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## Core Content in Phlebology: Call for Diplomate Comments

In a major effort involving representatives from societies around the country and the world, the ABVLM convened a **Curriculum Task Force** in 2011 with the charge of standardizing training in phlebology. The Task Force is comprised of 24 leaders in venous disease from phlebology, vascular surgery, interventional radiology, vascular medicine and dermatology. The charge was to use a collaborative approach to develop a consensus comprehensive curriculum in phlebology. Ultimately, ABVLM seeks to improve patient outcomes on a national and international scale. But to achieve this, formal training standards in venous disease must be established.

### Core Content in Phlebology

As the first step towards achieving these goals, a draft of the "Core Content in Phlebology" was written by the multispecialty based Curriculum Task Force, outlining the areas of knowledge and competency considered essential for its practice. Seventy "Advisors," key leaders from various disciplines, have been invited to critique the Core Content draft. The Core Content document will provide the framework for establishing training requirements, which will serve to improve the standards, consistency and dependability of training across all the different specialties that treat venous disease.

### Invitation for ABVLM Diplomates to Comment

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the American Board of Venous & Lymphatic Medicine (ABVLM), I would like to invite all Diplomates to comment on our "Core Content in Phlebology" draft. The 45-day comment period just opened on **January 16, 2012** and will close at **5:00 PM PT** on **February 29, 2012**. All comments are welcome and will be compiled for consideration.

If you wish to know more details about the project, you can read a [Full Article](#) (which will link you to the Comments Area), or you can access the Comments Area immediately via this link to a special section of the ABVLM website:

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AVF 24th Annual Meeting  
February 8-11, 2012  
Orlando, FL

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SIR 37th Annual Scientific Meeting  
March 24-29, 2012  
San Francisco, CA

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SVM 23rd Annual Scientific Sessions  
June 14-16, 2012  
Minneapolis, MN

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ACP 26th Annual Congress  
November 15-18, 2012  
Hollywood, FL

SIR 38th Annual Scientific Meeting  
April 13-18, 2013  
New Orleans, LA

UIP XVII World Congress  
(in lieu of ACP 27th Annual Congress)  
September 9-13, 2013  
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