

Vascular Surgery UPDATE



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VASCULAR SURGERY AND MEDICINE: A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH

The incidence of vascular problems (aneurysms, carotid disease, peripheral circulatory problems) is increasing in the U.S. as our population ages. At the same time, there has been a boon in vascular technology, both for diagnostic testing and treatments. Everyone is not a candidate for these new approaches, but more important is the fact that not all vascular lesions need complex treatment. Simple lifestyle changes, and sometimes medical therapies, are often the best, and least risky, approach.

At times, complex procedures may be needed to correct a more severe problem. This may require an endovascular, or open surgical procedure—sometimes a combination of the two. While there are several specialties now touting their technical ability to perform procedures, only physicians trained in vascular surgery have the opportunity to provide a comprehensive evaluation and approach. Patients are best served by someone with comprehensive training and experience in vascular medicine and surgery.

The goal of therapy is a healthy and happy patient, not the successful completion of a particular procedure. Correction of radiographic abnormalities does not necessarily help the patient, and in some cases can expose them to unnecessary risk. Treating the patient always works better than treating the lesion.

Vascular surgeons are trained to understand:

- Clinical evaluation of vascular disease, including non-operative management (medications, life-style issues),
- Non-invasive and invasive testing for vascular disease,
- Indications and techniques for open, operative therapies,
- Indications and techniques for endovascular therapies,
- Critical care management of vascular patients
- Appropriate monitoring and follow-up for patients with vascular disease.

Appropriate follow-up and ongoing management are critical factors in achieving good patient outcomes. Vascular surgeons typically follow vascular medicine and surgical patients for their lifetime, providing advice and appropriate monitoring, including preventive approaches, in order to AVOID unnecessary procedures. Vascular surgeons communicate with primary care physicians who maintain the overall health of patients including blood pressure and lipid management, which affect the vascular status of patients.

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