



THE SOCIETY FOR
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The College and Society for Clinical Vascular Science of Great Britain and Ireland

AVS and FCVS usage policy

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Policy overview:

The society voted to approve a working name that will become the publicly facing and working name of the society at the November 2023 AGM. This was strategically aimed to modernise the society to better reflect the profession. The college and society for clinical vascular science of Great Britain and Ireland, or CSVs for short, was approved by the Charity Commission in December 2023.

In line with that modernisation the Executive committee has decided to overhaul the membership number system for improved security and in doing so elected to introduce a membership and fellowship category.

This policy outlines who can use the terms Accredited Vascular Scientist (AVS), member of and fellow of the aforementioned College. It also stipulates how these can be used and misuse.

Use of Accredited Vascular Scientist:

Successful completion of the practical exam entitles the candidate to be registered and use the term: **Accredited Vascular Scientist (AVS)**.

The candidate will be placed on the mandatory AVS register. This register will contain the candidate's name and fellowship number and will be searchable to the public and other professionals.

Any questions, please contact the CSVS membership secretary at membership@svtqbi.org.uk.

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

CSVS Membership Categories:

As outlined in the 2023 Constitution, the society is composed of different membership categories:

- Accredited Members
- Ordinary Members
- Associate Members
- Honorary Members

Membership of the college and society for clinical vascular science of Great Britain and Ireland:

From the first of January 2024, those members who fall into the Ordinary or Associate membership categories, which include STP trainees, STP graduates within AVS and AVS trainees amongst others will henceforth be entitled to be called members of the college (and society) for clinical vascular science of Great Britain and Ireland or mCVS. Each member will be given a membership number that will appear like this **m123456**

Members will be entitled to place the letters mCVS after their names. In choosing to do so it must appear as:

J. Citizen *mCVS*

Or

J. Citizen

Member of the College for Clinical Vascular Science

No other derivatives, definitions or alternatives will be considered acceptable and in choosing to use such term does not offer members any additional benefit other than recognition of membership. Nor does it offer any greater protection.

Fellowship of the college and society for clinical vascular science of Great Britain and Ireland:

Upon completion of the practical exam that entitles the candidate to be registered and use the term Accredited Vascular Scientist (AVS) and from the first of January 2024, those members who fall into the Accredited membership category, which only includes Accredited Vascular Scientist will henceforth be entitled to be called Fellows of the college (and society) for clinical vascular science of Great Britain and Ireland or FCVS. Each Fellow will be given a membership number that will appear like this **F123456**

Fellows will be entitled to place the letters FCVS after their names. In choosing to do so it must appear as:

J. Citizen *FCVS*

Or

J. Citizen

Fellow of the College for Clinical Vascular Science

No other derivatives, definitions or alternatives will be considered acceptable and in choosing to use such term does not offer members any additional benefit other than recognition of fellowship. Nor does it offer any greater protection.

Honorary Fellowship of the college and society for clinical vascular science of Great Britain and Ireland:

From time to time, the Executive Committee may select in recognition of that person's contribution and support to the College or Society, Honorary Fellows. Nominations shall be passed following a vote by Executive committee in which all committee members must agree. Upon successful election and from the first of January 2024, those newly elected Honorary Fellows or Honorary members who fall into the Honorary Member category will henceforth be entitled to be called Honorary Fellows of the college (and society) for clinical vascular science of Great Britain and Ireland or Hon.FCVS. Each Fellow will be given a membership number that will appear like this **F123456**

Honorary Fellows will be entitled to place the letters Hon.FCVS after their names. In choosing to do so it must appear as:

J. Citizen *Hon.FCVS*

Or

J. Citizen

Honorary Fellow of the College for Clinical Vascular Science

No other derivatives, definitions or alternatives will be considered acceptable and in choosing to use such term does not offer members any additional benefit other than recognition of fellowship. Nor does it offer any greater protection.

Misuse of AVS, mCVS, FCVS or Hon.FCVS:

Any member misusing the terms AVS, mCVS, FCVS or Hon.FCVS, as per the terms outlined above shall be considered in breach of clause two of the CSVS Code of Professional Conduct, namely;

- Members must uphold and enhance the good standing and reputation of the profession.

Any member/fellow of the CSVS or any other healthcare professional who has reasonable concern on the misuse of the terminology is entitled to submit a formal complaint to the CSVS as per the CSVS Complaints Procedure.

The processes for how to raise a complaint are outlined in full, in the CSVS Complaints Procedure where following due process, the outcome of misuse may include:

- Upon investigation the committee may decide that there is no case to answer.
- The committee may decide that they need further information before deciding on a course of action.
- The CSVS may deem it necessary to revoke membership, fellowship or AVS in the interests of the society and the public and expel the individual from the organisation.
- The committee may deem it necessary to inform the HCPC or AHCS of the complaint if the member is HCPC or AHCS registered.
- The CSVS committee may decide that the complaint is outside its scope of action and therefore refer the case to another organisation.