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When you or someone you love is diagnosed with a vascular condition, it can bring up a lot of questions and concerns.

For your many questions, we have some answers. In these pages, you will find original articles on common conditions , tests and treatments by vascular surgeon s who are esteemed in their areas of expertise.

## What Is Vascular Disease?

Most Americans are familiar with heart disease and with the consequences of blockages in the vessels that carry blood to and from the heart. But few people realize that blockages caused by a buildup of plaque and cholesterol affect more than coronary arteries. Arteries throughout the body carry oxygen-rich blood away from the heart, so blockages can occur in all arteries with serious effects. [Read more](#) .

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## Vascular Conditions

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Vascular conditions affect the veins and arteries in your body, which conduct oxygen to every living cell.

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## Vascular Tests

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What kinds of vascular tests are most common? What happens when you have one? Will it hurt? Will it mean you need surgery?

List of Tests

## Vascular Treatments

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Many vascular conditions are quite manageable if you see a physician early.

List of Treatments

## Your Vascular System

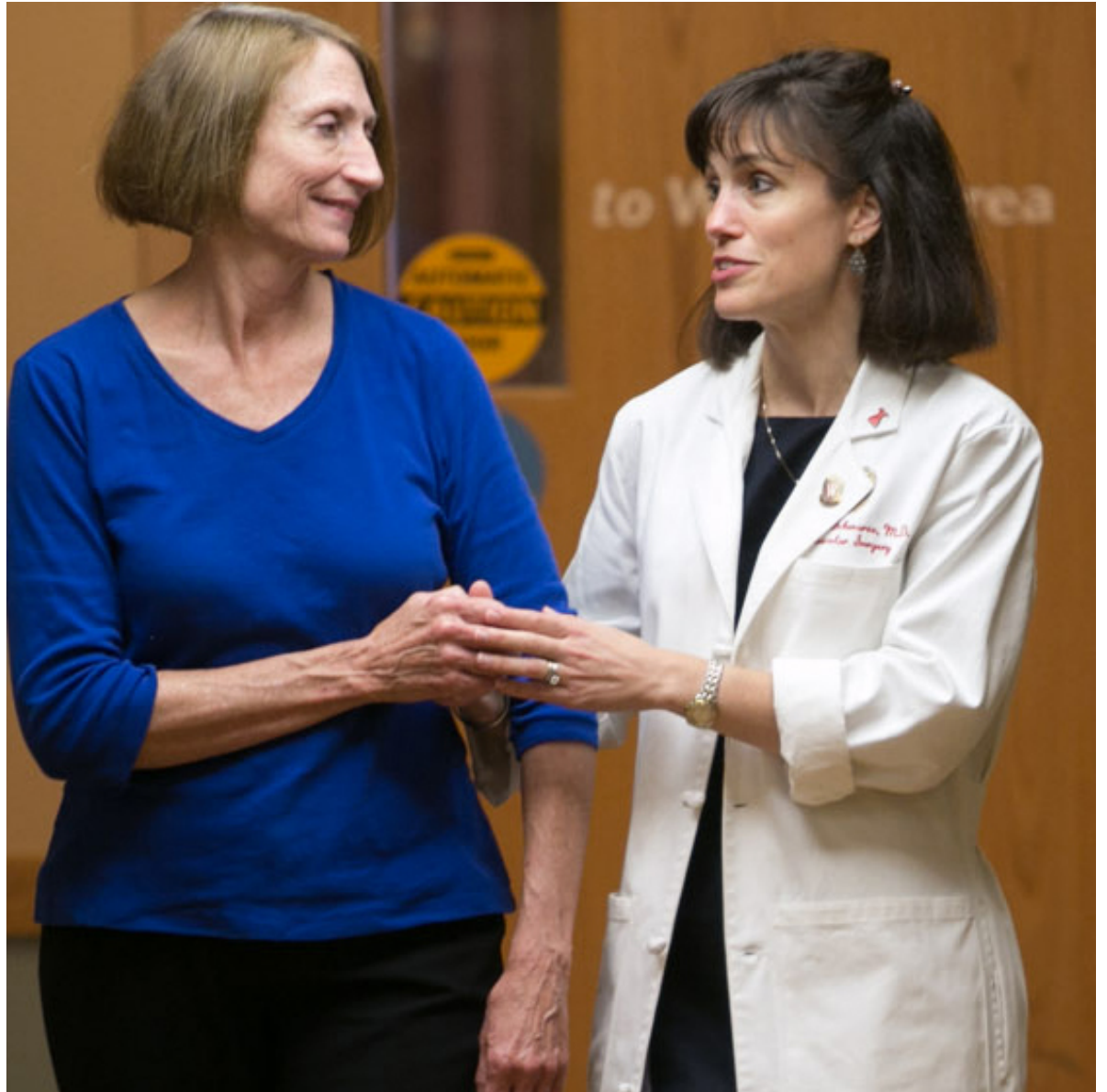
## Your Vascular System

Your vascular system is made up of vessels that carry your blood throughout your body. Arteries carry oxygen-rich blood away from your heart. Veins carry oxygen-poor blood back to your heart. Your blood leaves the left side of the heart and is pumped out to the rest of your body. [? Read more .](#)

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Vascular surgeons are specialists who are highly trained to treat diseases of the vascular system. [Read more .](#)



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