

# NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the BSSVD Newsletter for Summer 2024. It aims to keep you up to date with the various projects being undertaken at the moment. We hope you find it informative!

## VULVAL DISEASE ESSENTIALS DAY EVENT

The BSSVD is running a Vulval Disease, Essentials for Everyone virtual event on 11th November 2024.

This is a one-day course aimed at all healthcare professionals working in women's health. It is designed to help you feel confident in the examination, diagnosis and treatment of common vulval conditions.

To find out further information or to register, please click on the link below or use the QR code...



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# BSSVD ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING 2024 - FEEDBACK

The BSSVD Annual Scientific Meeting held virtually earlier this year was one of the most successful we've had with great positive feedback overall from all attendees.

We'd like to thank everyone who took the time to attend!

Just a few of the amazing comments included:

“ABSOLUTELY  
FANTASTIC  
PROGRAMME -  
SUCH A VARIETY  
OF TOPICS &  
ENRICHING TALKS”

“THE CONFERENCE  
WAS WELL  
ORGANISED WITH  
EXCELLENT  
SPEAKERS”

“YOU SHOULD BE  
PROUD OF BSSVD  
FOR PUTTING ON  
SUCH A FANTASTIC  
DAY FOR HCP'S”

## BSSVD ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS 2025 & 2026

The BSSVD Annual Scientific Meeting 2025 will be a face-to-face 2-day meeting and is being held at the **Crowne Plaza Liverpool on 5th & 6th June.**

The BSSVD Annual Scientific Meeting 2026 will be a face-to-face 2-day meeting in Southampton on **14th & 15th May.** We also hope to run an educational day on 13th May.

Further details to follow shortly but please:

**Save the dates!**



# PATIENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES PREDICT SEVERE CLINICAL SIGNS IN PATIENTS WITH VULVAR LICHEN SCLEROSUS: A RETROSPECTIVE COHORT STUDY

Madeline Ngo, Hannah Chang, Christian Carr, Ainslie Barnard, Joan Reisch, Melissa M Mauskar

**Objectives:** Patients with vulvar lichen sclerosus (VLS) often present with itch, dyspareunia, and pain. Early detection and treatment can prevent architectural changes and lower neoplasia risk; however, limited access to vulvar centres often leads to extended wait times and diagnostic delay. This study investigates whether patient-reported symptoms are associated with severe clinical signs of VLS.

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# LICHEN PLANUS OF THE ESOPHAGUS: A CASE REPORT

Elvira Guarner, Fatimetu Mohamed, David Busquets, Begona Fuertes Negro, Rosa Ortiz, Berta Oliveras, Carlos Huertas, Carme Lopez

**Objectives:** Esophageal Lichen Planus (ELP) is an inflammatory disorder that affects the skin, cutaneous appendages and mucous membranes. This study presents the case of a 70-year-old woman with years of dysphagia and a history of erosive lichen planus involving the vulva, vagina, gingiva and skin, who was eventually diagnosed with esophageal lichen planus.

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# PROGNOSTIC CHARACTERISTICS, RECURRENCE PATTERNS AND SURVIVAL OUTCOMES OF VULVAL SQUAMOUS CELL CARCINOMA - A TWELVE-YEAR RETROSPECTIVE ANALYSIS OF A TERTIARY CARE

Ahmed Darwish, Lamiese Ismail, Sanjiv Manek, Karin Hellner, Sean Kehoe, Hooman Soleymani Majd

**Objectives:** Vulval cancer is a rare gynaecological malignancy. In this study, they present a tertiary centre case analysis to examine the recurrence patterns and survival outcomes of vulval squamous cell carcinoma (SCC).

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British  
College of  
Dermatology

The British College of Dermatology, the educational arm of the British Association of Dermatologists, has launched an online educational platform for anyone with an interest in furthering their dermatology knowledge. Among the courses already featured, you can find: Surgical Anatomy, Emergency Dermatology for Students, Management of Atopic Eczema for Pharmacists and more.

To find out further information, please visit the link below...

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## PRESIDENT'S ESSAY

The title for the President's Essay 2024 is:  
**"The Challenges of Managing Vulval Disease  
in the Post Covid NHS"**

The deadline to enter is Monday 25th November 2024.

Please visit the BSSVD website for further information on  
how to enter:

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## VULVAL TRAINEE AWARD

The BSSVD invites 2024/2025 Trainee Award applications with a closing date of **25th November 2024**.

The aim of this award is to facilitate an individualised programme of vulval training.

Each award will be funded up to a maximum of £2,500.

For further information and to apply, please visit the BSSVD website:



VULVAL TRAINEE AWARD

## CONTACT US...

If you require any assistance, the BSSVD admin team are always available to help.

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