**Discussion week 1: Evidence Based Practice and The Society for Vascular Nursing**

"Evidence-based practice enhances healthcare quality, improves patient outcomes, reduces costs, and empowers clinicians" (Bodenheimer & Sinsky, 2014; Melnyk & Fineout-Overholt, 2015; Tucker, 2014., p7.). As nurses, it is our professional responsibility to our patients to provide evidence-based care whenever possible. As a nurse in the vascular world, I belong to the Society for Vascular Nursing. The Society for Vascular Nursing (SVN) is a professional organization that supports career development, networking opportunities, and many clinical resources for providing care to patients with vascular disease. The SVN endorses evidence-based practice in its mission statement for new members. "The Society for Vascular Nursing (SVN) was established in 1982. The SVN provides its members with quality educational opportunities, collaborative relationships that foster clinical experience, and promotes research and evidence-based practices" (Society for Vascular Nursing, n.d.). The SVN is an organization that is open to all nurses who currently practice or are interested in vascular patient care. The organization does have a 150-dollar annual fee required with membership. The organization has an area titled research corner. Under this tab, you can find the top 18 nursing vascular research priorities, multiple research links, and a link to Duke University for Evidence-Based Medicine research. The SVN and the Society of Vascular Surgeons host an annual conference. I attend this conference annually with my surgeons. During the 3-day event, many nurse practitioners and surgeons discuss new healthcare approaches or surgical techniques they use. During this event, evidence-based practice is commonly used to show why specific new methods in vascular patient care result in positive or negative patient outcomes.

The information provided on the SVN website validates the organization's commitment to providing evidence-based care. The website provides access to subscribe to the Journal of Vascular Nursing, published quarterly for the SVN, along with the Core Curriculum for Vascular Nursing textbook. This evidence-based textbook is an excellent resource for vascular patient care (Society for Vascular Nursing, n.d.). The Society for Vascular Nursing is an excellent evidence-based resource for those working in or planning to work with the vascular patient population. I have learned so much at the annual conferences each year and plan to continue utilizing their website and conference to continue providing evidence-based care to my patients. "Evidence-based practice is crucial to provide patients with the care they deserve" (Walden University, LLC, 2018).

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