What does a Vascular Surgeon do and why is it AWESOME!

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• None
What is a Vascular Surgeon?

• We work on all of the blood vessels (arteries and veins) in the body except the heart and in the brain

• We work on the structures that all other surgeons are trying to avoid

• We are not...
  » Interventional Cardiologists
  » Interventional Radiologists
  » Cardiac Surgeons
Why are we so AWESOME?

• VARIETY!
• Longitudinal care of patients
• We embrace innovation and technology
• The chance to care for vulnerable populations and have an impact
• Demand is likely to remain high over the coming years
• Great opportunities for career development
• More women are entering the field
Some of the Disease Processes that We Treat…

- Abdominal aortic aneurysms
- Carotid stenosis
- Peripheral arterial disease
- Varicose Veins/Venous insufficiency
- Hemodialysis access creation and preservation
- Deep vein thrombosis
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Do you just operate all day?? NOPE
Thank you!
Feel free to contact me if you want to learn more…

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