

***The Society for Vascular Technology of
Great Britain and Ireland***



**The CPD Document
Maintaining Registration as
an Accredited Vascular Scientist (AVS)**

2011

CPD and maintaining AVS award

(Taken from section 6 of The Accreditation Document)

Appendix 1 – Points Check List

Appendix 2 – CPD Submission Sheet (return in September)

Send CPD returns (Appendix 2) to:

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Or email signed and scanned form to Richard.Simpson@nuh.nhs.uk
with "SVT CPD return" in the subject heading

Successful completion of the practical exam entitles the candidate to be registered and use the term

Accredited Vascular Scientist (AVS).

However AVS only remains valid with successful upkeep of CPD and clinical competency

Continued Professional Development (CPD) and maintaining AVS status

The AVS award only remains valid under specific conditions. The AVS must

- **Condition 1** - be a current paid-up Ordinary Member of the SVT.
- **Condition 2** - maintain clinical competency by performing a minimum of 100 scans per annum in each of the 3 core duplex modalities, keep appropriate record of numbers and register numbers before the end of September
 - Core Modality 1 – Carotid duplex
 - Core Modality 2 - Peripheral arterial duplex
 - Core Modality 3 - Peripheral venous duplex
- **Condition 3** - accrue a total of **30 CPD points** summed from the **previous 3 years** (i.e. average 10 points per year) and register points before the end of September every year.

The time period for accruing CPD and maintaining clinical competency coincides with the membership year i.e. 1st September to 31st August. Newly registered AVS must start collecting CPD points immediately and **submit data in the first September following their practical exam**. Newly registered AVS will be awarded 10 points for each of the last 3 years to ensure their 3 year rolling average is not disadvantaged at the start. Newly registered AVS may also include CPD points obtained at conferences and study days during their training period.

It is the personal responsibility of each registered AVS to keep records of their CPD activity (e.g. certificates, programmes, course notes) and their clinical activity (e.g. using PACS, departmental database or personal logbook). **Each year the SVT Education Committee will randomly select 10% of AVS for a detailed inspection of CPD and clinical activity.**

AVS at risk

If conditions 1 to 3 are not met before the end of September then AVS registration will be considered “at-risk”.

If conditions 1 to 3 are not met before the end of December **AVS registration will be suspended.**

Suspension of AVS registration

Following suspension if conditions 1 to 3 are met before the end of March then AVS registration will be reinstated (but there will be a reinstatement fee)

If conditions 1 to 3 are still not by the end of March then AVS registration will remain suspended until

- Conditions 1 to 3 are met
- The practical examination is retaken and passed
- The reinstatement fee is paid

If AVS registration is suspended for 5 years or more then both theory and the practical exam will have to be retaken and all conditions met before AVS can be reinstated.

How do I register my CPD points and clinical competencies? The CPD form is available on the SVT website throughout the year and should be submitted in September.

Useful tip: If you happen to accrue more than 30 points in a single year it is not necessary to record this additional activity on your CPD record as it will never be needed. Keep it simple!

Exceptions and exemptions may apply due to sabbaticals/ maternity leave / illness for upto 1 year. Applications will be considered on an individual basis. Other exemptions may be considered based on individual merit. Please contact the CPD coordinator for advice.

Appendix 1: Points Check List

Attending conferences & Meeting (routine clinical MDTs do not count towards CPD points)

- Vascular Meeting (1hr) 1
- Vascular meeting (½day / 1day / 2days / 3days) 3 / 5 / 10 / 15
- 1 day Non-Vascular meeting (e.g. assessors course, general ultrasound) 2

Presenting

- Lecture at local vascular meeting of 30 minutes / 1hr – vascular topic 1 / 2
- SVT revision course /study day lecturing 3
- National or international vascular meeting - proffered / invited 5 / 7

Organising

- Local vascular meeting 1
- National vascular meeting 3

Publications

- Writing review of one journal article for SVT newsletter 1
- SVT Newsletter questions 2
- 1 article on vascular or other relevant matter for SVT newsletter 2
- 1 vascular case study for SVT newsletter 2
- Compiling five suitable questions for SVT exams 5 (1 per question)
- Vascular publication in peer reviewed journal 5 (10 if lead author)

Miscellaneous

- SVT practical examiner 5
- PgCert/PgDip/Msc practical examiner/clinical assessor 5
- SVT committee membership (1 yr) 8
- PgCert / PgDip in vascular ultrasound 10
- Last 3 years of pre-AVS training 10 per year
- American RVU 10
- Mastering a new vascular ultrasound scanning domain 10
- Vascular related MSc 20
- Vascular related PhD 30
- Maternity leave / Sabbatical – on application 1 point per month (max 12points)

Other activities may be awarded CPD points if you are unsure please contact the CPD coordinator.

Please note mandatory and statutory training such as Health & Safety, Infection Control, Manual Handling, CPR etc do not count towards CPD points.

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The time period for accruing CPD and maintaining clinical competency coincides with the membership year i.e. 1st September to 31st August.

Submit your CPD return each September with details of the preceding year's activity.

Appendix 2: Maintaining valid AVS registration until Sep2012

CPD submission sheet for the collection period 1st Sep 10 to 31st Aug 11.

SVT number:..... Surname..... First name.....

	Please Tick	Verified by SVT
Condition 1 – I am a current paid-up Ordinary Member of the SVT for the period 1 st Sep11 - 31 st Aug12	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Condition 2 – I have maintained clinical competency by performing a minimum of 100 scans per annum in each of the 3 core duplex modalities and have kept appropriate record of numbers.		
Core Modality 1 – Carotid duplex	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Core Modality 2 - Peripheral arterial duplex	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Core Modality 3 - Peripheral venous duplex	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Condition 3 – I have accrued a total of 30 CPD points summed from the previous 3 years (i.e. average 10 points per year) and list the details of the preceding year's CPD activity below.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Date	CPD Activity for 1st Sep10 – 31 st Aug11.	Points Requested	Points awarded

Continue overleaf if necessary... **but NOT if you already have 30 points!**

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AVS registrant – please complete

This is a true statement of my participation in CPD activity for the period shown. I keep detailed records to support this which, I understand, will be checked periodically by my manager, and may also be audited by representatives of the Education Committee. I consent that my name, town and AVS status will be publically available on the SVT website as part of the SVT Voluntary Register, unless I have opted out*. (*To Opt Out of the public register amend your personal details on the SVT members page)

Signed:

Date:

Registrants line manager – please complete

I agree that this is a true declaration of this registrant's participation in CPD activity for the periods shown, and that I have checked and verified supporting records for the current year.

Name:

Position:

AVS: Yes / No

Signed:

Date:

SVT Number:



SVT Office

CPD Points History	Sep08 – Aug09	Sep09 – Aug10	Sep10 – Aug11	3 yr total

This declaration of CPD activity has been recorded on the SVT database and this signed record is returned as your **certificate validating your AVS registration until September 2012.**

Signed:

Date:

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Please post or email completed and signed forms to the address on the front of this document.

NB: certificates will only be returned by post if you provide a stamped self-addressed envelope.

