Introduction to Vascular Surgery
Mini-Elective
Spring 2017

Course Dates: February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 16
Thursdays, 1:00-3:00 PM

Maximum Students: 12

Class Year: MS1

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Description:
The course consists of 1-1.5hr sessions dedicated to covering the common dis-
ease states treated by a vascular surgery practice. The faculty will consist of
attending surgeons who practice within the Division of Vascular Surgery at
UPMC, many of whom are nationally and internationally respected for their ex-
pertise in treating vascular patients. Disease states to be covered include ab-
dominal aortic aneurysm (AAA), carotid artery stenosis (CAS), peripheral arte-
rial disease (PAD), mesenteric ischemia and venous disease.

In place of a visit to the operating room (OR), the end of each session will be
dedicated to showing a short video describing the procedure(s) used to treat
each disorder. These videos will be chosen by the attending faculty, and will
include salient features of treatment, challenging clinical scenarios, and/or im-
portant anatomical review. Students wishing to observe cases in the OR will be
given contacts to arrange this independently. Students are encouraged,
although not required, to review the introductory chapters in Rutherford’s Vas-
cular Surgery (7th Edition) on each topic.

All sessions will take place in the Watson Surgical Education Center. Direc-
tions and session specifics will be provided in mid-January.

Objectives:
- Understand the etiology of vascular disease
- Understand the diagnostic methods used to assess vascular disease severi-
ty
- Identify patients at increased risk for vascular disease
- Learn the use of the common diagnostic tools
- Appreciate the surgical, endovascular and medical treatments for vascular
disease

Requirements:
Complete pre-session readings and participate actively in all sessions

Pre-Requisites:
None