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# Saving Limbs, Saving Lives

Janet Albright, M.D., and her specialized team at **Nevada Vein and Vascular** are uniquely equipped in knowledge and technology to tackle the complex nuances of vascular disease.



**E**ach patient who visits Nevada Vein and Vascular offers an anatomic puzzle that requires an expert skill set to be solved. Some patients arrive with a spiraling diabetic foot wound or an aortic aneurysm, while others might need a fistula for dialysis or present with symptoms of peripheral arterial disease (PAD).

"A thorough physical exam of the pulse, appearance, and medical history provides insight as to what the cause might be, but almost every treatment plan will also require an imaging study, such as an angiogram," says Janet Albright, M.D., a 25-year veteran of the field.

In 2017, Nevada Vein and Vascular opened Northern Nevada's first outpatient angiogram suite, sparing patients the inconvenience and high cost of the same hospital-based procedure. "It's easy in, easy out, and with equal safety and effectiveness as inpatient options," says Dr. Albright.



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## A Passion for Limb Salvage

Often triggered by diabetes, high cholesterol, or a habit of smoking, severe foot and leg wounds require knowledge and experience to treat. Knowing that sparing an amputation can add years and limitless quality to a patient's life, the team at Nevada Vein and Vascular strives tirelessly to keep limbs intact whenever possible.

"A patient came to us several years ago with a severe foot wound that was very close to amputation. She was miserable," recalls Dr. Albright. "We were able to salvage her entire foot, and it's changed her life so much that she sends us treats every year on Valentine's Day."

"It's not about the gifts," Dr. Albright continues, "but it's the sentiment of changing someone's life that keeps us doing what we do."

With a heart for total patient care, the practice also screens for symptoms such as chest pain or shortness of breath that may indicate additional

underlying or related conditions.

## Regional Pioneers

Unlike other subspecialties that might treat similar conditions, vascular surgeons are the only specialists capable of performing surgical bypass, when needed. Furthermore, Nevada Vein and Vascular is the only practice in town that focuses exclusively on vascular surgery, meaning they've individually and collectively accumulated a rare depth of expertise in the field.

Mark Levin, M.D., who joined the practice in 2019, brings unique training in FEVAR (fenestrated endovascular aneurysm repair), an advanced technique to treat complicated aortic aneurysms typically only found in university settings. Jessica Williams, M.D., joined the practice in January 2021 and brings enthusiasm for all aspects of vascular care.

Soon the practice will be bringing TCAR (transcarotid artery revascularization) to Washoe County. The minimally invasive procedure is a safer, more effective technique to treat carotid artery disease and prevents future strokes for some patients. "It's been available in other parts of the country for about five years, but it hasn't been available in Reno until now," says Dr. Albright.

"We're always evaluating the field's newest technologies to bring the best care possible to our patients," she concludes. "Everything we do is driven by the desire to make someone's life better."



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