

## Alumna and faculty member Phyllis Gordon named SVN president



Phyllis Gordon, M.S.N., APRN, ACNS-BC, a 1978 graduate of the School of Nursing at the UT Health Science Center San Antonio, was named president of the Society for Vascular Nursing (SVN) at the SVN 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention held April 28 through May 1, 2015 at Bally's Hotel in Las Vegas. She will serve a one-year term. Gordon, who earned her B.S.N. from the UT Health Science Center School of Nursing, is a clinical nurse specialist in the Vascular Surgery Division and clinical assistant professor in the School of Nursing.

“Being president of the Society for Vascular Nursing is an awesome responsibility and I look forward to a year in which SVN and our members move us further along with our vision of ‘...improving outcomes for persons living with vascular disease,’” Gordon said. “SVN has many projects and collaborations in the works that are doing just that, such as patient and nursing education projects, new practice guidelines related to surgical and endovascular management of carotid disease and aortic aneurysms, and promoting smoking cessation through SVN’s involvement with a national campaign. I look forward to building new collaborations to help us meet these and other objectives,” Gordon noted.

Based in Menomonee Falls, Wis., SVN’s mission is to provide a professional community for vascular nurses focused on advancing the care of persons living with vascular disease through excellence in clinical practice, education and research. SVN has more than 430 members from around the world,

representing all industry segments. Fifty-five percent of SVN members are educationally prepared at the baccalaureate level or higher; 25 percent of these hold masters degrees with 3 percent prepared at the doctoral level. Members work in a wide variety of vascular patient care roles. Seventy-four percent provide direct patient care in collaboration with their vascular surgeons and vascular medicine physicians; 12 percent are in education and another 5 percent are in research. SVN's annual conference attracts nearly 200 attendees. The organization also provides patient education resources, has developed an Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) certification program, collaborates with over 13 vascular organizations throughout the United States and produces the *Journal of Vascular Nursing*.