

DIVISION HEAD, VASCULAR SURGERY

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO IN DENVER

SEEKING AN ESTABLISHED VASCULAR DIVISION LEADER WITH A NATIONAL REPUTATION WHO CAN HELP THE PROGRAM CONTINUE TO GAIN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION.



"The next Division Chief of Vascular Surgery will take over a very successful unit that has seen tremendous growth over the last several years. There will be a great opportunity for the next Chief to recruit multiple surgeons and build the division into one of the premier vascular surgery programs in the world. The University of Colorado will become a premier program that is situated at the intersection of a busy and successful program, on a new state of the art medical campus, with the ability to engage both translational and outcomes research to the highest level; and on the front range of the Rocky Mountains—perhaps one of the best places in the world to live." —Richard D. Schulick, MD, MBA, FACS Professor & Chair, Dept. of Surgery

Merritt Hawkins, Academic Division has partnered with the University of Colorado, Department of Surgery for this critical recruitment. The vascular surgery division has undergone significant growth and development, particularly in the past five years, having recruited five academic Vascular Surgeons—all of which are trained in the latest cutting-edge endovascular treatments of vascular disease. Its strength lies in the diversity of their training, the varied academic interests and its ability to collaborate both locally and nationally. In the past year, it has made significant strides in identifying the vision of the division and their strategic priorities.

A new division chief would be one who, not only ascribes to the same values and vision as defined by the division but also aspires to align this vision with those of the department of surgery and university, as well as the hospitals and the multiple specialties that also provide care for the vascular patients. This would further the goals to develop both a regional, national and international presence in academic surgery.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

- Building the clinical enterprise through service line development and engagement with multi-disciplinary groups, such as: engagement with the cardiovascular center and hospital leadership, multi-disciplinary clinical pathway protocol development and marketing and branding of advanced clinical services
- Building the research enterprise through support of existing research interests and potential recruitment of a more senior researcher or PhD vascular scientist
- Build on the existing fellowship program in addition to establishing a residency program.
- Further define and manage the organizational structure of the division

IDEAL CANDIDATE:

- A strategic, methodical division chief that is clinically proficient and that can lead this team of young surgeons that are fearless in the surgical realm; as well as help connect these young faculty members with other colleagues around the country to gain national exposure and develop collaborative academic endeavors.
- Academic track record in translational and outcomes research, as well as a leader with their finger on the pulse of endovascular surgery and the collaborative understanding to work across the disciplines

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The new Division Chief of Interventional Radiology is a big advocate for vascular surgery and wants to collaborate and partner with improving the division of vascular surgery.
- Vascular volume is up 300% in the last 3 ½ years and they are #1 in the region, even though there is a lot of competition—providing a big opportunity to grow this division and make a name for yourself nationally within a storied Department of Surgery.
- Surgical volume within the Department of Surgery has grown 15% each year, the last 3 years and they rank 19th nationally in academic funding. The hospital is very successful, and provides an excellent environment for program building.
- Excellent opportunity to grow and develop service lines, such as, critical limb ischemia and wound care

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