

# American Board of Venous & Lymphatic Medicine

## 2020 AVLS Update

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**Associate Professor (Interventional Radiology)**  
**New York Presbyterian Hospital-Weill Cornell Medicine**



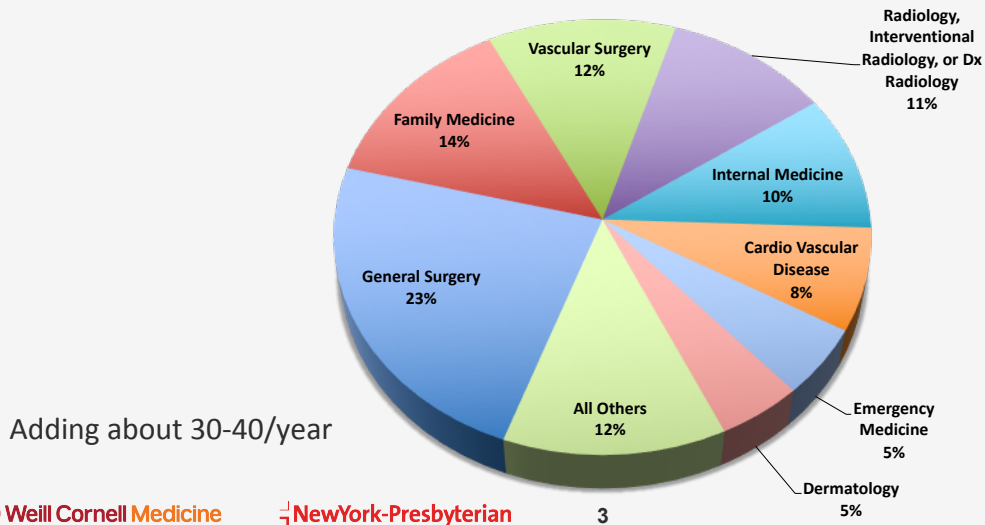
Serve the public and medical profession by  
establishing standards for VLM physicians

Improve the standards of care by establishing  
educational standards for VLM training

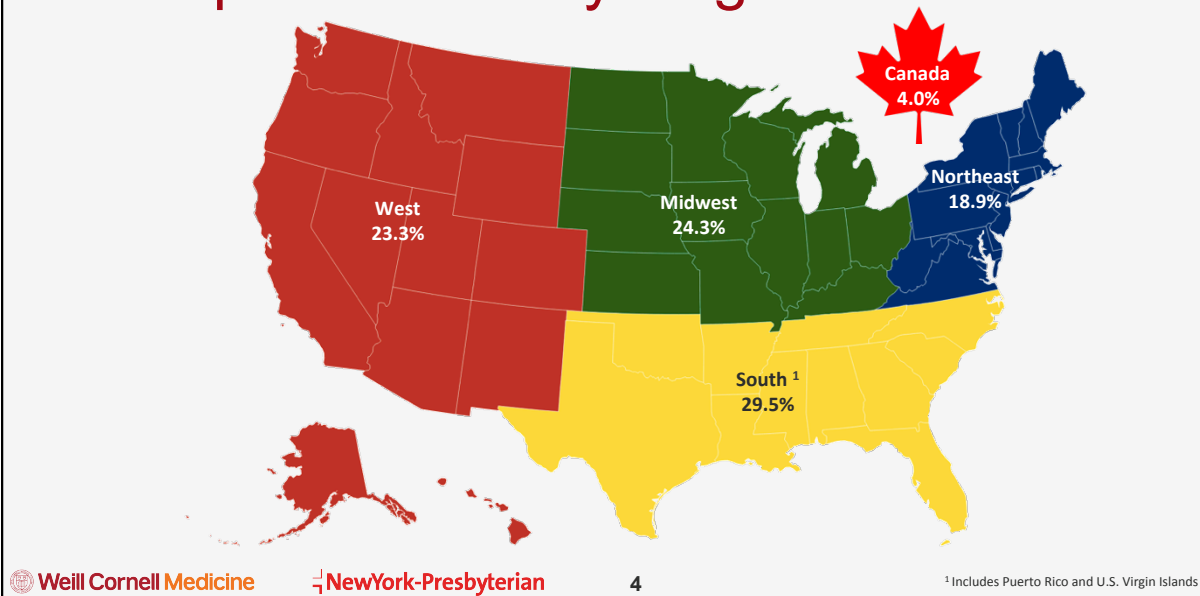
Establish  
Venous and Lymphatic Medicine  
as an  
ABMS recognized sub-specialty

# 856 Diplomates

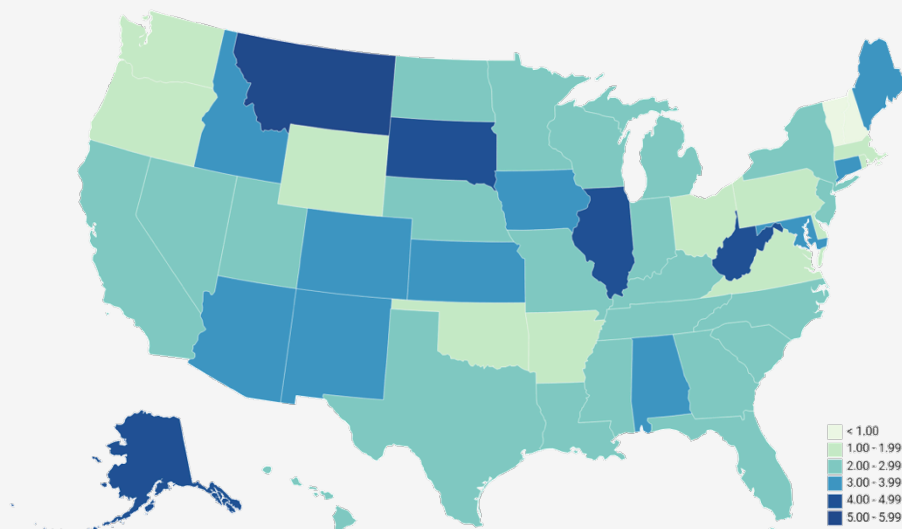
## ABVLM Specialty Background through 2019



# All Diplomates – By Region



# Diplomates per 1M in Population <sup>1</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> Population based on US Census Bureau estimates for 2019 at <https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/popest/2010s-state-total.html>

# Welcome Class of 2019



Ajay N. Amarnani, MD



Sahar Amery, MD



Thomas K. Barlow, DO



Alexander C. Batchev, DO



David R. Buckwalter, MD



Nelson Chavarria, MD

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## Welcome Class of 2019 (cont'd)



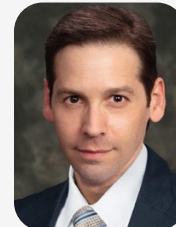
Richard Dubois, MD



Mark S. Elliott, MD



Abdul K. Ezeldin, MD



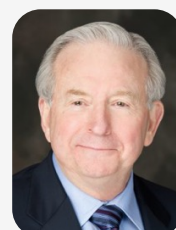
Kevin D. Fradkin, MD



Aditya Gupta, MD



Ahmed A. Habib, MD



H. Andrew Hansen II, MD



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## Welcome Class of 2019 (cont'd)



Kyle A. Herron, MD



Adam Isadore, MD



Harold Jaimes, MD



Anil Kumar, MD



Blazej Lojewski, MD



Sarah Pradka Lucas, MD



Gordon D. Lutchman, MD



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## Welcome Class of 2019 (cont'd)



Mark Macumber, MD



Ron Mark, MD



Puneet Mishra, MD



Elie Moussallem, MD



Raguveer Murthy, MD



Caroline Novak, MD



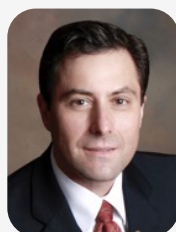
Joseph M. Okolo, MD



## Welcome Class of 2019 (cont'd)



Golta Rasouli, MD



Juan Carlos Rozo, MD



William B. Schoenfeld, MD



Mike G. Sebastian, MD



Douglas A. Ward, MD



Suman M. Wasan, MD



Yang Xia, MD



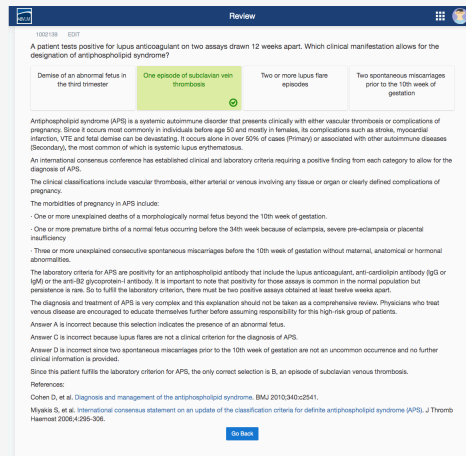
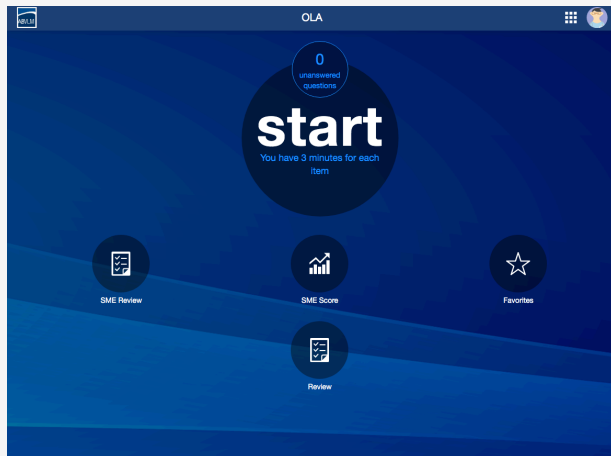
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# 2021 ABVLM Certification

- Open to US & Canadian physicians
  - Active, unrestricted license
  - Requisite training/experience qualifications
  - CME requirements
  - Certification exam
- Application deadline February 28, 2021
  - Exam **August 1 – September 15, 2021**

# Online Learning Assessment

## Maintenance of Certificate Program



# Two new Board Members

**Carl Fastabend, MD, FACC, FSCAI, RPVI, DABVLM**  
 Director

- Partner, Imperial Health
- Medical Director and Founder, Vein Center of Southwest Louisiana
- Director, IAC Vein Center
- Member, Health Advocacy Committee, American Vein and Lymphatic Society
- Member, American Venous Forum



**John H. Fish III, MD, FSVM, FACP, RPVI**  
 Director

- Director, Section of Vascular Medicine, Jobst Vascular Institute
- Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, College of Medicine and Life Sciences, University of Toledo
- Director, Jobst Anticoagulation Service
- Reviewer, VASA, European Journal of Vascular Medicine



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- Vineet Mishra, MD
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- Ido Weinberg, MD

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- Reil Khirani, MD, President
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- Rajiv Bhatia, MD
- Teresa Carman, MD
- Yung-Wai "Willie" Chi, MD
- Margaret Hagan, MD
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- Antonio Gasparis, MD
- Reil Khirani, MD
- Todd Lane, MD
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#### Item Writing Committee

For reasons of confidentiality and overall exam security, committee members names are not published. Nonetheless, we thank them for their ongoing service.

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ADDITIONAL TRAINING TO MAKE YOURSELF MORE MARKETABLE?

Join Us  
**JUNE 4th, 2020**  
8pm EST

WEBINAR

### What is a Career in Venous Disease Perspective from Venous Specialists, Opportunities for Venous Training

Join us for a discussion on the benefits of a VLM Fellowship

- SPECIALIZE
- STANDARDIZED TRAINING
- IMPROVED PATIENT OUTCOMES

- Understand the specialties that participate in the care of patients suffering from venous disease
- Understand the opportunities in the field of venous and lymphatic medicine (VLM) and the spectrum of venous interventions
- Recognize the advantage of obtaining dedicated training in VLM and including venous expertise in your practice
- Understand the process of specialization in VLM and how the American Board of Venous & Lymphatic Medicine Fellowship can benefit your career

**Moderator:** Vineet Mishra

**Panelists:**  
 Tony Gasparis  
 Peter Pappas  
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## One-Year VLM Fellowships

American Board of Venous & Lymphatic Medicine

In 2014 ABVLM embarked upon a collaborative, multi-specialty consensus process to establish educational standards for a one-year fellowship in venous and lymphatic medicine. It culminated in the *Program Requirements* documents used for VLM fellowships today.

The most recent fellowship program launched in the fall of 2020 at Harvard Medical School / Massachusetts General Hospital, and since 2014 there have been one-year VLM fellowships at: University of San Diego; New York University; and currently at Stony Brook Medicine (NY); ProMedica / The University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences (OH); Prisma Health-Upstate / University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville (SC); and the Centers for Vein Restoration in both the New Jersey and Maryland areas.

Medical school residents or others seeking to complete a one-year fellowship in VLM should **apply directly to the programs** as listed on the ABVLM website (*button below*).

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# VLM Fellowship Programs

10 active training positions

Program	Director	Accred Status	Start Year
Stony Brook University (NY)	Dr. Gasparis	Continuing	2015
Ctr for Vein Restoration (NJ, MD, and VA)	Dr. Pappas	Continuing	2016
ProMedica / Jobst Vascular Inst. (OH)	Dr. Fish	Continuing	2017
Prisma Health-Upstate (SC)	Dr. Stanbro	Continuing	2018
Harvard Medical School / MGH (MA)	Dr. Stoughton	Initial	2020



## IAC Standards & Guidelines for Vein Center Accreditation: Superficial Venous Evaluation and Management

1.1.1.A Medical Director Required Training and Experience:

At the time of initial application for accreditation or at the time of appointment to the medical staff, he/she must have clinical experience in the management and treatment of venous disease and must meet either 1.1.1.1.A, 1.1.1.2.A or 1.1.1.3.A:

1.1.1.1.A Performed a minimum of 200 cases over the previous three years in at least two of the four categories with a minimum of 50 cases per category:

- Sclerotherapy
- Ambulatory phlebectomy/powerd phlebectomy
- Saphenous vein ablation
  - o may include surgical, endovenous thermal, endovenous non-thermal and/or ultrasound-guided chemical ablation
- Non-operative management of chronic venous insufficiency with ulceration (CEAP Clinical classification C6)
  - o wound care including:
    - debridement/bandaging and compression therapy

i. The cases must be documented with a case log.

OR

1.1.1.2.A If the Medical Director has successfully completed an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) approved residency or fellowship for which venous disease, venous interventional treatment and venous ultrasound training was included in the core curriculum within three years prior to the application date.

i. Performed a minimum of 100 cases over the previous three years in at least two of the four categories with a minimum of 50 cases per category:

- Sclerotherapy
- Ambulatory phlebectomy/powerd phlebectomy
- Saphenous vein ablation
  - o may include surgical, endovenous thermal, endovenous non-thermal and/or ultrasound-guided chemical ablation
- Non-operative management of chronic venous insufficiency with ulceration (CEAP Clinical classification C6)
  - o wound care including:
    - debridement/bandaging and compression therapy

ii. The cases must be documented with a case log.

iii. A letter from the program director may be required to confirm completion of the fellowship and case log accuracy.

OR

1.1.1.3.A American Board of Vein and Lymphatic Medicine (ABVLM) Certification

AND

1.1.1.4.A A case log documenting the performance and/or direct supervision and findings of a minimum of 100 (focused, limited or complete) diagnostic venous ultrasounds.

AND

1.1.1.5.A Qualifying and Continuing Medical Education (CME) Requirement:

i. The Medical Director must obtain a minimum of 30 Category 1 CME credit hours related to venous disease, venous interventional treatment and/or venous ultrasound, in the past three years.

Comment: If a meeting was not solely dedicated to venous disease, venous interventional treatment and/or venous ultrasound, only the related hours are to be included in the application for accreditation.

ii. If the Medical Director has successfully completed an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) approved residency or fellowship for venous disease, interventional treatment and ultrasound training within three years prior to the application date, the CME requirement will be waived.

iii. Documentation of CME credits must be kept on file and available for inspection.

AND

1.1.1.6.A The Medical Director must have current Basic Life Support certification, and if moderate-IV sedation is utilized, Advanced Cardiac Life Support certification is required.

# ABVLM Executive Director and Staff

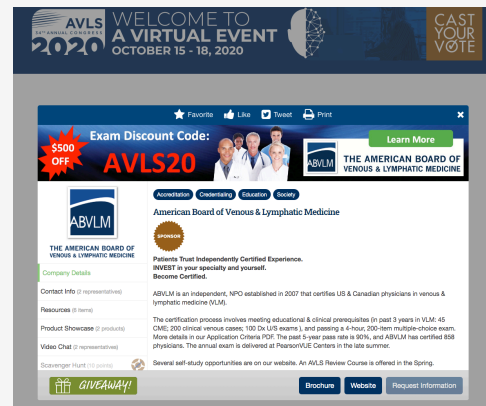
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The screenshot shows a website for the AVLS 2020 virtual event, held from October 15-18, 2020. The page features a navigation bar with 'AVLS 2020' and 'WELCOME TO A VIRTUAL EVENT'. A prominent banner advertises an 'Exam Discount Code: AVLS20' for \$500 off. Below this, there is a section for 'THE AMERICAN BOARD OF VENOUS & LYMPHATIC MEDICINE' (ABVLM), which includes a 'Learn More' button and a 'GIVEAWAY!' banner. The main content area provides details about the board, its mission, and the certification process, which involves meeting educational and clinical prerequisites, passing a 4-hour, 200-item multiple-choice exam, and completing a 2-year case report. The page also includes social media sharing options (Favorite, Like, Tweet, Print) and a 'Request Information' button.