



LEARN Faculty Spotlight

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Dr. Timothy E. Yates was interviewed by Dr. Bret Wiechmann, LEARN Program Planning Committee member.

Dr. Wiechmann: Tim Yates, MD, welcome to the LEARN team! We are thrilled to have new, engaged faculty like yourself for the "Return of LEARN." Tell me what you know about LEARN and the importance of PAD education.

Dr. Yates: It is really an honor to be a part of this faculty with outstanding operators. I first "learned of LEARN" through two of my mentors Bob Beasley and Jim Benenati. Also my partner Brandon Olivieri, total stud IR, went as a resident and was blown away.

Dr. Wiechmann: Give me some details of your practice and how your group has developed your PAD referrals.

Dr. Yates: I joined Bob Beasley 4 years ago at Mount Sinai Medical Center, where he had an extremely busy endovascular service, one of the main reasons I went back. Since I have been there, I have helped flesh out our CLI practice with dedicated surgeons and podiatrists, to promote better limb salvage rates. I've also been a part of national organizations through SIR and the CLI Global #CLIfighters, giving me and other colleagues support and training to improve our practices. I'm going to soon be leaving to an outpatient practice with Warren Swee, so I look forward to starting new efforts from the ground up.

Dr. Wiechmann: Is there a particular aspect of PAD that interests you, and why?

Dr. Yates: Limb salvage, all the way. This is not for the weak of heart, and your numbers will suffer because many of these patients will have the "worst of the worst" disease. So getting all "soft balls" can't be your goal with this substrate. We push the limits of technique and devices everyday with these patients and there is something so technically satisfying about bringing some of them out of Civil war era of amputation (where appropriate).

Dr. Wiechmann: What do you look forward to most about participating in LEARN?

Dr. Yates: I've been included in a team of all star IR's dedicated to keeping our skills and practice at the forefront of PAD medicine. We only improve by surrounding ourselves with a Mastermind group of people better than us. I hope we can inspire attendees to push limits with us as we move forward.