

Frank J. Veith is Professor of Surgery at New York University and the William J. von Liebig Chair in Vascular Surgery at the Cleveland Clinic. He graduated from Cornell University Medical School with honors before completing an internship at Columbia P&S and his surgical residency training at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital and Harvard Medical School. He achieved success with his pioneering work in experimental and clinical lung transplantation. In the 1970s and 1980s, his attention turned toward vascular surgery with an emphasis on lower extremity revascularization procedures. He and his colleagues were the first to advocate an aggressive approach to saving limbs threatened by arteriosclerosis and gangrene when most patients with this problem were being treated by a major amputation. In the late 1980s and 1990s, he became involved with endovascular treatments. He and his group were the first to perform an endovascular graft repair of an abdominal aortic aneurysm (EVAR) in the United States. They also were the first in the world to perform an EVAR for a ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm. In 1955, he was elected President of the Society for Vascular Surgery. He held positions as Chief of Vascular Surgery and Chairman of Surgery at Montefiore Medical Center, Albert Einstein College of Medicine for many years. More recently, he was The William J. Von Liebig Chair in Vascular Surgery. He chairs the largest vascular surgery meeting, the VEITH symposium, held annually in New York City. In June of 2010, he received the Society for Vascular Surgery Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2013, an endowed Chair, the Frank J. Veith Chair in Vascular and Endovascular Surgery, was established at New York University to honor him. In 2019 The Frank J. Veith International Society was established by his trainees, colleagues and friends to honor his achievements in vascular surgery.