

VASCULAR SURGERY

Mission Statement

The goal of the Vascular Surgery rotation is to expose the cardiology fellow to basic concepts of vascular surgery in an educational and enjoyable fashion.

General Statement of Educational Objectives for Fellows

The goals of this rotation are to learn basic concepts behind vascular surgery, clinical decision making in vascular surgical patients, basic nonoperative care, ultrasonography in the noninvasive lab, pre-operative decision making and treatment options for peripheral vascular disease. The rotation will consist of a one-to-one preceptorship with a specific attending surgeon. Individual fellows will likely spend their entire time with one specific surgeon, although all six vascular surgeons in the division of vascular surgery will participate in a rotating fashion in the program. The goals of this rotation do not include technical performance of angiography (although interpretation will be an integral part of pre-operative planning), “scut”, resident call or resident level responsibilities, or specific operative skills. Specifically the fellow will be involved in the bi-weekly outpatient clinics with the vascular surgery attending as well as spending time in the vascular ultrasound lab to develop an understanding of the non-invasive vascular diagnostic techniques of both arterial and venous disease. The faculty member directly responsible for fellow education and administration of the program is Karl A. Illig, M.D., and all questions may be directed to him.

Specific Educational Goals:

The curriculum is designed to promote the broad goals of a number of the ACGME Core competencies:

Patient Care: exposure to a broad range of vascular disease patients, including patients with peripheral arterial insufficiency, carotid disease and other arteriopathies. In addition, the diagnosis and management of venous insufficiency, lymphatic disease and the differentiation of these diseases from arteriopathic problems will be stressed.

Medical Knowledge: An understanding of the pathologic basis of the different peripheral vascular diseases along with an understanding of the pathophysiology of different arterial diseases and the treatment options available will be emphasized.

Practice Based Learning: judicious and appropriate use of non-invasive and invasive diagnostic testing will be stressed in the diagnosis and management of PVD.

Formal interections are being developed (and are always available on an individual basis) for both collaborative research and endovascular training with the Division of Vascular Surgery. These are separate from this rotation and will be administered through Drs. Berk.

General Statement of Expectation of Fellows

This is a short rotation, during a two-week block at Strong Hospital.

Specific numerical goals: None.

Evaluation will be done by written evaluation by the preceptor at the close of the rotation. Rotating fellows will also have the opportunity to evaluate their rotation and give us feedback.

Specific Procedures

Consults/Office based learning will be done with the faculty preceptor. It is hoped that much time in the office can be spent with the technicians performing real time vascular ultrasound to obtain a better understanding of its performance as well as interpretation.

Conferences

Every Wednesday morning at 7:00 a.m. there is a mortality and morbidity conference where interesting cases are discussed. This conference is held either at Strong Memorial or Rochester General Hospital. There is also a monthly evening city-wide journal club at one of the country clubs; all are welcome and urged to attend.

Vacation Policy

Because this rotation is only two weeks, no vacation should be taken.

Call Policy

The fellow will not be responsible for any call *per se*. They will be asked to be available in an informal sense should interesting situations arise during the night, but this can be discussed with the individual preceptor.

Research Opportunities

Not applicable for this rotation *per se*. Collaborative opportunities are available and can be arranged through Drs. Berk.

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