

The process for defining the VAS Ethical Document was initiated by Prof Samama. After his death, the members of the VAS Ethics&Guarantors Committee have worked, under the Chairmanship of Prof. S. Coccheri and with the supervision of Prof. G. Boniolo, on the definition of the key points.

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1. VAS is a **non-profit Organization aimed at** harmonize education, training, and quality across Europe by spreading information, culture and participation on prevention and health management through a close collaboration among researchers, practitioners, patients, their relatives and population in the area of Angiology/Vascular Medicine.
2. VAS works for the **benefit of European patients and population** promoting prevention of vascular disease and its complications, promoting care of patients as whole individuals (with their own biography and socio-cultural conditions), the best diagnosis and therapy, fighting against inequalities on achievement and preservation of health as well as misuse of public funds.
3. VAS considers **independence of education and training** indispensable for intellectual freedom, and works with the best international knowledge and practices in the field of Angiology/Vascular Medicine.
5. VAS considers **research independence** a pivotal value that cannot be neglected and has to be maintained free from financial support from industry. Allows the participation or coordination of studies with private companies only if it considers such a partnership scientifically unavoidable for the benefit of patients . In this case, the collaboration will be explicitly declared and it will be under the control and responsibility of VAS.
6. VAS considers **international collaboration** extremely relevant and strongly encourages the partnerships with institutions, researchers and clinicians and non-European organizations.
7. VAS considers an adequate **conflict of interest declaration** is fundamental to educate and safeguard the rights of researchers, patients, trainees and trainers .
8. VAS strictly follows all International (in particular European) ethical declarations concerning **biomedical research and clinical practice**, so that all potential and actual patients are protected and empowered.