d'accueillir Mme Alexi Campbell au sein de l'équipe de gestion de la SCCV. Alexi coordonnera l'Assemblée annuelle 2020 et elle assumera progressivement les tâches de direction en vue de la retraite de Christiane à la fin de l'année. Alexi a travaillé au Collège royal et compte plusieurs années d'expérience auprès d'associations médicales. Elle gère présentement l'Association canadienne des oncologues médicaux.

J'ai également le vif plaisir d'annoncer que la conférencière invitée de 2020 est Tara Mastracci, MD, MSc, FRCS(C), FACS, directrice clinique de chirurgie vasculaire et chef clinique, chirurgie aortique complexe, à l'hôpital Royal Free Hospital de Londres, au Royaume Uni. La Dre Mastracci a été choisie comme lauréate du Prix de conférencier invité en chirurgie Harry S. Morton 2020 du Collège royal.

Cette période de début d'année s'avère toujours un excellent moment de renouveler votre adhésion à la SCCV : les factures électroniques ont été acheminées et je vous encourage à renouveler votre adhésion sans tarder. Les activités de votre Société reposent sur votre soutien précieux.

Les comités de la SCCV poursuivent leurs activités dans divers projets. Le Groupe canadien de recherche en chirurgie vasculaire entreprend un deuxième projet visant à comparer les résultats suite à une réparation chirurgicale ouverte ou endovasculaire de l'AAA juxtarénal/à collet court. Le Comité de la formation a planifié le programme et choisi les conférenciers de la séance de FMC d'une demi-journée lors de l'Assemblée annuelle de la SCCV et soumis au Collège royal une demande de maintenir le statut de fournisseur agréé de la SCCV. Les membres qui souhaitent obtenir des crédits de section 3 sont priés de compléter l'autoévaluation SKILL de la SCCV en ligne. Les instructions à savoir comment accéder au programme sont jointes à cette infolettre.

Le Comité de la qualité et des résultats de la SCCV, présidé par le Dr Graham Roche-Nagle, prévoit partager des observations en matière de suivi de la qualité. Par ailleurs, plusieurs membres de la SCCV participent à l'élaboration de directives liées aux maladies veineuses, à la maladie carotidienne et aux laboratoires de médecine vasculaire. Enfin, nous poursuivrons notre implication aux activités de la campagne « Choisir avec soin ».

J'encourage les membres à assister au Symposium vasculaire et endovasculaire de Winnipeg, du 23 au 25 avril, ainsi qu'au National Capital Vascular Symposium le 10 mai à Ottawa, qui offrent tous deux des programmes exceptionnels d'une grande valeur éducative pour tous les chirurgiens vasculaires et stagiaires canadiens. Les liens vers ces événements sont affichés sur le site Web de la SCCV et à la section « Événements à venir » de cette infolettre.

Merci de votre soutien continu envers la Société canadienne de chirurgie vasculaire. Je vous souhaite encore une fois une année 2020 comblée de bonheur, santé et prospérité.

Keith Baxter, MD, FRCSC
Président, SCCV

Save the Date! 2020 CSVS Annual Meeting on Vascular Surgery

The 2020 CSVS Annual Meeting will be held in St. John's NL September 10-12 at the Delta St. John's Hotel. New for 2020 is a half-day clinical program that will take place on Thursday, September 10th. Please visit the CSVS website for information on Abstracts and Awards and to view updates on the Annual Meeting program.

CSVS 2020 Membership Dues/Cotisations SCCV 2020

Dues invoices have been distributed electronically to CSVS members and you can pay quickly, securely and easily with the online option that appears on your invoice. Please pay your 2020 membership dues by February 28th. Dues may also be paid by mail with a cheque or by calling the CSVS office with a credit card.

CSVS SKILL - Presenting an online technical skills coaching program that satisfies members' needs for strategies to improve their technical performance and also provides an opportunity to accumulate category 3 credits. The program will rely heavily on self-reflection prompted by readings structured around the book SKILL, by Dr. Christopher Ahmad (Lead Player Publishing, 2015).

GET STARTED!

1. Log in to the [CSVS SKILL SAP Chapter Summaries and Questions](#) page with the email associated with your membership and your password.
2. Open the Chapter section. Read the summary and self-reflection questions.
3. Download the self-reflection template for that chapter and fill in your answers. Save the file.
4. Using the link on the page, submit your chapter answers online. (You will be asked to upload your answers in this step).
5. If you forgot your password, you can [reset your password using this link](#).

Short Neck/Juxta Renal Aneurysm Trial

As per discussion at the annual meeting, representatives from all centres who made contact with me have been given packages with the protocol and IRB approval. Most sites are currently undergoing approval and some have started recruiting patients for the short neck aneurysm trial. If you missed the meeting or did not get a chance to see me and you are interested in becoming involved in this study please contact me for further details at heather.gill@mcgill.ca. The protocol is simple with relatively easy follow up. We are hoping to have as wide a sample as possible.

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Thank you,

Heather Gill, MD, FRCSC
Chair, CSVS Research Committee

CBD -For information: Approved specialty-specific documents for Vascular Surgery

Vascular Surgery is slated to implement Competence by Design (CBD) on July 1, 2020 and the documents are now being officially disseminated:

- Vascular Surgery Competencies

- Vascular Surgery Training Experiences
- Standards of Accreditation for Residency Programs in Vascular Surgery

Accessing the national standards and corresponding Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) and Pathway to Competence documents

The new national standards documents are finalized and available on the Royal College website in both English and French. To access the documents, select the applicable discipline from the drop-down menu on the [Information by Discipline](#) page.

Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) and Pathway to Competence documents will be accessible through the Royal College's ePortfolio system (or through other electronic portfolio systems that are in use at some universities). To view discipline-specific EPAs or Pathways through the Royal College website, click the "Request a Copy" link on the relevant [Information by Discipline](#) page.

Applicability of standards

The Royal College does not change national standards midway through a resident's training; when new standards are implemented, they are applicable to the next cohort of residents. Therefore, new national standards reflecting CBD will be posted on the Royal College website alongside previous standards that are still relevant to applicable cohorts. The CBD national standards documents will be clearly labelled as applying to residents who begin training on or after July 1, 2020, while the Objectives of Training (OTRs) and Specialty Training Requirements (STRs) documents will remain easily accessible for residents who began training before July 1, 2020.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Stewart, MHS, manager, Specialty Standards, Specialties Unit, at 1-800-668-3740, ext. 182, or by email at specialtycommittees@royalcollege.ca.

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RCPSC MOC [Tip of the Month](#)

Click on the link above for MOC tips on self-assessment and how to earn section 1, 2 and 3 credits.

Upcoming Events

AIVS 2020 conference - March 7-14 Whistler BC
<https://www.aivs2020.com>

24th European Vascular Course

March 22-24, 2020

Maastricht, the Netherlands

Winnipeg Vascular & Endovascular Symposium

April 23 - 25, 2020

The Fairmont Hotel, Winnipeg MB

For more Information: E-mail: [Pam Pruden](mailto:Pam.Pruden)

Charing Cross Symposium 2020

April 21-23, 2020

Olympia Grand, London UK

2020 National Capital Vascular Symposium: Peripheral Vascular Disease

Saturday, May 9, 2020

The Westin Hotel, Ottawa ON

[Job Postings](#)

Please check the [Careers](#) section of the CSVS website to view job postings.