Guidelines/Timeline for RPVI (Registered Physician in Vascular Interpretation)
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1st year
- 2 weeks vascular in 2nd month of echo (do as much scanning with sonographers as possible)
- Decide by spring (or as soon as possible after initial vascular experience) if you are interested in pursuing COCATS level II & RPVI exam (this allows for maximal planning and time to get studies read)
- Meet/discuss interest with Dr. Peter Mason or Dr. Karen Moncher

2nd year
- 1 month vascular at VA
- Independent reading (with faculty oversight); Karen is reader Mondays, Wednesdays; Peter is reader Tuesdays, Thursdays; Giorgio is reader Fridays
- Great resource for independent study is the Vascular Imaging Library (you need one of these links depending on the type of computer you are using):
- Meet/discuss progress with Dr. Peter Mason or Dr. Karen Moncher

3rd year
- Apply for exam
- Study
- Sit for exam

*Throughout fellowship – core lectures with scan labs
*Alternatively, you could continue to work on study interpretation during 3rd year and then plan to take the exam the fall after completion of general fellowship

Majority of applicants will be Prerequisite B1 (requirements listed below). In addition, checklist can be found at http://www.ardms.org/PVI/PVIcklist.pdf

1. Interpretation Experience - The applicant must be able to document interpretation experience with a minimum of 500 vascular laboratory studies completed within the residency or fellowship. **Maintain a patient log or other record of interpretation**
experience with a minimum of 500 vascular laboratory studies. This log does not need to be submitted with the application but may be requested as part of a random audit. (MedHub)**

a. Carotid duplex ultrasound  
b. Transcranial Doppler  
c. Peripheral arterial physiologic testing  
d. Peripheral arterial duplex ultrasound (including grafts and stents)  
e. Venous duplex ultrasound  
f. Visceral vascular duplex ultrasound (renal, mesenteric, aortic)

2. Documentation  
a. Copy of medical school diploma.  
b. Original letter from residency/fellowship program director verifying dates of attendance and completion of a minimum of 500 vascular laboratory interpretation studies. For required letter content, please visit: www.ARDMS.org/sampleletters. **This could be completed by Dr. Peter Mason or Dr. Karen Moncher.**

c. Photocopy of a non-expired government issued photo identification with signature; the name on the identification must exactly match the name under which you are applying for

**Upcoming application periods:**  
6/22/2016-8/23/2016

**Upcoming exam periods:**  
3/22/2016-4/21/2016  
9/20/2016-10/20/2016

Examination fee currently $600 including $100 non-refundable processing fee

**Helpful websites:**