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**Paper:** Summer 2023 CPD Questions

### **Personal Reflection:**

#### Description of the Learning

These articles provided insight into a different technique to assess lower limb arterial disease in the diabetic population, and the management of giant cell arteritis.

#### Evaluation

These papers were very interesting to read. The first paper outlined a different way to assess the health of the lower limb arteries in diabetic patients. This group of patients is very high risk for developing severe arterial disease so require very careful follow up. Any techniques that improve the management of these patients is certainly worth further investigation. However, the technique does require further evaluation.

The second paper presented a comprehensive overview of giant cell arteritis, a rare condition that we do not see frequently so it was helpful to read the latest updated on this condition.

#### Conclusion

Patients benefit from being scanned by a competent Vascular Scientist whose knowledge extends beyond purely performing their scan and reading further papers such as these only helps to increase understanding of the pathologies that AVS are aiming to diagnose. In time, novel measurements such as that presented in Paper 1 may be incorporated into clinical practise.