



AMERICAN BOARD OF SURGERY

VASCULAR SURGERY: CONTENT OUTLINE FOR THE IN-TRAINING (VSITE),  
QUALIFYING (VSQE) AND RECERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS

TOPIC	VSITE WEIGHT*	VSQE & RECERT WEIGHT*
<b><i>Patient Care – Vascular Surgery</i></b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>70%</b>
A. Cerebrovascular	8%	8%
B. Upper Extremity	2%	2%
C. Thoracic Outlet Syndromes	2%	2%
D. Abdominal/Iliac/Peripheral Arterial Aneurysms	8%	8%
E. Lower Extremity Occlusive Disease	8%	8%
F. Mesenteric	4%	4%
G. Renal	2%	2%
H. Thoracic Aorta	3%	4%
I. Venous Disease	8%	8%
J. Liver/Portal Hypertension	1%	1%
K. Lymphatic Problems	1%	1%
L. Vascular Trauma	3%	3%
M. Angioaccess	2%	2%
N. Complications	3%	4%
O. Amputations	2%	2%
P. Imaging/Vascular Laboratory	2%	3%
Q. Vascular Medicine	3%	3%
R. Endovascular	3%	3%
S. Vascular Applied Science	5%	2%
<b><i>Patient Care – Core Surgery</i></b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>6%</b>
A. Abdomen - General		
B. Abdomen - Hernia		
C. Abdomen - Biliary		
D. Abdomen - Pancreas		
E. Abdomen - Spleen		
F. Alimentary Tract - Esophagus		

G. Alimentary Tract - Stomach		
H. Alimentary Tract - Small Intestine		
I. Alimentary Tract - Large Intestine		
J. Endoscopy		
K. Endocrine		
L. Skin/Soft Tissue		
M. Non-Vascular Trauma		
N. Transplantation		
O. Thoracic Surgery		
P. Plastic Surgery		
Q. Genitourinary		
R. Head and Neck		
S. Nervous System		
<b><i>Surgical/Medical Knowledge</i></b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>24%</b>
A. Anesthesia		
B. Biostatistics and Evaluation of Evidence		
C. Ethics		
D. Fluids and Electrolytes		
E. Geriatric Surgery and End of Life Care		
F. Immunology		
G. Infection and Antimicrobial Therapy		
E. Minimally Invasive Surgery - Principles		
F. Nutrition and Metabolism		
G. Pharmacology		
H. Preoperative Evaluation and Perioperative Care		
I. Surgical Critical Care		
J. Transfusion and Disorders of Coagulation		
K. Wounds and Wound Healing		

The topic categories listed above are aligned with those of the *SCORE® Curriculum Outline for Vascular Surgery* currently in development.

\*Approximate percentage of questions to be included. Actual percentages may vary slightly from year to year.