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Improving Patient Health

A commitment to expertise, efficiency, and patient-centered care helps cardiovascular surgeon Jonathan Ellichman, M.D., improve quality of life for patients.

Some people think certain symptoms—leg pain or an unhealed wound, for instance—are just issues they have to live with, especially if they have complicating factors such as diabetes or high blood pressure.

But that's not true. And for cardiovascular surgeon Jonathan Ellichman, M.D., helping those people is some of the most fulfilling work he does.

"I like the technical aspect of surgery. I like the challenge, and I'm good at what I do—it's an art and a skill," says Dr. Ellichman, founder of Ellichman Vein & Vascular Centers in Memphis. "But what's best is changing someone's life when they didn't know that what I could do for them was even an option.

"Many times, people do not understand that they have a vascular problem and that it can be successfully treated," adds Dr. Ellichman, who has more than 20 years of experience. "My goal is to educate and explain, no matter what the problem is."

ONE-STOP SHOP

Ellichman Vein & Vascular is a one-stop shop for minimally invasive procedures to treat peripheral arterial disease (PAD) and similar conditions. These procedures, using technology developed by Dr. Ellichman, can ease pain, help wounds heal, and reduce the risk of amputation.

Dr. Ellichman and his staff—an interdependent team—handle everything from diagnoses to working with insurance companies to treatment plans and beyond. All members of the medical staff have experience in high-level settings, while non-clinical staff members skillfully guide the insurance process from start to finish.

"People don't want to live with a sickness and deal with the minutia of health care," explains Dr. Ellichman. "We streamline all of that. If someone has a problem, we can identify it, fix it, and get them back to their life."



Jonathan Ellichman, M.D., holds a catheter used to open up blocked blood vessels.

Getting Back to Pain-Free

Many times, a relative such as a spouse, adult child, or other near relation will realize that it's time to see a specialist.

"It's often a loved one who says, 'No, we are not going to ignore this anymore; we are going to get you treatment,'" says Dr. Ellichman. The concern of a loved one can act as a catalyst to spur evaluation and proper treatment.

Instead of major surgery, which involves general anesthesia and a potentially lengthy hospital stay, the minimally invasive procedures at Ellichman Vein & Vascular are streamlined, effective, and typically have a quick recovery time.

"What I find most rewarding about my work is when I help someone who has been told they have no options for the problems they are having, and because of us, they are now pain-free, they have a wound healed, they did not lose a toe or a leg, and they are going back to their life," says Dr. Ellichman.

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