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Thomas Wakefield MD is the Stanley Professor of Vascular Surgery, University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor, MI and Section Head, Vascular Surgery. He attended St. John’s Jesuit High School and then obtained his BA degree from the University of Toledo in 1975 and is a proud graduate of the Honors Program. He received an MD degree from the Medical College of Ohio in 1978, and then moved to the University of Michigan where he began and finished general surgery and vascular surgery training. He joined the faculty of the University of Michigan Vascular Surgery Section in 1986. He was awarded an endowed chair in 2002, the S. Martin Lindenauer Collegiate Chair in Vascular Surgery, and he became Section Head in 2004. He recently became the Stanley Professor in Vascular Surgery in February, 2012.

He is interested in venous disorders clinically along with all areas of vascular surgery, and has written extensively in the area of venous thrombogenesis and coagulation. His research has been funded by organizations including the American Heart Association, Veterans Administration, and the National Institutes of Health. His major area of research interest includes the inflammatory response to venous thrombosis, with a special emphasis on selection biology. He is also evaluating new biomarkers for the diagnosis of venous thrombosis. Additionally, he heads an NIH supported Vascular Surgery Training grant in Vascular Biology. He has served and serves on a number of editorial boards and he is past-president of one of the premier venous organization in the world, the American Venous Forum and the American Venous Forum Foundation. He is also past-president of the Michigan Vascular Society. His CV includes over 260 peer-reviewed and non peer-reviewed published manuscripts, over 115 book chapters, and he has given over 400 invited scientific presentations. His wife Mary is a retired Physical Therapist and she is involved in many volunteer organizations. She is an emeritus docent with the University of Michigan Art Museum, and is an advocate for affordable housing in Washtenaw County. He has two sons, Andrew who graduated from the Albion College and the University of Michigan with a JD and MS degree and is currently a seminarian in Washington DC, and Victor who graduated from Princeton University and is currently the Executive Director for the Las Vegas Valley for Teach for America program. Dr. Wakefield is also the current Vice-President of the University of Toledo Alumni Association.