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How to Maintain a Competitive Advantage

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Conflict of Interest

None

Start with a Vision

What is your goal?

What do you want to accomplish?

How are you going to get there?





Building a Practice

- It starts at the top
 - Lead by example
- Build a team
 - Put people around you that are highly competent, passionate, and share your vision
 - Do not micro-manage
 - Rule #1 "Have Fun Everyday"
- Create a Brand
- Provide a facility and atmosphere that make patients feel comfortable



Building a Practice

- Availability
 - You must make yourself available at all time
- Ability
 - You must have the ability to treat the problems you create
 - You must know your limitations



Building a Practice

- Affability
 - You must treat patients, staff, and referring physicians by the Golden Rule
 - Speak to patients in a way they understand
 - Communication, communication, communication
 - You are an educator, you have knowledge they do not have
- Adaptability
 - The only constant in life is change.



- Outcomes (positive & negative) drive referrals
- Strive for excellence at all times
 - Do not take shortcuts
 - Do not cut corners
 - CLIA
 - Be prepared
 - Mistakes will be made
 - Learn from them
 - Do not repeat them
 - Do not be afraid to fail

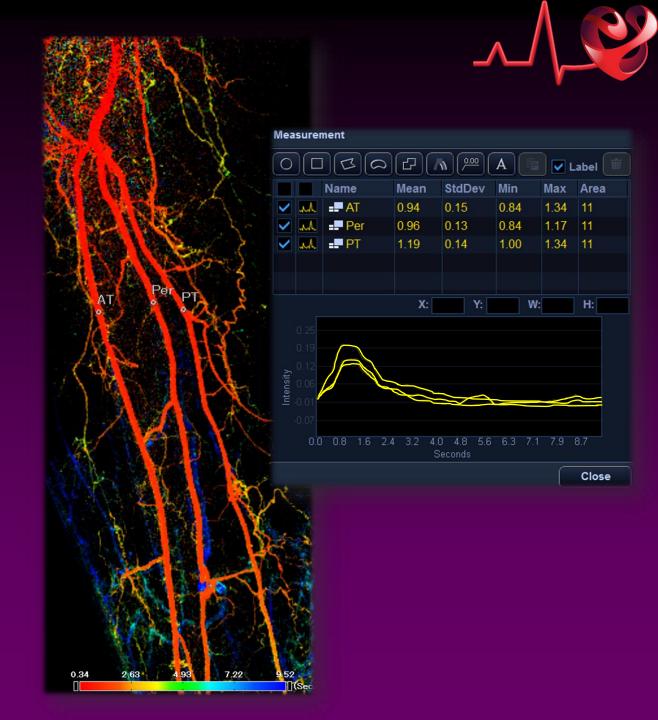


- Build a referral network
 - Communicate with referring physicians
 - Key leaders—Wound Clinic
 - Patient encounters
 - Patient word of mouth
 - Advertise to the community
 - Social media
 - Website (www.VIMidwest.com)
 - Facebook (Vascular Institute of the Midwest)
 - Google
 - Traditional media
 - Newspaper
 - TV
 - Billboard





- Provide unique services
 - State of the art facilities
 - Best you can afford
 - Superficial venous disease
 - Medical
 - Cosmetic
 - Deep venous disease
 - Aesthetic services
 - Uterine fibroid embolization
 - Prostate embolization
- Clinical research







































Conclusion

- Have a vision, develop a plan
- Build a team, lead by example
- Treat patients and referring physicians by the Golden Rule
- Strive for excellence
- Social media and traditional marketing
- Provide unique services
- Have fun everyday

