

MICHIGAN VASCULAR CENTER:

Making a commitment to education...making a difference

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What is Vascular Surgery?

Vascular surgery specializes in the treatment of diseases of the arteries, veins and lymphatic circulation. Vascular disease is managed by medical therapy, minimally-invasive catheter procedures and/or surgical reconstruction. Atherosclerosis, commonly known as hardening of the arteries, is the primary disease being treated. It is one of the leading causes of death in the US, affecting the fastest-growing segment of the nation's population, the elderly. Each day, 10,000 baby boomers turn 65. The number of Americans 65 and older is projected to nearly double from 52 million in 2018 to 95 million by 2060. Projections indicate a 10% shortage of vascular surgeons (approximately 330) by 2030, just 10 years from now.

What is a Vascular Fellow?

"Fellow" is the term used for a physician in advanced, specialized training. To become a vascular surgeon, medical school graduates must take additional training, including a general surgery residency, and be accepted into a vascular fellowship program. Graduates have completed an additional seven years of surgical training. There are only about 100 vascular fellowship programs in the nation, typically producing one, sometimes two, vascular surgeons per year.

Making a Commitment

The MSU/Michigan Vascular Center Fellowship was formed with the help of the Flint area medical community. This collaboration of Flint's three medical institutions (McLaren-Flint, Ascension Genesys and Hurley), referring physicians and Michigan State University made it possible. The program was approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education in November, 2012. The significance of this approval cannot be overstated, as it is one of only a handful of private practice training sites, the remainder being university-based programs. The presence of vascular fellows has raised the bar for the standard of care for vascular patients. It is a proud heritage for the entire Flint community.



Program Director,
Mark A. Mattos, M.D.



Program Manager,
Lisa Reinhart

Congratulations to the Graduates

To date, all the fellowship graduates have successfully completed their board certification exams.



Sherry L. Cavanagh, M.D.
Vascular Fellow
2013-2015



Mohammad Sarhan, M.D.
Vascular Fellow
2013-2015



Baraa Zuhaili, M.D.
Vascular Fellow
2014-2016



Anan Tawil, M.D.
(Left) Vascular Fellow
2016-2018



Neeta V. Karani, M.D.
Vascular Fellow
2017-2019



Jessica L. Williams, M.D.
Vascular Fellow
2017-2019

Current Fellows

Michigan Vascular Center is proud to introduce the current vascular fellows.



Collin D. Gandillon, M.D.
2018-2020

Dr. Gandillon completed his undergraduate degree at the College of Veterinary Medicine, Texas A&M University. He received his medical degree at St. George's University School of Medicine in Grenada, West Indies. He completed his general surgery training at Nassau University Medical Center in East Meadow, New York. Dr. Gandillon joined us in August 2018 and is now in his final year of training as a Vascular Fellow.



Brian C. Cronin, D.O.
2019-2021

Dr. Cronin received his medical degree at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He then completed his general surgery training at St. John Providence Hospital, Osteopathic Division, in Southfield, MI. Dr. Cronin joined us in August 2019 as a first year Vascular Fellow.



Visharad (Vish) P. Patel, D.O.
2019-2021

Dr. Patel received his medical degree at William Carey University, College of Osteopathic Medicine in Hattiesburg, MS. He then completed his general surgery training at St. John's Episcopal Hospital in Far Rockaway, NY. Dr. Patel joined us in August 2019 as a first year Vascular Fellow.

Honorary Mention

The fellowship is the culmination of a tremendous amount of work. We offer special thanks to:



Robert G. Molnar, M.D., who captured the vision, spent countless hours preparing the necessary application documents and brought the program to fruition.



Joan M. Brown, the fellowship's first program coordinator whose organizational and communication skills ensured the successful evolution of this program.



Carlo A. Dall'Olmo, M.D., the fellowship's first program director who was an exemplary role model. His excellent teaching skills, innovative thinking and oversight ensured the young program's success.

Upon retirement, Dr. Dall'Olmo was the recipient of the Inaugural 2019 Society for Vascular Surgery, Excellence in Community Service Award for his expertise and commitment to the vascular profession, locally, statewide, nationally and internationally.