

2024 Sigvaris Quality Improvement Award

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ELIGIBILITY

The Sigvaris Quality Improvement Award is presented to a member of the Canadian Society for Vascular Surgery for a deserving project pertaining to **QUALITY IMPROVEMENT RESEARCH**.

PROPOSAL MECHANISM

One (1) blinded copy and one (1) authored copy should be submitted to the Quality and Outcomes Chair. The manuscript should be no longer than 4 pages (references excluded) double spaced, justified, in Calibri or Times New Roman. A maximum of two tables and 1 figure may also be added. The manuscript should include:

1. Covering letter (including title of project)
2. Project with the following headings:
 - a. Research project title
 - b. Plain language abstract (maximum 250 words)
 - c. Background/rationale
 - d. Objectives
 - e. Methods (including the subheadings suggested by STROBE: <https://www.strobe-statement.org/checklists/>)
 - i. Study Design and Setting
 - ii. Participants
 - iii. Variables
 - iv. Data sources/measurement
 - v. Bias/methods to address bias
 - vi. Study size
 - vii. Data analysis and statistical methods
3. Timeline
4. Team
5. Relevance and impact
6. Additional project funding
7. Budget

DEADLINE

Submissions are to be received by April 3, 2024.

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SELECTION PROCESS

The proposed work must represent quality improvement research. We consider quality improvement research to broadly include any observational or comparative effectiveness research that utilizes large administrative or other types of quality improvement databases (e.g., NSQIP, VQI, ICES, other). Studies may examine any topic of interest to vascular and endovascular surgeons and may be designed as cohort studies, case-control studies, cross-sectional studies, or comparative effectiveness research. Submissions can also include site specific quality improvement projects. Review, prioritization, and ratification of the candidate submissions will be made by the Quality and Outcomes Committee and subsequently approved by the Research Chair.

AWARD AND PRESENTATION

A payment in the amount of \$5,000.00 will be forwarded to the recipient once the winning submission is selected and ethics approval has been obtained for the project (where needed). The winner will be announced at the 2024 Annual Meeting in St. John's, and he/she must present an update at the 2025 annual meeting to the Research Chair and Quality and Outcomes Committee.

ALL SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO: CSVVS@VASCULAR.CA.