



THE SOCIETY FOR  
VASCULAR TECHNOLOGY OF  
GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

# **The Vascular Societies' Annual Scientific Meeting 2023**

In conjunction with the Vascular Society of Great Britain and Ireland, the British Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in limb Absence Rehabilitation, the Society of Vascular Nurses and the Society for Vascular Technology of Great Britain and Ireland.

**22nd - 24th November 2023 | Convention Centre Dublin**

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### **SVT Meeting Report**

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22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

The Convention Centre Dublin

### Delegate evaluation

91 delegates completed the online evaluation which was sent electronically. Once delegates completed the evaluation certificates of attendance were issued.

### Evaluation results

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023**

Question	Response	Count	%
EVAR endoleak imaging	Poor	2	2.47
	Below Average	3	3.70
	Average	11	13.58
	Good	34	41.98
	Excellent	31	38.27
Pedal Vessel imaging	Poor	1	1.20
	Below Average	1	1.20
	Average	6	7.23
	Good	22	26.51
	Excellent	53	63.86
3-D Ultrasound	Poor	1	1.25
	Below Average	4	5.00
	Average	16	20.00
	Good	28	35.00
	Excellent	31	38.75
Advances in technology	Poor	0	0
	Below Average	0	0
	Average	10	12.20
	Good	34	41.46
	Excellent	38	46.34
Advances in vascular imaging technology, Siemens Practical skills session	Poor	0	0
	Below Average	1	1.30
	Average	17	22.08
	Good	35	45.45
	Excellent	24	31.17
Carotid Imaging	Poor	0	0
	Below Average	0	0
	Average	10	12.50
	Good	34	42.50
	Excellent	36	45.00

Vice President Session - Diabetic Foot	Poor	0	0
	Below Average	1	1.23
	Average	7	8.64
	Good	29	35.80
	Excellent	44	54.32
Joint Symposium – ‘The Ideal Amputation/amputee’	Poor	1	1.28
	Below Average	6	7.69
	Average	10	12.82
	Good	33	42.31
	Excellent	28	35.90
Options for the advanced skills workshop are to either have a small number of delegates with hands-on training rotating around the stations similar to a study-day, or an open session for all delegates with opportunities to view various stations while also networking with colleagues. How would you prefer to see this session run next year?	Open session with a mix of practical demonstrations and networking opportunity	40	48.19
	Same as this year	26	31.33
	Small group ‘study-day’ session (30 delegates max)	40	44.44

#### Workshop feedback comments:

- Brill all round
- EVAR presentation could have had more content re scanning techniques as well as interpretation
- Excellent
- Excellent organisation having Siemens team demonstrate equipment and hands on practical skills and knowledge gained through expert teaching from the organisers from Dublin
- Excellent session. Very well organised
- Fantastic to have some patients in attendance who were willing to be scanned. Really great organisation
- Generally good
- Good to have live patients to scan in workshop
- Good variety
- Great lectures and workshop. All very good knowledgeable speakers
- Great people interacting with the delegates
- Great set up and enjoyable hands on session. Unfortunate that the EVAR patient wasn't there
- Great to get hands on experience especially for junior staff
- Great to have real patients to scan and the ultrasound make and model I haven't used for a while
- I was disappointed the advertised Temporal Artery workshop did not take place
- It was great to have patients with pedal bypasses willing to be scanned. It reinforced what was taught during the Pedal Imaging Talk
- It would have been useful to have some patients with endoleaks, I can appreciate this may be tricky to arrange though
- It would have perhaps been more useful for the workshop to have been a bit more structured
- Lacked focus
- More hands on/demonstration would have added to an already great workshop

- Needed to be more structured. Session felt like a large number of people with only a limited number of ultrasound machines and the operators mostly just talking to a limited group right near the machine
- Needs more hands-on sessions
- Overall it was okay. Thank you
- Perhaps the refreshments could have been served in a separate area to the clinical skills as the room was very busy and warm
- Really great session. Well organised and informative
- Technical problems with slide images / videos. Slido did not work consistently. No Endoleak patients available for the practical skills workshop
- The workshop had multiple stations for hands-on imaging, so although there was a queue at each, the wait time was minimal. The 3D stations were interesting, however were probably not entirely relevant to many scientists for their daily practice.
- Too casual
- Too many people for too few machines
- Useful topics. Good speakers and content
- Very good
- Very good presentations and very well organised
- Very good. Special thanks to the students who volunteered
- Would have preferred more structured hands-on training than the “open” style

#### **Which topics would you like covered in the Advanced Skills Workshop?**

- Advanced DVTs SVT scanning following anticoagulation in acute chronic and PTS in iliacs femoral popliteal and calf veins
- AV fistula Mesenteric
- AV Fistula, unusual cases
- AVF surveillance
- AVF surveillance scan
- Carotid stents
- Carotid, AAA, VEINS
- CEUS
- CEUS of inflammation
- Complex Varicose veins
- contrast enhanced ultrasound, 3D ultrasound, TCD, renal scanning, fistula scanning
- Difficult/obese AAA scanning, AV fistula scanning
- EVAR imaging
- FEVAR/IBE
- renal artery imaging
- fistulas
- fistulas
- fistulas
- Fistulas. Contrast Enhanced Ultrasound on a Model (not a patient)
- GCA scanning
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- It would be good to see some 3D on patients with disease
- Knobology
- Lumps and bumps
- median arcuate ligament MALS
- Mesenteric/renal/hepatic
- Pedal artery scanning: foot and/or small vessel scanning
- RAS, TCD, VIS
- Renal & liver Doppler
- Renal arteries
- Renal artery scanning
- Renal artery scanning

- Renal vessel imaging, AVF/upper limb/AVG, Aortic branches/mesenteric vessel imaging
  - Renal vessels. Dialysis access
  - Renal, fistulas
  - Renal, splenic arteries
  - Renal/ visceral artery, Trans-cranial imaging
  - Renals - arteries and veins. General mesenterics
  - Scanning for temporal arteritis / GCA. Upper limb - thoracic outlet entrapment.
  - Lower limb- popliteal entrapment.
  - Small hands on training more effective if possible as open sessions leads to everyone "networking" for too long which can be done at lunch time/other times.
- Topics: Temporal Arteritis scanning
- TCD
  - Tcd duplex
  - Tcd duplex. Tibial arterial duplex. Contrast
  - Temporal arteries
  - TOS
  - Trans cranial Doppler
  - TV scanning. Carotid Web. Malformations
  - Volume of the Aortic sac

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Recently Completed Study Abstract Presentations	<i>Poor</i>	0	0
	<i>Below Average</i>	0	0
	<i>Average</i>	13	15.29
	<i>Good</i>	34	40.00
	<i>Excellent</i>	38	44.71
Invited Speaker: Ben Warner-Michel	<i>Poor</i>	0	0
	<i>Below Average</i>	0	0
	<i>Average</i>	8	9.52
	<i>Good</i>	31	36.90
	<i>Excellent</i>	45	53.57
Scientific & Case Study Abstract Presentations	<i>Poor</i>	0	0
	<i>Below Average</i>	0	0
	<i>Average</i>	12	13.95
	<i>Good</i>	28	32.56
	<i>Excellent</i>	46	53.49
Keynote speakers - Physiological Sciences/Vascular Education in Ireland	<i>Poor</i>	1	1.22
	<i>Below Average</i>	2	2.44
	<i>Average</i>	13	15.85
	<i>Good</i>	34	41.46
	<i>Excellent</i>	32	39.02
Keynote speakers - Direction of Healthcare Science Education in the UK	<i>Poor</i>	1	1.23
	<i>Below Average</i>	4	4.94
	<i>Average</i>	20	24.69
	<i>Good</i>	29	35.80
	<i>Excellent</i>	27	33.33
	<i>Poor</i>	0	0

The Great Debate: "Should Vascular Scientists adopt Advanced/Extended Practice?"	<i>Below Average</i>	3	3.53
	<i>Average</i>	12	14.12
	<i>Good</i>	25	29.41
	<i>Excellent</i>	45	52.94
Jackie Walton Lecture	<i>Poor</i>	0	0
	<i>Below Average</i>	0	0
	<i>Average</i>	11	13.41
	<i>Good</i>	31	37.80
	<i>Excellent</i>	40	48.78
SVT GB&I AGM	<i>Poor</i>	1	2.56
	<i>Below Average</i>	0	0
	<i>Average</i>	21	26.92
	<i>Good</i>	30	38.46
	<i>Excellent</i>	25	32.05
Trainee Breakout Session	<i>Poor</i>	1	1.61
	<i>Below Average</i>	3	4.84
	<i>Average</i>	18	29.03
	<i>Good</i>	16	25.81
	<i>Excellent</i>	24	38.71

#### **What areas of clinical practice would you like covered in future years:**

- Advice and guidance on how to develop the role of a vascular scientist going forward, developing the role to prevent individuals leaving the profession when they get to a certain stage of their career. This could be talks on things such as the HSST and how to get into this, what the HSST involves, etc. Additional talks on how to get into research within a department who doesn't do much research, how to increase the scope of practice of departments to introduce more specialist scans, with individuals giving presentations on how they actually went about setting up services rather than just talking about what they are doing now
- Artificial Intelligence
- AVF surveillance
- AVFs, AVMs and lower/ upper limb grafts
- Bread and butter stuff
- Continued update on the extension of advanced practise for CVS
- DVTs
- EVAR, AI, 3D & 4D imaging
- Evidence based practices, changes, relevance to today
- Fistula imaging
- Fistulas
- GCA Workshops
- Kidney scans
- Malformations
- More on extended practice. More input form clinicians on how our scans impact decision making and outcomes
- Pelvic veins
- Professional issues and governance
- professional issues, lessons learned from complaints etc
- Recent NICE guideline changes inc rationale
- renal/fistulas
- RFA of Varicose Vein

- RSI issues
- TOS, popliteal entrapment
- Training/education
- Veins
- Venous Studies
- Volume of aortic sac

**Further general questions:**

Question	Response	Count	%
Usefulness of this event to my practice	Poor	0	0
	Below Average	0	0
	Average	9	10.23
	Good	32	36.36
	Excellent	47	53.41
Conference App	Poor	1	1.16
	Below Average	9	10.47
	Average	17	19.77
	Good	23	26.74
	Excellent	36	41.86
Quality of audio visual	Poor	0	0
	Below Average	2	2.35
	Average	8	9.41
	Good	23	27.06
	Excellent	52	61.18
Quality of exhibition	Poor	1	1.19
	Below Average	2	2.38
	Average	13	15.48
	Good	33	39.29
	Excellent	35	41.67
Quality of venue	Poor	0	0
	Below Average	0	0
	Average	3	3.41
	Good	24	27.27
	Excellent	61	69.32
Location - Dublin	Poor	0	0
	Below Average	1	1.15
	Average	9	10.34
	Good	27	31.03
	Excellent	50	57.47
Quality of lunch and refreshments	Poor	0	0
	Below Average	2	2.27
	Average	13	14.77
	Good	29	32.95
	Excellent	44	50.00
Vascular Society Gala Dinner - Guinness Storehouse	Poor	3	4.69
	Below Average	3	4.69
	Average	12	18.75

	Good	13	20.31
	Excellent	33	51.56
Online registration process	Poor	0	0
	Below Average	1	1.15
	Average	13	14.94
	Good	21	24.14
	Excellent	52	59.77
Onsite registration desk	Poor	0	0
	Below Average	0	0
	Average	9	10.47
	Good	20	23.26
	Excellent	57	66.28
Overall conference organisation	Poor	0	0
	Below Average	0	0
	Average	6	6.98
	Good	21	24.42
	Excellent	59	68.60

#### SVT further comments:

- All speakers should receive a free day ticket
- An excellent conference, really well organised with fantastic speakers. Particularly enjoyed Dr Wing Kong's talk
- Better selection of scientific presentation and completed project. Time to move away from the same year on year 3D ultrasound presentation with little or no development in SVT presentations
- Does the great debate achieve anything? I think people had different ideas on what advanced practice is. What about a lecture on latest developments in ultrasound research or something
- Dublin Conference Centre venue was very good indeed except the accommodation was very expensive
- Excellent conference. thanks for organising
- Excellent food!
- Excellent overall meeting
- Excellent talks and speakers this year
- Excellent venue and food
- Great venue and staff
- Great venue, would definitely attend if it was held in Dublin again. Slido didn't work well sadly
- I found it extremely frustrating to be involved in organising and presenting in the trainee breakout and not to have my conference ticket price covered by the SVT when other presenters had theirs covered. It seems very unfair
- I really enjoyed the conference. All presentations were of an extremely high quality and reflected the importance of the work we do
- I think that sessions that are voted upon (recently completed projects and abstract/case study session) should be carried out in the late morning or afternoon, this would hopefully avoid people coming in through the talks and also ensure there is an even number of people throughout the session to cast votes
- I would like to see more applied Research
- Interesting presentations. Excellent venue
- International speakers
- It would be amazing if there was away for presentations to be streamed so that those covering clinical services are also able to listen back at the conference content
- Lovely conference venue, but it did make it difficult to travel to for one day when needing to cover clinical services. 8.30am start on the second day caught quite a few people unaware,



meaning multiple people were showing up mid-way through the earlier talks during the recently completed abstract session

- Thank you for organising such an informative event. Thank you for thinking of our safety and organising appropriate transport!
- Thought the conference was very successful despite riots on Thursday evening. Conference facility was excellent and location was quicker and easier to get to than Brighton! Really good atmosphere and quality of scientific meeting. Well done organisers!
- Very well run, thank you
- We have lost some personal interaction due to the addition of technology- I personally miss the friendliness of historical conferences
- Would like discussions on Staff retention via career progression