



THE SOCIETY FOR  
VASCULAR TECHNOLOGY OF  
GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

## SVT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018 13.00-16:00

Peggy Turner Room, The Great Hall

St Bartholomew's Hospital, West Smithfield, London EC1A 7BE

<b>Attended</b>	Chair: Naavalah Ngwa-Ndifor (NN) Asif Dilshad (AD), Coleen Franco (CF), Heather Griffiths (HG), Laura Haworth (LH), Hannah Lines (HL), Ming Yeung (MY)
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<b>Actions</b>	<b>By whom</b>
Ask Past President HD for minutes from Departmental Heads Meeting to be circulated	NN
Feedback thoughts on Surgeons Vascular Ultrasound Training and other Exec items	NN
Enquire about cost of ASM running over 2 days	NN
Respond to members about CPD and make necessary changes	HG
Respond to members about practical exam	CF
Update accreditation document	HG / HL / CF
Appoint rep for NSCHS apprenticeships meetings	NN
Get exam certificates signed	NN
Send blanket email to members requesting examiners	CF
Trainee competition / crossword	LH / AB
Send document on item writing	NN
Discuss 2 day training course and upper limb workshop	NN / DV / ADi
Arrange item writing workshop	MY / SC



	<p>information to labs dependent on room availability.</p> <p>BMUS: EW to ask next BMUS meeting for a discounted rate for our members of for SVT to receive part of the registration fee in recognition of the work done.</p> <p>Circulation Foundation: HD (past pres) will be writing patient information sheets for the Circulation Foundation website on vascular ultrasound and ABPIs/treadmill testing. HD will also be doing the Great North Run on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September for the CF (possibly with Teresa Robinson). HD will also be newsletter editor (2 per year).</p> <p>AOB: National School was to undergo restructuring. 30 Strategy review groups would be created in each speciality. It was thought vascular would be one of these. Each SRG could appoint as many members as it required but that in recognition of the work that HCS had done at the school in curriculum development, writing OSFA's etc., that chair of each group would be paid for 5-25 days per year. SC also advised the committee that clinical scientists were amongst the first wave of professions to be considered for supply and administration of medicines under Patient Group Directives. Awaiting a decision from the government.</p> <p>Venous terminology: The committee had been asked on its position regarding venous terminology. SFV being referred to as femoral vein and using terms greater and small saphenous veins. HD advised that these terms had been voted for by venous forum and therefore committee decided to advise members to adopt these terms. PSC to add to professional guidelines.</p> <p>Find out who queried these terms. Does it require wider consultation? <b>ACTION</b></p> <p>Surgeon's Training: The committee was advised that the trainee's curriculum required them to be able to perform ABPI and waveforms, measure an AAA, use ultrasound to assess acute lower limb ischaemia and assess superficial varicose veins. SC stated that we would be teaching limited scanning and not full duplex scanning and referral to vascular labs for this was expected. Training would involve a 2-day course followed by work place based training. Assessment would be undertaken using formative and summative assessments and viva voce. Discussion centred on trainees using colour duplex to assess for truncal incompetence. Exec committee felt that this could not be taught in isolation and would require teaching of deep veins too. Trainees would not be able to achieve competence for full venous duplex scanning in the time available for teaching. Therefore, it was decided that trainees would therefore be taught to image superficial veins in B-mode for vein mapping and RFA. SC to amend documents. A member of the education committee had raised a number of concerns around training placements. NN advised that the documents stated that the trainee must arrange a placement before embarking on the course and this was a condition of commencement. Concerns were also raised about trainees not attending sessions that had been planned. The committee was advised that a learning agreement had to be signed by all parties including the trainee's consultant to release them for training. SM stated that it would be important to consult the membership as to whether they could support training. SC to contact wider membership now the committee had agreed the training plan. SC sent course overview and aims to Professor Chetter and Andrew Garnham from the VS council and Nikesh Dattani from the Rouleaux club.</p>	<p>NN</p>
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4.	<b>Website</b>  Steve has updated it so cannot submit if any questions are missing.	NN for AD
5.	<b>CPD</b>  CPD update attached separately.  - Agreed to award 5 points to IQIPS Assessors for each Trust they assessed rather than each visit. Feedback to member. <b>ACTION</b>  - Removed “Mastering a New Vascular Ultrasound Scanning Domain” as has been found to be rather ambiguous and rarely used. To be replaced with caveat that for anything else they consider may be worth of CPD points candidates are invited to submit reflective practice. Developing a service can be used to claim CPD points. MY to provide an example. <b>ACTION</b>  - Agreed on 5 points to be awarded to Edward Jenner NHS Leadership course. Feedback to member. <b>ACTION</b>  - Practical exam officer to provide spreadsheet of accredited vascular scientists from 2015-2016 to ensure AVS members are accurately recorded online. <b>ACTION</b>  - Exemptions for carers leave to be considered as and when.  → Proposed changes to the Accreditation document written in 2015:  - Will use “Accredited Vascular Scientist” (AVS) and “Vascular Ultrasound Practitioners” to encompass vascular scientists/vascular sonographers/STP trainees etc. and clarification of this term will be provided in the document. Check with Exec for any other suggested title otherwise fine. <b>ACTION</b> - Currently says “support and guidance from an experience AVS” however we acknowledge this is not always possible and therefore changing wording to “preferably from an experience AVS”. <b>ACTION</b> - Clarify specification for significant arterial disease when it comes to practical exams. <b>ACTION</b> - Section on theory exam will need to be amended to represent new theory exam format. Send provisional ARDMS link to MY/SM/HL/HG. <b>ACTION</b>  - Need to add statement regarding maternity/paternity leave to 5-year theory exam window: “Extensions for maternity/paternity leave may be granted for a maximum of 12 months. Extensions will be considered on a case by case basis.” <b>ACTION</b> - Minor amendments, layout changes, removal of repetition and clarification required however progressing well.  To be updated 2-yearly.	HG/HL   HG  HG/MY  HG  CF   NN  HL  NN  HL  HL



	<p>- CF off email for one week until 8<sup>th</sup> May. Still to send blanket emails to examiners rather than trying to choose by location. Will do so when her email address is working again. <b>ACTION</b></p> <p>- New certificates all done and ready for signatures. NN to take to Exec meeting for NN and SC to sign. <b>ACTION</b></p>	<p>CF</p> <p>NN</p>
10.	<p><b>Theory Exam</b></p> <p>MY has 100 questions in the pending list which she would like to sign off however needs to see the item writing documents in order to understand criteria. NN to send documents to MY/SM/CD (to be forwarded on to Education committee members if necessary). <b>ACTION</b></p> <p>Update from Inteleos</p> <p>- Timing for the exam will be a full 160 minutes with NDA performed in advance.</p> <p>- Special accommodations arranged.</p> <p>Previous dates for next exams: SVTGBI opens candidate registration on 1<sup>st</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018. Data file sent to Inteleos by 4<sup>th</sup> April (if candidates are <u>not</u> registering through our portal). Pearson scheduling is 10<sup>th</sup> April – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018. Test window is 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018.</p> <p><b>New dates for next exams:</b> <b>SVTGBI opens candidate registration on 1<sup>st</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018.</b> <b>Pearson scheduling is 1<sup>st</sup> May – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018.</b> <b>Test window is 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018.</b></p> <p>Results out after 60 days. Disappointing however exam fees will remain at £100 until running smoothly. Would like to have dates for the next 2 sessions in advance though cannot do so until this one is complete. Will need to monitor this.</p> <p>Item writing workshop: New dates will need to be suggested. <b>ACTION</b> Need to reach out to heads of service. <b>ACTION</b> Suggestion to reach out to Society of Radiographer item writers can give them CPD points. HG knows some physicists who would be happy to help.</p> <p>Update on query regarding maternity leave for theory exam: Candidate was granted an extension and update to document to be made.</p>	<p>MY/ NN</p> <p>NN</p> <p>MY/SC MY/SC</p>
11.	<p><b>A.O.B</b></p> <p>Surgeon's Training Draft documents attached: course structure and overview, aims and objectives, and formative assessment. Rouleaux Club survey has still not been distributed. Nikesh at the Rouleaux Club</p>	

	<p>to chase this.</p> <p>Reluctant to invest too much time without having an idea of numbers. Still some discrepancies as to what they want and what we are willing to provide.</p> <p>Can either do just a 2-day introductory course or do 2-day introductory course <i>and</i> the course as outlined in the draft documents.</p> <p>Course is not all that different to the original surgeons course; may be wise to consult those who previous designed the course to get feedback on successes and shortfalls.</p> <p>We need to be wary that of the possibility that surgeons will be using this to claim competence as a course provided by the SVT will potentially hold more weight than other organisations offering a 2 day course.</p> <p>Also important to emphasise introductory nature of 2 day course.</p> <p>Again for formative examination OSFA/OSCE style assessment to ensure the same level and remove pressure on individual assessors potentially marking their bosses. May also generate some money for the SVT.</p> <p>Would like to have more Education Committee involvement in this project.</p> <p>Feedback to Exec Committee. <b>ACTION</b></p> <p>Trainee competition and crossword for Spring newsletter: <b>ACTION</b></p>	<p>NN</p> <p>LH/AB</p>
	<p><b>Next Meetings Dates:</b></p> <p>Friday:</p> <p>15<sup>th</sup> June 2018</p> <p>21<sup>st</sup> September 2018</p>	