Basics...

• Use common sense

• You are a student...but you are looking for a job!

• Utilize available resources
  • Other applicants
  • Surgery trainees
  • Program Director/Faculty advisor
Sub-Internship – Home Institution

• Easiest starting point/familiarity

• Confirm your interest in the field/home program

• “First to show up and last to leave”
• Read up on patients (“if you don’t know, look it up”)
• Need 3 letters of recommendation (LOR)
  • Program Director
  • 2 more vascular surgeons?? (Chief, senior)
Sub-Internship – Away Rotations

- Usually do one or two at most (before 10/31)
- Contact programs to ensure availability
  - Talk to program coordinator, program director
  - Not all rotations are the same (main hospital)
- Plan on getting at least 1 LOR (before 9/15)
  - Make sure you have frequent interaction w/faculty
  - Talk to trainees of all levels (off-service)
  - Make an appointment with PD
  - Research project/case report
- It’s a “3-4 week job interview” – days off?
Interviews

- Be realistic about your qualifications (USMLE, CV)
- More interviews ---> more $$$
- You will have to make some tough decisions early!

- Just be yourself
- Do a bit of research about the program
- Dress professionally, be courteous (to everyone)

- Be attentive, ask good questions
- The interview is over only after you have left town
Match Process

- Be realistic about your qualifications (USMLE, CV)
- Utilize your resources
- Make appointment to sit down with PD-advisor

- VS is a small community (~60 positions)

- Make a timely decision
- Have people call on your behalf
- Identify your top program and TELL THEM!
  - P.S. there is only one program at #1
Final Words…

• Vascular surgery is an excellent career choice

• Always be yourself and use your common sense

• You are looking for a 5+ year job, put in the work to get a good one!
Thank You!