Vascular questions

- In diabetic patients with PVD, how accurate is the ABI?
- In the pharmacological treatment of PVD, how often is Cilostazol prescribed? What would be the indications?

Carotid endarectomy

- With a carotid ultrasound, are you able to quantify the level of plaque solely based on flow?
- What are the rates of restenosis?
- If a patient is asymptomatic and has severe stensosis, is surgery indicated?
- How common are intimal flaps post endarectomy that may dissect?
- Can you explain hypoperfusion syndrome as a complication of CEA?

Vascular questions

- Does AAA have any clinical signs or do you suspect looking for a AAA in pts with certain risk factors?
- When do you start becoming proactive (surgery, medication) after diagnosing a AAA?
 - o Is 5.5 cm when you start or is a rate of change also used?
 - Once a AAA presents, is poor diet or non-compliance to smoking cessation more of a risk factor for rupture?
- When it comes to DVT patients, what are some CI's for IVC filter placement, and what are the complications you see from them? What steps do you take to avoid these issues?
- How is ABI calculated?
- What are the possible complications that a surgeon considers when deciding how to treat ascending aortic dissections? Is injury to the coronary arteries or aortic valve something one must consider?

Vascular questions

- What are the indications for amputation in peripheral vascular disease?
- Is it ever a consideration to let a patient with peripheral vascular disease be treated exclusively with wound cleaning, especially if they are immobile
- As a surgeon, what post-operation anti-coagulation do you use? How does the site of the vascular surgery change this decision?
- What are some newer interventional treatments that you have seen for the management of aortic dissection?
- Have you seen more post-operation complications using native vessels or synthetic inserts/devices in the treatment for vascular disorders?
- What are some recommendations you would give to the internal medicine/primary care physicians that are in charge of patients post-surgical treatment of aortic dissection, AAA, peripheral vascular stent placement?