



AMERICAN VENOUS FORUM
FOUNDATION

Funding the Future of Venous Care

Celebrating 25 Years of Dedication to Venous & Lymphatic Health

“Accolades”

AVFF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

Overview

The American Venous Forum Foundation (AVFF) is a 501 (c)(3) founded in 1987 to support the initiatives of the American Venous Forum (AVF). The AVFF and AVF foster cutting edge research and clinical innovation to educate health care professionals, patients and policy makers about venous and lymphatic diseases. AVF's leadership and membership are recognized internationally as thought leaders, expert investigators and clinicians in improving the care of patients with venous and lymphatic disease.

Mission Statement

"The Mission of the American Venous Forum is to improve the care of patients with venous and lymphatic disorders by providing a forum dedicated to the clinical practice and education and to the exchange of information concerning basic and clinical research pertaining to the venous and lymphatic systems."

Educational Programs

Fellows Courses In Venous Disease

The Fellows Course is presented in spring and fall each year and provides a high quality, interactive, hands-on experience. The course, developed in 2007, is designed to educate vascular surgery and interventional radiology fellows about the management of venous disease.

- Venous curriculum developed in conjunction with the Association of Program Directors in Vascular Surgery
- Greater than 250 attendees (40 attendees per course)
- 58 faculty members: 3 to 1 student ratio
- 2011 – developed standardized presentations
- Six (6) Industry workshops at each course

The Vein Forum: A Comprehensive Hands-On Course For Practicing Clinicians

The Vein Forum was developed in 2010 as an ACCME accredited in-depth course for practicing clinicians in the fields of vascular surgery, interventional radiology, phlebology, interventional cardiology and hematology. The course size is limited to give an intimate setting between faculty and attendee. Over the last three years:

- 114 attendees (50-60 attendees max per course)
- 38 faculty members: 3 to 1 student ratio
- 2011 – developed standardized presentations
- 2012 – MOC CME Level 2 accreditation

25th Silver Anniversary Annual Meeting

The AVF has been a long standing leader in education and research promoting venous and lymphatic health. This year we celebrate 25 years of hard work and dedication!

- 42% Growth in attendance in the last year
- Exhibitor participation - up 38% in the last two years
- 2013 - largest abstract submission in AVF history
- Specialty Symposia developed 2012
- David S. Sumner Venous Summit post graduate course offering MOC Level 2 credits

Research

American Venous Registry

The American Venous Registry (AVR) was developed in 2009 as the only online, nationwide registry dedicated to venous disease. The registry is the largest database of venous procedures in the world with greater than 10,000 procedures.

REGISTRY PROGRAMS

- Varicose Veins – 68 sites with 6310 patients
- Venous Stent – 21 sites with 2284 patients
- IVC Filters – 30 sites with 1625 patients

PUBLICATIONS:

- Varicose Vein Annual Report 2011
- Varicose Vein Annual Report 2012
- IVC Filter Annual Report 2012
- Venous Stent Annual Report (June 2013)

Practice Resources

Collaboration in the Journal of Vascular Surgery – Venous and Lymphatic Disorders

Educational Brochures

- Chronic Venous Insufficiency
- Varicose Veins and Spider Veins
- Venous Thromboembolism
- Deep Vein Thrombosis

Handbook of Venous Disorders

Layman's Handbook of Venous Disorders

AVF Survey of Thromboembolism

Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) Pathophysiology

Collaboration with other societies writing Clinical Guidelines

Established a repository of reference and landmark articles

National Venous Screening Program

Seven years ago the National Venous Screening Program (NVSP) for Venous Disease was created to heighten the level of national awareness about venous problems similar to that for heart disease and arterial vascular disease.

PROGRAMS DEVELOPED (online downloadable):

- DVT Risk Assessment Program
- Comprehensive Venous Screening
- Online Public Venous Screening
- Screening Consultation Services

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 2008-2009 Illinois state medical society screening – pilot program
- 2008-2009 Primary care provider screening at PRIMED meetings
- 2009 Aster Award for excellence in medical marketing
- 2010-2011 Grant – Hospital based VTE risk assessment screening – Expansion of live VTE risk screenings at several sites across United States
- 2010-2011 Partnership with American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP) – Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Prophylaxis Performance Improvement Tool Project

Publications

- Early thrombus removal strategies for acute deep venous thrombosis: clinical practice guidelines of the Society for Vascular Surgery and the American Venous Forum. *J Vasc Surg* 55(5):1449-62, 2012 May
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Upcoming Presentations (Abstracts available online)

- American Venous Registry - The First National Registry For The Treatment Of Varicose Veins. *Abstract submitted - AVF Annual Meeting 2013*
- Management Trends For Chronic Venous Insufficiency Across The United States: A Report From The American Venous Registry. *Abstract submitted - AVF Annual Meeting 2013*
- Compression Therapy and the National Venous. *Abstract submitted - AVF Annual Meeting 2013*
- Use Of Compression Therapy In Patients With Chronic Venous Insufficiency Undergoing Ablation Therapy: A Report From The American Venous Registry. *Abstract submitted - AVF Annual Meeting 2013*



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Contributions in any amount are welcomed to support the mission and efforts of the American Venous Forum Foundation. Your support contributes to our mission of promoting venous and lymphatic health. Despite the medical advances of the past two decades, venous disease still remains underestimated for its effects on public health. Experts believe that at least 25 percent of the U.S. and worldwide population suffer this disease. With your support, we continue our battle to reduce venous disease.

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