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Martin Veller is the past dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences of the University of the Witwatersrand. Prior to this, he was the Professor and Head of the Department of Surgery and the head of the Division of Vascular Surgery.

His pre- and post-graduate training also occurred at the University of the Witwatersrand, where he qualified in general surgery in 1987. He subsequently undertook a vascular surgical research fellowship at the St. Mary's hospital, of the Imperial College, London. In April 2002, he was awarded an *ad hominem* professorship at the University of the Witwatersrand and became Professor Emeritus in January 2021.

He previously has been the Chairman of the Association of Surgeons of South Africa, President of the Vascular Society of Southern Africa and President of the College of Surgeons of the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa. Within the World Federation of Vascular Societies he was the inaugural Secretary-General (2007-2011) and was President from September 2013 to October 2014. He also was the chair of the organising committee of the WFVS congress held in October 2014 in Stellenbosch, South Africa.