VSIG Live

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**Groups audience:** Association of Program Directors in Vascular Surgery

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*The APDVS has been closely monitoring the various restrictions and travel bans across the United States secondary to the COVID-19 pandemic. Out of abundant for concerns, the decision has been made to postpone VSIG Live. An alternative date for late August 2020 is being considered – if the current state of the pandemic allows.*

*Thank you for your patience and understanding during these unprecedented times. We will continue to keep you updated regarding rescheduling of our webinar.*

Much has been made of the impending shortage of physicians in the United States with worrying predictions as soon as 2030. The driving force behind the overall shortage is a rising, aging population and upsurge of chronic disease such as diabetes and obesity. Not surprisingly, the vascular surgery specialty is predicted to suffer the greatest shortage.

The APDVS Recruitment of Medical Student and Residents Committee will present a free informational webinar, ‘VSIG Live’, coming soon! The intent of ‘VSIG Live!’ is to allow all U.S. medical students to experience a Vascular Surgery Interest Group meeting and learn more about Vascular Surgery, even in the absence of a local chapter.

The webinar will highlight:

- What is a Vascular Surgeon
- Options for vascular surgery training
- Interesting presentations from current trainees highlighting the diversity of vascular cases
- How to start a VSIG at your institution

We recommend practicing surgeons to sponsor a simple dinner and host interested medical students at your local school. The event will work best if Vascular Surgeons take interest at a local level, which is true of all teaching efforts.