

## Update regarding CPD points during the COVID-19 pandemic

Dear All,

We hope that you are all keeping safe and well during these difficult times. There have been some drastic changes over the last weeks and months to our day to day working life and as a result less opportunities for professional development and acquiring CPD points:

1. Major events such as the Charing Cross Symposium, the Venous Forum and other face to face training have been cancelled
2. Many may be redeployed into other areas of work
3. Those in high risk groups may be isolating at home with little access to development opportunities.

In light of these changes the CPD team wants to ensure that no one is unfairly penalised for a lack of CPD activity. We will be offering CPD points in a similar way to maternity/ paternity leave.

In order to maintain AVS accreditation members are required to maintain a 30point rolling average over a 3 year period ie.10 points per annum. We will be offering all AVS members pro-rata points each month during the pandemic from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2020 onwards. This should be approx. 0.83 points per month (10 points / 12month period). The final CPD exemption certificate will be sent out when we know more about when routine imaging is expected to resume. This will be before the end of this membership year (the 31st of August 2020).

If you are struggling with points we would encourage you to complete the recently released CPD Questions and please get in touch if you have any further questions or concerns (cpd.avs@svtgbi.org.uk).

All the best,

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