Dear Dr Samson,

I’m a French angiologist particularly sensitive to your Editorial regarding SOS. On 1988, the lack of available venous graft in severe lower limbs ischemia because of a previous ablative treatment, led me to study a way to treat the CVI without ablating the GSV. Since this time, we performed thousands of conservative surgery of the CVI. Long term RCTs CHIVA vs stripping summarized by a Cochrane review ( attached file 1) has demonstrated better mid and long term results in terms of varicose recurrence as well as a retrospective study CHIVA vs Lase (attached file 2). As you can guess, I had and still have to face a strong adversity despite the EBM and my advocacy for informing the patients ( informed consent) that IVC is most of the time benign and can be not treated and nondestructive methods are available in case of health or “cosmetic” necessity. Is it possible to subscribe to your SOS? If so, let me know howBest wishes

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