

Professor Athanasios Giannoukas was born in 1961 in Larissa, Greece. He received his medical degree at University of Ioannina, Greece in 1985 and thereafter he served the military and social service for 2 years. He completed a 5-year Residency in General Surgery at the University Hospital of Ioannina and in 1992 he passed successfully the board examinations. In 1992 he was awarded the MD degree from the Medical School of the University of Ioannina.

He moved to the United Kingdom in 1992 and he was appointed in several posts such as: (a) Vascular Clinical Research Fellow, St. Mary's Hospital, Imperial College Medical School, London (08/1992-02/1995), (b) Registrar in Vascular and General Surgery, Department of Surgery, Colchester General Hospital, Essex (03/1995-07/1995), (c) Lecturer/ Senior Registrar in Vascular and General Surgery, Professorial Surgical Unit, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, (07/1995-07/1996), (d) Senior Vascular Clinical Research Fellow (part - time), St. Mary's Hospital, Imperial College Medical School, London, U.K. (01/1997-12/1998). In 1996 he was awarded the MSc degree in Vascular Medicine and Technology from the Imperial College, University of London, U.K.. At the end of 1996 he was appointed as Consultant Vascular Surgeon at the Department of Vascular Surgery, University Hospital of Crete, Greece (05/1995-07/2003). In 1997 he successfully passed the European Board examinations and was awarded with the FBVS (Fellow Board Vascular Surgery). In July 2003 he returned to the U.K as Consultant Vascular Surgeon at the Sheffield Vascular Institute, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS, Northern General Hospital, Sheffield, (07/2003-07/2004), and Consultant Vascular Surgeon, Department of Vascular and General Surgery, Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital NHS Trust, Norwich, (02/2005-04/2005). In 2004 he has taken the PhD degree from the Imperial College, University of London, U.K.. In September 2005 he was appointed as Associate Professor of Vascular Surgery at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Thessaly, Larissa, Greece and since 2010 is Full Professor in the same University. He is the founder and Chairman of the Department of Vascular Surgery at the University Hospital of Larissa since March 2006. Currently he is also Chairman of the Surgical Section of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Thessaly.

His research work has resulted in 166 publications in peer reviewed journals that have attracted more than 2.200 citations, he is author of several book chapters, and has been invited speaker in numerous international Congresses and Symposia. He has also contributed in member of several guidelines committees, he has been member of the Editorial board of several International journals, founding member of the European Venous Forum and its first Secretary General since 1999. He has been Chairman of the Institute of Vascular Diseases based in Greece and organizer of the yearly held in Greece internationally known LIVE Symposium. Currently he is member of the council of the European Society of Vascular Surgery representing Greece.