

Dear Members

Could I please draw your attention to the following items:

ACCEA applications:

I would like to draw your attention to the ACCEA timetable for 2021 as it is different and earlier than previous years. The ACCEA is already open and accepting recommendations. There is a new simplified application process. Consultants can apply for new national awards and for renewals due in 2021 (including those who were due for renewal this year). The ACCEA are particularly looking for applications from female and BAME consultants who are underrepresented as a proportion of the total applicants. The latest guidance can be found on the GOV.UK website.

Applications close on Thursday 18th March. Therefore, if you wish the VS to support your application and provide a citation, we will need to have your application for review by 31st January. Please send these to me at secretary@vascularsociety.org.uk

Workforce survey:

The workforce survey 2020 is still live. If you haven't yet completed it, please do so. This survey will help us understand the issues our membership face. The more responses we get, the more powerful the message.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/P28YD88>

ESVS

Are you aware that you can get your ESVS membership at a discounted rate through the website? 120 of you are ESVS members but only 10 use the discounted option. ESVS membership gives you free access to the on line EJVES and the new ESVS e-library as well as ESVS mastercl@ss events. Full membership is 105 euro and trainee membership is 42 euro through the members area of the VS website which can be found

https://www.vascularsociety.org.uk/members/subscription_payments/default.aspx

A message from the Vascular James Lind Alliance – the JLA Survey – Are your unit's patients represented?

Thank you to everyone who has already helped to promote the Vascular James Lind Alliance survey. We still need your help to ensure the survey involves as many vascular patients as possible.

Please can you help to ensure your Vascular unit and your patients are represented by helping to promote the research prioritisation second round survey to your vascular patients and carers.

Patients with **any** vascular condition are invited to rate a list of proposed research questions, based on what is important to them. These questions were generated by patients and carers themselves in an earlier round of survey. They have been analysed, summarised and duplication removed, in preparation for this prioritisation round of survey.

What can you do to help? There are lots of ways you can help.

Share the survey:

Encourage your patients, their carers and families to complete and share electronic link:https://york.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cGwmNoLad24MPe5

A paper version and promotional materials can be downloaded directly from the project website:<https://www.hyms.ac.uk/research/vascular-ppsp> or you can email Judith.long@hey.nhs.uk to request a pack.

1. **In a rush and want to help?** Ctrl + click to send one of these tweets:

[It's here! Your chance to influence research in vascular Vascular patients and carers help to prioritise future research](#)

Encourage followers to share with 'please RT', tag your participating organisation such as @VSGBI @vascularnurses @svtgbi @VascResearchNet @BACPAR_official @BSIR_News

2. **Post this message in relevant on-line forums and support groups:**

The Vascular Research Priority Setting Partnership wants to hear from vascular patients, carers and family members. This is your chance to help inform future research so that it focuses on what matters most to those accessing vascular services. Complete the survey at: [Vascular Research Priorities Survey](#)

3. **Use our posters and hard copies of the survey:**

On our website, we have downloadable versions of posters and copies of the survey, that can be sent to us via email or post:<https://www.hyms.ac.uk/research/vascular-ppsp>

The success of this project absolutely depends on the involvement of all UK vascular units and vascular specialists in helping us to reach as many different vascular patients as possible. We really appreciate your help.

The JLA thank you for your support.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Covid free and prosperous New Year.

**Sophie Renton
Honorary Secretary**

HAPPY CHRISTMAS



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