



Michigan Vascular Center (MVC) - Mission Statement

MVC exists to improve the quality of life for patients by providing the most comprehensive, innovative and best possible vascular care based on sound principles of treatment.

MVC exists to render that care with compassion, respect and integrity; exercising the best possible thought and judgment for the patient's benefit.

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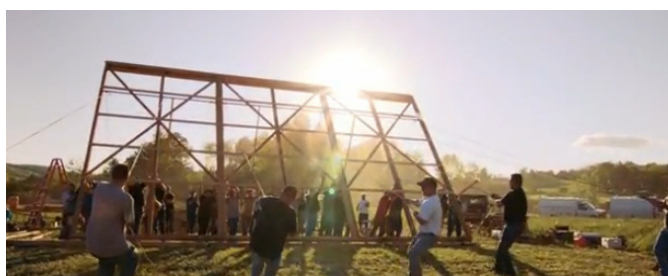
Trust, Community Synergy & Olympic Gold!

A recent ad during the Olympics brought to mind a similar experience that has been ongoing in the Flint area for the past 50 years. The ad reveals a profound truth. When individuals in a community interact for the common good, a certain synergy develops, creating greater benefits for everyone than what would otherwise be expected. In the ad we see people coming together in a field to raise a wooden frame that is transformed into a giant outdoor TV screen so everyone can enjoy sitting under the stars to watch the Olympics. The parallel in this community is that for the past 50 years, a similar synergistic interaction has occurred between referring physicians and our group that created an enduring community-wide benefit—a vascular center of excellence—the Michigan Vascular Center. Looking forward, the same synergy promises to create even greater benefits.



It started in 1963 when Dr Albert Macksood returned home to Flint with skills in a new specialty, vascular surgery. Blessed with boundless energy and a deep sense of obligation to “cover the waterfront,” he set out to provide the best possible services to all the physicians, hospitals and emergency rooms in this community, 24/7. This reflected his sense of responsibility to “give back” to the community. In doing so, he gained the trust of the community's physicians.

Our sense of obligation to the community remains unchanged, a driving force in our group to create a vascular center of excellence. It is community synergy at its best, a spirit that created the Michigan Vascular Center, the Michigan Vascular Research Center, the Michigan Vascular Non-Invasive Vascular Lab, the Michigan Vascular Access Center in Flint and Clarkston, Vein Solutions in Flint and Clarkston and our new Michigan Vascular Mobility Center. (See back cover diagram)



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It has also brought state-of-the-art vascular therapies as a result of the more than 50 clinical trials we have participated in. Nothing is more reflective of this than carotid stenting. At a time when most vascular surgeons and interventional radiologists in the nation have yet to implant a single carotid stent, we at the Michigan Vascular Center recently implanted the 385th carotid stent in our seventh carotid stent trial. For a small community, this is a remarkable accomplishment.

This synergy generated many other “firsts” for our community. Whether it was the city-wide, certified vascular laboratories we established in the late ‘70s, implanting Mid-Michigan’s first endovascular stent in 1988 at Hurley, first aortic endograft (1998) and first carotid stent (2002) at McLaren or partnering with industry to develop new treatment modalities, we honored our obligation to our referring physicians.

While our first 50 years was geared to creating a vascular center, we plan to build on that by expanding the quality of our work. On November 5, 2012 we will know if our application for a city-wide Vascular Fellowship program has been approved. If so, it will mark an important milestone in securing future Vascular Specialists for this community. On another quality front, we enrolled in the Society for Vascular Surgery’s national Vascular Quality Initiative. This will provide outcomes data and quality metrics for any interested party (physicians, patients, PHOs, etc), allowing us to identify best practices and compare our results with other nationally prominent vascular groups. As we morphed from vascular surgeons to vascular specialists, we did not lose sight of the need to continue to work synergistically with our referring physicians.

We thank you for your trust and support, knowing that without it, none of this would have been possible. We pledge to honor that support with our unending pursuit of excellence in our field and service to your patients. Looking back, working with and for our referring physicians is much like that Olympic ad-in the spirit of community, our synergistic interactions created the Michigan Vascular Center for the vascular health of the entire community. With your continued support, we will keep that going. By any standard, this spirit is worthy of Olympic Gold.

Thank you.
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For the Michigan Vascular Center



MVC Launches New Mobility Center



Jeff A. Eschenburg, CP

Michigan Vascular Center has been bringing state of the art vascular care to mid-Michigan since 1963. As a leader in innovative vascular care, we are pleased to introduce the Mobility Center. Our goal is providing the best amputee care in Genesee County. Our philosophy encourages a “team approach” between the surgeon and the prosthetist to ensure the best possible outcome for our patients. This early and continued involvement ultimately leads to amputees who are more ambulatory with minimal changes in lifestyle.

One of our goals at Michigan Vascular Center is to save every leg, but like anything in life, it doesn’t always go as planned. In the past, one of our vascular surgeons performed the amputation, but patients were seen elsewhere for their prosthetic care. It was impersonal and difficult to follow through on our surgical cases. Now we feel we can give each patient a better experience with the addition of prosthetist, Jeff Eschenburg.

Jeff is a certified prosthetist (CP) with seventeen years of experience fitting artificial limbs. His interest in prosthetics grew as a result of a traumatic accident at the age of twelve. The accident resulted in the loss of his right leg above the knee. He considered it a challenge to perform activities and live like everyone else and not let this physical limitation slow him down. As the field of prosthetics continues to develop, Jeff is able to personally test and evaluate new and exciting technologies before providing them to his clients. This insight allows him to tailor a specific prosthesis to each of his client's unique needs and goals.



Jeff A. Eschenburg, CP

Jeff's passion is to elevate the level of care for the amputee community. This is apparent in his design of a cutting edge prosthesis incorporating the latest advancements, and working closely with physicians to advance surgical techniques of amputation. This dedication can positively affect the lives of those who experience limb loss and make a dramatic difference in their ability to return to daily living.



A fully equipped, on site workshop allows Jeff to fabricate and custom fit the prosthetic devices. Jeff makes in-patient hospital visits to meet with the surgeon and patient to discuss amputation options ensuring the best post-surgical outcome for a future prosthesis.

In addition, Jeff provides a huge psychological lift for the patient. He helps people dealing with the loss of a limb see hope. "You have to see the change in the expression on an individual's face from when they first learn that they need an amputation to, secondly, once Jeff walks in and talks with them," said Dr. Carlo A. Dall'Olmo. "They realize he himself is an amputee, and then suddenly that look of doom and gloom is gone, and you can see the look of hope in their eyes. That does a lot for getting them motivated to do the type of work it requires to get them mobile again."

New amputees, as well as patients having problems with their current prosthetics, are welcome to visit the Mobility Center.



Silvino Grossi takes his first steps

Amputee Blade Runners

The Mobility Center is happy to announce their partnership with Amputee Blade Runners, a 501c3 non-profit organization, providing free running/sports prostheses for active amputees. Running/sport specific prostheses are not covered by insurance providers. Through our partnership, we will be able to give amputees the chance to regain an active/athletic lifestyle. Visit www.amputeebladerunners.com for information regarding receiving a free running prosthesis or to make donations.





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