

**Dr. Venugopal Balaji. MBBS, MS, FRCS[Eng], FRCS [Edin], FRCS [Gen] ,FICS.
Vascular Surgeon**

Areas of Special Interest:

- **Lower limb revascularization**
- **Carotid Endarterectomy under general anesthesia**
- **Minimally Invasive Vascular Surgery**
- **Thoracoscopic Sympethectomy for Hyperhidrosis**
- **Endoscopic Venous Surgery for Venous Insufficiency**
- **Complex angio access surgery for hemodialysis**
- **Diabetic Foot problems**

Dr. Venugopal balaji was born in 1963 and completed his undergraduate medical education at the Madras Medical College, Chennai. He graduated in 1986 and completed his post graduate training at the Government General Hospital, Chennai. He received his license to practice in 1989 and proceeded to the United Kingdom for further surgical training.

He received his FRCS from the Royal College of Surgeons of England in 1989 and FRCS from the Royal College of Edinburgh in 1990. He was the first overseas candidate to receive an FRCS from the Inter Collegiate Board of the Royal Colleges. In the same year in recognition of his excellent academic performance, he was elected Fellow of International College of Surgeons by the European section of the College.

His training in the UK included various aspects of vascular surgery and transplantation surgery.

He also had a short spell of training at the University of Minnesota Hospitals, Minneapolis, USA in pancreas transplantation.

He had training in endovascular surgery in Cologne, Germany.

He has authored and co-authored more than 25 publications in general, vascular, and transplantation surgery in various international journals.

He has presented papers at many national and international conferences and has been an invited faculty for many scientific gatherings.

He returned to India in early 1999 and started the dedicated Vascular Surgery Unit at Apollo Hospitals, Chennai where he currently is the head of the department of Vascular Surgery.