The Need for **Continuing Evolution** and Recognition of Vascular Surgery as an Independent Specialty

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**VASCULAR SURGERY**

- **1970s** Birth as a Specialty
- **1979** PEEC Group...Evaluate & Endorse Training
- **1980** ABS, ABTS and RRCs Approve Training Program
- **1982** First ABS Subspecialty Certificate
- **1984** First RRC-Surgery Approved Training Program
- **1996** Veith SVS Presidential Address—Evolution
- **1997** ABVS Incorporated
- **2002** ABVS Petition to LCSB: Independent Board
- **2003** ABS-SVS Propose Primary Certificate within ABS
- **2006** Primary Certificate Approved by ABMS
- **2007** First Integrated Programs (VSB-ABS, RRC-S)

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**Specialization in Medicine**

Reflected in both: **Education** and **Practice**
Both are Posited in **ABMS** Member Boards

**EDUCATION** is Technology Driven

**PRACTICE** is Patient and Disease Driven

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**ABMS** 24 Member Boards

**PRACTICE**
- Dermatology
- Obstetrics-Gynecology
- Ophthalmology
- Otolaryngology

**EDUCATION**
- Internal Medicine
- Pediatrics
- Surgery
- Family Medicine
VASCULAR SURGERY BOARD of the ABS

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TODAY

ABS Primary Certificate in Vascular Surgery

ABR Primary Certificate in Interventional Radiology (2016)
(Replaces CAQ in Vasc and Intervent Radiology)

ABIM Nothing but Cardiology (CAQs in CVD, IC, etc)
Rejected Primary Certificate in Vascular Medicine

ABTS Nothing but Thoracic and Cardiac Surgery

CHALLENGE – Get PRACTICE ORIENTED

Expansion of VSB-ABS to include Other Specialties, Ad Hoc

Independent American Board of Vascular Surgery (ABVS)
Merge with other Specialties, but Change Name

Independent American Board of Vascular Diseases (ABVD)
Conjoint Board, ABS-ABR-Vascular Medicine/ABIM