Much has been made of the impending shortage of physicians in the United States, with worrying predictions that it could be as soon as 2030. The driving force is a rising, aging population and an upsurge in chronic disease such as diabetes and obesity.

Not surprisingly, the vascular surgery specialty is predicted to suffer the greatest shortage. The Society for Vascular Surgery (SVS) and the Association of Program Directors in Vascular Surgery (APDVS) have taken strides to help combat this through medical student and resident outreach.

From 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. CDT on March 26, the APDVS Recruitment of Medical Students and Residents Committee will present a free informational webinar called VSIG Live! This will give all U.S. medical students the opportunity to experience a Vascular Surgery Interest Group (VSIG) meeting and to learn more about vascular surgery.

The webinar will highlight vascular surgery training options, how to start a VSIG at your institution, presentations from current trainees and more. This is a great opportunity for practising surgeons to host or sponsor a simple dinner for interested medical students at their local schools. The webinar will work best if vascular surgeons take interest at a local level. Impact the future and help make this event a success. Visit vsweb.org/VSIGLive.