



## **ABI Registry Train-The-Trainer Program**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The *Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI)* is the key to early detection and management of peripheral arterial disease (P.A.D.). SVN has established a Registry of Vascular Nurses with expertise in P.A.D. to provide education and ABI training sessions to health care professionals. The ABI Registry embodies SVN's Mission to provide a professional community for vascular nurses focused on advancing the care of persons living with vascular disease through excellence in clinical practice, education, and research. The Registry also supports SVN's Vision to be the premier vascular nursing organization whose members are improving outcomes for persons living with vascular disease.

The Registry consists of SVN members who have completed a comprehensive P.A.D. education and ABI train-the-trainer course. The Registry members are available on the Registry website which is a way to promote, market and recognize SVN and its members for their expertise in vascular nursing. ABI Registrants may train other health professionals in areas such as hospitals, outpatient settings, long term care centers, and professional meetings. Registrants will receive honorarium and travel/lodging reimbursement from the professionals seeking their service.

### **PURPOSE**

This proposal defines the requirements for a SVN member to become a member of the ABI Registry and delineates a mechanism to facilitate currency on a yearly basis.

### **THE DESIGN**

#### **METHODOLOGY**

- Requirements for being on ABI Registry
- Maintain currency of ABI Registry

#### **REQUIREMENTS/QUALIFICATIONS**

Registry members:

- will be required to complete either the ABI online module or attend the PAD course during the annual convention and pass the exit exam
- will be required to demonstrate competency in performing ABIs using a doppler
- participants will receive a certificate of completion good for 2 years
- will sign a letter of agreement for participation on ABI Registry- updated every 2 years

- will be required to record each training session and forward those to the ABI Manager
- will be required to recertify every 2 years by demonstrating competency performing ABIs at the annual convention.
- A training/recertifying session will be offered every other year at SVN's annual convention on even years.
- Those requiring recertification who are unable to attend the convention will work with the ABI Registry to get recertified at a local SVN Chapter meeting. If there are no SVN Chapter members who are on the ABI Registry, then the closest ABI Registrant will attend that meeting to perform the re-certification.

#### CONTACTING ABI REGISTRY MEMBERS

- A request for ABI/PADnet Training will generate an e-mail to the SVN National office.
- Response to request will be returned within 48-72 hours.

#### MANAGEMENT PLAN

- The chair of the ABI Registry will manage/maintain the ABI Registry on an annual basis.
- Annual Questions sent to ABI Registry Members by manager (completed March-April):
  1. Do you regularly perform ABIs, either weekly or bi-weekly? If not, how often do you perform ABIs?
  2. Have you recently trained anyone on how to perform an ABI?
  3. Do you wish to continue to be listed as a trainer on the SVN ABI Registry?
- Fees:
  - Honorarium of \$75.00 / hour as the standard fee for the ABI Registrant.
  - Travel/Lodging will be the responsibility of the company requesting ABI Training.
  - A fee of \$250 will be paid to SVN for utilizing the ABI Registry
- Website Access to Training Information
  1. Resources for ABI Registry Members. Go to: [www.svnabi.org](http://www.svnabi.org)
    - a. Member Registry lists all current ABI Registry members
    - b. Training Information requires ABI Registry Access
 

User Name: **svnabi**  
Password: **mem07reg**

c. Training Materials:

1. PAD/ABI Course for Healthcare Providers
2. PAD Screening Questionnaire
3. Guidelines for ABI Training
4. Record of Training Forms
5. ABI Worksheet
6. ABI Checklist for Training
7. Doppler Information Sheet

- The ABI Registry manager
  - will communicate with existing ABI Registry members utilizing email
  - will provide SVN National Office with updated Registry List annually following the Convention
  - will be a resource to the national office for inquiries about the ABI Registry
  - will work with National Office to send out email reminders 6 months prior to expiration date for those who are due for recertification (due every 2 years)
  - will send bi-annual report to the SVN Board of Directors
  - will be a source of information and documents for ABI Registry members

PROJECT DURATION

Indefinite

STAFF SUPPORT

Need SVN administrative will:

- Forward inquiries regarding ABI Training to ABI Registry members in closest geographic area.
- If ABI member does not respond within 48 hours, National office will contact ABI Registry Manager to respond to inquiry
- Create logo for ABI Registry with SVN Logo
- Send out Certificates of Completion to those SVN Members who have completed training or recertifying of the ABI Registry Competencies
- Update SVN website yearly with current Registry members listed according to geographic location
- Market the ABI Registry

BUDGET

Cost of marketing

Cost of certificates

SIGNIFICANCE

The SVN ABI Registry showcases SVN expertise in vascular disease.