

“AN INTEGRATED APPROACH IN THE MANAGEMENT OF PERIPHERAL VASCULAR DISEASES”

EDITORIAL

PERIPHERAL VASCULAR DISEASES IN THE 21ST CENTURY

It is indeed a pleasure and great honour for me, to be writing for the JIMSA as a guest editor. The concept of Vascular Surgery as a stand-alone speciality has not progressed as rapidly in India and the sub-continent, as it has in the United States or Europe.

Peripheral vascular surgery started as an off-shoot from cardio-thoracic surgery way back in the 1930s. As an entity it has gone from strength to strength since then. Today we can confidently say that, there exists a vibrant peripheral vascular surgery training program in most countries, with India also trying to catch up.

The peripheral vascular surgeon has given way to the concept of a vascular specialist in the new millennium. As we understand more and more regarding the patho-physiology and natural history of peripheral vascular diseases, we hope to use a combined approach of vascular medicine, surgery, endovascular and complimentary techniques in the treatment of these conditions. Times are changing fast and the future is bound to bring in rapid and far reaching changes in vascular care, therefore it is important that we integrate our knowledge, skills and resources to provide the state of the art care for our patients.

Apart from giving an overview of what is evidence based in a modern vascular practice, it has been my endeavor to promote an integrated approach to patient care. I am grateful to Dr. Vinod Sharma, Dr. V.K.Gujral , Dr. Amar Pal Singh Suri and Dr. Deepak Chaudhary, my colleagues at the Centre for Integrated Care for Vascular Diseases, at the National Heart Institute, in New Delhi for joining me in presenting a holistic view of management of vascular diseases.



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