



BSSVD May meeting

Many thanks to Tor Swale for organising a highly successful meeting held at the Slate Building, University of Warwick on 3rd May with interesting talks from a wide variety of excellent speakers. Links in the Members area to presentations <https://bssvd.org/bssvd19ppt/> and posters <https://bssvd.org/posters19/>.

BSSVD Essay Prize

Congratulations to the winner, Lucy Mackie, for her essay on Vulval Eczema which can be found at: https://bssvd.org/submitted_essays/



Research awards:

We are pleased to announce that funding has been approved for two research projects this year. The successful applicants and projects are:

Early Detection of vulval CAncer Through vulval self-Examination (EDuCATE)

Lead Investigator: Dr Vanitha Sivalingam, Division of Cancer Sciences, University of Manchester

The effect of Adipose-derived Stem Cells and Platelet-Rich Plasma in Vulval Lichen Sclerosus.

Lead Investigator: Professor Peter Butler, Division of Surgery and Interventional Science, University College, London

Education and training update

Advanced Skills Training Module in vulval disease

- We have worked with the RCOG in finalising the amendments to this [module](#) prior to submission to the GMC. This module can be completed by a senior trainee in Gynaecology. We hope our amendments will be accepted to make this a fit for purpose module for a gynaecologist wishing to work within and lead vulval services.

Post curriculum CCT in Dermatology

- Working with our colleagues at the British Association of Dermatology Education Unit we have nearly finalised a competency package for dermatologists who wish to carry out a Fellowship in vulval disease. This is aimed at a [post CCT level](#). The purpose of the post-CCT Fellowship is to deliver training for competencies and capabilities about the dermatology CCT curriculum, in order to develop tertiary level expertise and fulfil subspecialist service needs. Fellowship training usually occurs over 12 months that maybe extended in order to support less than full-time training.
- It aligns to the MOHs and Cutaneous allergy fellowships that are already in place.

DRCOG Single best answers questions

- We are pleased to have contributed several vulval specific questions to this popular RCOG led GP examination. Having high-quality primary healthcare specific questions in the curriculum will hopefully place vulval conditions in focus.

Nurse curriculum

We have set up a working group with the British Association of Dermatology nurses to develop a knowledge skills and competency framework for nurses working in vulval clinic. This group has now begun their work and we will update you later in the year



QA update from Eman Toeima:

- 1) Progress has been made with developing the VIN guideline. An official approval letter for developing the guideline has been received from RCOG. Once the draft guideline is approved, it will be sent for BSSVD members, RCOG members, and all stakeholders for consultation.
- 2) The responses for the national vulval service audit have all been received. The response from members was excellent. The comments and suggestions on how we can improve our services for women with vulval diseases indicate how keen we are as healthcare professionals and specialist service providers on providing the highest quality of evidence based care. The full audit report will be available soon. Watch the space
- 3) The BSSVD representation at the RCOG International Congress in London last month was a huge success, with over 500 delegates attending the stream session which lasted approximately 3 hours. The presentations were regarded as highly educational, and the feedback from delegates was excellent. The abstract oral presentations were highly competitive and the quality of research presented made it difficult to choose one winner. They all deserve to be winners.
- 4) There was also BSSVD representation at the July BAD Annual meeting on screening for malignancy in Paget disease.
- 5) BSSVD aim to make the "Standards of care" document a key reference for the specifications of services. This will be a collaborative work, and multi-stake holders will be involved. We will keep you updated 😊
Our BSSVD standards have been uploaded to the BAD website, which is now live via the link below.

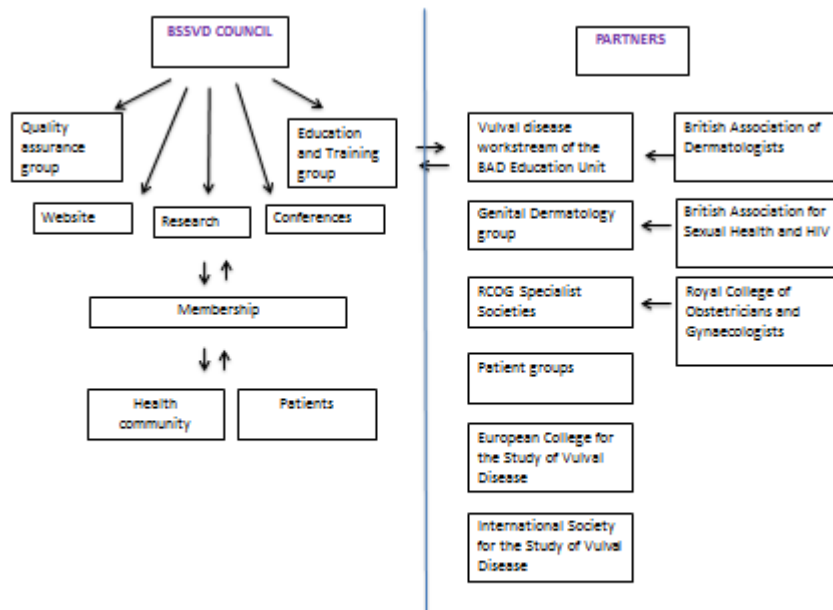
<http://www.bad.org.uk/healthcare-professionals/clinical-services/vulval-dermatology>

Council updates

Research member on council

At the last Council meeting we agreed to have a new role on Council focusing on research. We are pleased to announce that Roz Simpson, Consultant Dermatologist has taken on this role. Roz has recently overseen the allocation of research funding to the 2019 research applicants and also led on the Lichen Sclerosus Priority Setting Partnership. We plan to change our constitution at the next AGM in May 2020 to recognise this new post.

We are pleased to welcome Dr Vanitha Sivalingam as the doctor in training representative on Council



Dates for the Diary:

XXV World Congress of the ISSVD in Torino, September 18-20 2019

<https://www.issvd.org/event/xxv-world-congress-postgraduate-course/>

9th BASHH Genital Dermatology Course

18th October 2019

<https://www.bashh.org/events/training-courses-and-meetings/9th-bashh-genital-dermatology-course-2019/>

VPS Conference in Leeds

5th October 2019

<http://vulvalpainsociety.org/vps/index.php/meetings-and-workshops/368-vps-conference-at-leeds>