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When Do You Need a

Vascular Surgeon?

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Not many people have heard of vascular surgeons, and fewer know what it is that we actually do. Nowadays, however, the chances are pretty good that if you are over 55 or a female in her childbearing years, you will be in need of one of the wide array of services that vascular surgeons provide. Obviously, when that day comes, you will want the best... and that's where we come in.

Vascular Surgical Associates, P.C., a practice that has been serving patients in the Atlanta area since 1986, is at your service for consultation, treatment and follow-up for some of the most complicated and most common disorders of blood vessels. These disorders can generally be divided into two categories: diseases of the arteries and disorders of the veins (see chart).

Arterial diseases are usually very complicated and almost always associated with atherosclerosis or hardening of the arteries. This disease state is the most common cause of death and disability in industrialized nations. Smoking, diabetes, high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol, diet, exercise level and hereditary tendencies are all independent risk factors for the development of blocked arteries all over the body. Atherosclerotic vascular disease will affect or has already affected most every family in America. It falls upon vascular surgeons to diagnose, treat and provide follow-up for this disease process.

ABOVE: From left: Gary Jacobson, M.D.; Jeffery Reilly, M.D.; Charles Wyble, M.D.; David H. Hafner, M.D.; Steven W. Oweida, M.D.; Hector Dourron, M.D. and Arun Chervu, M.D.—all board certified vascular surgeons—are currently accepting new patients.

VASCULAR DISORDERS AND TREATMENTS AT A GLANCE

	DISORDERS	TREATMENTS
ARTERIES	Blocked arteries	Minimally invasive aneurysm repair, angiogram, stent, angioplasty, traditional open surgery
	Aneurysms	
	Stroke	
VEINS	Varicose veins	Venous closure, laser vein closure, traditional vein surgery
	Venous insufficiency	

Disorders of the veins, on the other hand, most commonly affect young to middle aged women, though they can be seen in both sexes and in all age groups. Disorders of the veins are not nearly as serious as blocked arteries or aneurysms, but they are very common and very disabling to those who develop them. There are a variety of newer procedures to treat venous prob-

lems, and again, the vascular surgeon is the point person.

Having completed at least six, and sometimes nine years of intense training after medical school, vascular surgeons are very highly trained. All of the surgeons at Vascular Surgical Associates are double board certified in both general and vascular surgery. Our staff consists of eight surgeons, three physicians' assistants, one nurse practitioner, three registered nurses, seven vascular technicians and dozens of ancillary staff. We are very proud of our staff and the reputation of our practice. We continue to grow and are committed to meeting the needs of our patients.

Our non-invasive vascular lab is an integral part of our practice, allowing accurate diagnosis of problems, so an effective and timely treatment can be initiated. The diagnostic services we offer include venous, carotid and aortic ultrasound; peripheral arterial duplex scanning; and venous reflux evaluation and mapping.

Vascular surgery is the only medical specialty in which doctors devote their full time and attention to the diagnosis, treatment and long-term follow up care of patients with vascular disease. Moreover, vascular surgeons are the only specialists that can offer all types of treatment for your needs (minimally invasive or open vascular surgery). Because we are not limited to offering only one modality of treatment for a specific problem, this gives us the capability to offer you, the patient, the best treatment options.



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