A hospital dedicated solely to advanced heart and vascular care.

Outcomes and Statistics

MEASURING INNOVATION IN HEART AND VASCULAR CARE
Baylor Jack and Jane Hamilton Heart and Vascular Hospital opened in 2002 as the first North Texas hospital dedicated solely to the care and treatment of heart and vascular patients. The hospital provides inpatient and outpatient services focused on preventive health care and comprehensive cardiovascular disease management. Designed as a patient-centered facility, features include cardiac catheterization and electrophysiology laboratories, surgical suites, cardiac rehabilitation area and an imaging department with a 64-slice CT scanner.

The hospital is also home to the Baylor Heart and Vascular Institute and the Community Resource Center, where educational resources are available to all who are interested in learning more about heart and vascular health.

Baylor Hamilton Heart and Vascular Hospital’s specialized clinical team and medical staff perform an array of procedures including:

+ Coronary angiogram
+ Coronary angioplasty
+ Cardiac rehabilitation
+ Vascular surgery
+ Peripheral angiography
+ Peripheral intervention
+ Electrophysiology studies
+ Implantation of defibrillators and pacemakers
+ Non-invasive imaging

Clinical research is under way to study advanced technology, such as new pacemakers, defibrillators, drug-coated stents and medications to treat high blood pressure and cholesterol, all of which continue to revolutionize the treatment of heart disease. This innovative model of care incorporates clinical quality, patient and family satisfaction, health care team satisfaction and fiscal responsibility. The result: safe, quality, compassionate health care for you.
Awards and Honors

Magnet Award for “Excellence in Nursing Services” – 2007-2011
The Magnet Recognition Program® was developed by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) to recognize health care organizations that provide nursing excellence. The program also provides a vehicle for disseminating successful nursing practices and strategies.

The Joint Commission Accreditation – 2007-2010
Joint Commission standards address the organization’s level of performance in key functional areas, such as patient rights, patient treatment, and infection control. The standards focus not simply on an organization’s ability to provide safe, high quality care, but on its actual performance as well. Standards set forth performance expectations for activities that affect the safety and quality of patient care.

American Heart Association’s Get With The Guidelines – Silver Level
Get With The Guidelines® (GWTG) is the premier hospital-based quality improvement program for the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association. It empowers healthcare provider teams to consistently treat heart and stroke patients according to the most up-to-date guidelines.

Texas Health Care Quality Improvement Award – Award of Excellence 2007
Winners of this non-competitive award are measured in the frequency of best care practices utilized on patients with specific conditions including acute myocardial infarction, heart failure, and pneumonia as well as surgical infection prevention.

VHA Leadership Award in Clinical Excellence – 2007
The award honors health care organizations that have differentiated themselves around national performance standards by achieving performance at the 90 percent level or above on clinical core measures. Baylor Hamilton Heart and Vascular Hospital won the award for acute myocardial infarction treatment, heart failure and surgical infection prevention.

American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR) – Certification 2006-2009
The American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR) is dedicated to the professional development of its members, through information, networking, and educational opportunities. Central to the mission is the improvement in the quality of life for patients and their families.

Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Vascular Laboratories (ICAVL) – 2005-2011
The purpose of the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Vascular Laboratories (ICAVL) is to provide a mechanism for accreditation of facilities which perform comprehensive testing for vascular disease with noninvasive testing modalities. Laboratories assess every aspect of daily operation and its impact on the quality of health care provided to patients.

Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Echo Laboratories (ICAEL) – 2001-2010
ICAEL accreditation is a means by which echocardiography laboratories can evaluate and demonstrate the level of patient care they provide.

After a laboratory submits the application to the ICAEL, the application undergoes a confidential peer-review by the ICAEL’s trained reviewers, including both physicians and sonographers.
Baylor Health Care System’s Circle of Care

Our “Circle of Care” encompasses our mission, vision, and priorities, and places our patients front and center. Our mission supports this patient-centered approach. We recognize that there are four key areas of excellence that must be in place to ensure that patients are our number one priority: people, quality, service and fiscal stewardship.

What does this mean? It means that Baylor Health Care System supports and cares for patients as individuals. We promote a healing environment in which the members of the health care team work together as one, for the benefit of the patient.

To do that, Baylor adopts best practices and industry standards that support and sustain a patient-centered culture. When these are put into place, we not only enhance patient safety and quality of care, we also increase our level of performance as a health care system.

Baylor constantly strives to become an even better place to work, attracting and retaining the best and the brightest. As we continue to provide a better quality of care, we advance our outcomes measures. Our ultimate goal is not only to provide quality patient care, but to define it.

Our Vision

To redefine the relationship between physicians and the hospital with an integrated heart and vascular delivery system focused on high-quality, cost-effective care.
Admissions and Registrations by Major Service Lines

Non-Invasive Procedures (FY08)

Total Procedures 10,817

Non-Invasive Lab is Accredited by Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Vascular Laboratories (ICAVL) and Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation for Echo Laboratories (ICAEL)
Employee Satisfaction Survey (FY08)


The overall employee data was benchmarked against the 2006 Health Care Industry Reports and the 2008 Baylor Health Care System results.

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* Data provided by Watson Wyatt’s WorkUSA Health Care norm database based on responses from employees working in the health care industry in hospitals.

**All 3 indicators were highest of the Baylor Health Care System hospitals.
**Patient Safety Culture Survey**

Baylor Hamilton Heart and Vascular Hospital is committed to providing multiple opportunities for continuing education, succession planning and leadership training for direct care providers and nurse leaders in our organization.

Continued initiatives include Culture of Safety meetings three times per year, and an active shared governance structure. Baylor Hamilton Heart and Vascular Hospital also participated in a survey conducted by the Baylor Health Care System on Safety. The survey was the national Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Patient Safety Culture Survey. Baylor Hamilton Heart and Vascular Hospital scored the highest in the Baylor Health Care System in culture of safety responses by staff and the results were similar to our 2006 results.

“People do not worry about being punished when reporting errors or near misses.”

“Facility leaders promote safety.”

“Doctors, nurses, and other clinical staff work together as a highly coordinated team.”

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**Patient Satisfaction Survey (FY08)**

Baylor Hamilton Heart and Vascular Hospital participates in the Press Ganey survey for Patient Satisfaction which is separated into the following categories: inpatient and outpatient patient satisfaction. Patient satisfaction scores are included in the Nursing Report Card and incorporated into each unit’s goals. Baylor Hamilton Heart and Vascular Hospital leadership reviews the survey results to track progress of patient satisfaction and to develop process improvement plans. Each unit’s results are shared with the unit’s employees.

Results are values representing a mean score (1-100, 1 = least satisfied, 100 = most satisfied) for patient’s likelihood to recommend our facility to others.

- **Likelihood to Recommend**
  - Inpatient: 96
  - Outpatient: 95

- **Overall Rating of Care Given**
  - Inpatient: 96
  - Outpatient: 96

- **Staff Worked Together For Your Care**
  - Inpatient: 94
  - Outpatient: 95

(*percent responses are “desirable” response which were scores from Strongly Agree and Agree.*)
Patient Satisfaction Initiatives

Programs at Baylor Hamilton Heart and Vascular Hospital that were implemented and/or continued over the last twelve months to improve patient satisfaction based on results/comments received include:

Rounding on patients for outcomes by team leaders, supervisors, charge nurses, and team members.

Studer Group partnership has provided individualized work plans for each facility, coaching to support leadership, and training for accessing and understanding patient satisfaction and employee turnover data. This has now transitioned to an internal department.

Quarterly All Employee meetings take place to raise awareness of patient satisfaction. Every employee is required to attend.

Standards and Measures Meetings, comprised of team staff members and part of the shared governance model, are held monthly for team members to address satisfaction results and discuss opportunities for improvement.

Family Update Cards were developed by team members to address procedure wait times and contact numbers for family members.

Patient follow up phone calls are conducted to assess post discharge needs which are reported at the monthly Quality and Safety meeting and other councils. Members of the leadership team and direct care providers discuss opportunities for improvement.

AIDET, a tool from Studer Group, was implemented to help improve communication from team members to patient/family members. AIDET is an acronym that stands for Acknowledge, Introduce, Duration, Explanation, and Thank You.

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<td>Antibiotic selection</td>
<td>98%</td>
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<td>Beta blocker use preoperatively</td>
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*For a complete listing of indicators, visit www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov, a site created through the efforts of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services along with the Hospital Quality Alliance.
Baylor Hamilton Heart and Vascular Hospital
Performance Report (FY08)

Atrial Fibrillation
- Coumadin at discharge: 100%
- Patient follow-up: 100%
- Smoking cessation: 100%

AHA Get With The Guidelines
- HbA1C>7 outpatient diabetic referral: 100%
- HbA1C>7 letter to PCP: 99%

Percutaneous Coronary Intervention Patients
- Lipid lowering medications at discharge: 99%
- Patient follow-up: 100%
- ASA at discharge: 100%
- Smoking cessation at discharge: 100%

Pneumococcal Vaccine
- % vaccination compliance: 97%

Beta Blockers in Vascular Surgery
- Prior to Surgery: 100%
- Recovery room: 99%
- Specialty care unit: 98%
- At discharge: 96%

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In-Hospital Mortality (FY08)

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<td>ICD Only</td>
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<td>EP Cases</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
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<td>Diagnostic Peripheral</td>
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<td>Cardiac Intervention</td>
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<td>Peripheral Intervention</td>
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<td>Peripheral Diagnostic w/ Cardiac Procedures</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
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Readmissions to Baylor Hamilton Hospital within 6 months (FY08)

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<td>5</td>
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<td>Another related procedure</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td>EP Ablation</td>
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<td>Re-Ablation</td>
<td>30</td>
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<td>Same site</td>
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<td>Different site</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td>Coronary Interventions</td>
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<td>Same Vessel</td>
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<tr>
<td>Coronary Angiogram</td>
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**Infection Report (Case/Incidence)**

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<td>87/0</td>
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<td>122/0</td>
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<td>116/0</td>
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<td>January 2008</td>
<td>85/1</td>
<td>154/1</td>
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<td>77/0</td>
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<td><strong>1,730/7</strong></td>
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<td>Percent of Cases</td>
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* EP/PM/ICD data represents all Electrophysiology/Pacemaker/Implantable Cardiacverter Defibrillator cases
† OR data represents clean vascular Operating Room cases
‡ Bacteremia data was derived from adjusted patient days using standard definitions of infections as defined by the Centers for Disease Control

**Center For Complex Arrhythmias**

*Taking our commitment to advanced patient care a step further*

By bringing together our cardiovascular expertise with advanced medical technology, Baylor Hamilton Heart and Vascular Hospital offers innovative procedures that treat abnormal cardiac rhythms including atrial fibrillation. Baylor’s Center for Complex Arrhythmias was created to help explain the causes, treatment options, and advanced procedures available at Baylor Hamilton Hospital.

Baylor Hamilton Hospital upgraded our our electrophysiology labs with a Stereotaxis system. The Stereotaxis Treatment System allows our doctors to heal hearts more precisely and safely than before. By using computer-controlled magnets—which are positioned outside the body—to programmatically steer catheters and guidewires throughout the delicate cardiovascular system. With the computer to assist in precise navigation, the doctor is then able to focus on the patient and the outcome rather than the mechanics of the procedure.
Support Groups

Support groups are one of the best resources for persons who have experienced heart and vascular disease. Share your experience and learn from others in one of Baylor’s ongoing support groups.

Cardiac Rehab Program

Cardiac Rehabilitation Program is Certified by the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation

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*Phase II is a supervised outpatient program of individually prescribed exercise with continuous or intermittent ECG monitoring. **Phase III is a long term program generally including both clinical supervision by an exercise professional or nurse and intermittent ECG monitoring.

Leap for Life

Lifestyle Education Awareness Program (LEAP for Life) is a secondary prevention education program developed for persons identified with risk factors for cardiovascular disease. The program provides education for cardiovascular patients on nutrition, exercise, cardiovascular procedures and medications, and stress management. Workshops are open to the public.

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Wired for Life™

Baylor has teamed up with past implantable cardioverter defibrillator (ICD) recipients to provide future ICD recipients with support, comfort and answers to their questions. Volunteers meet with the future recipients and their families before and after the ICD procedure.

Heart Well Forum

Baylor Heart Well Forum is a monthly meeting where heart and vascular patients and their family members assemble at Baylor Hamilton Heart and Vascular Hospital for a heart-healthy lunch and hear a Baylor physician or other health care educator speak on a variety of topics related to heart and vascular disease.

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Baylor Hamilton Heart and Vascular Hospital is committed to providing opportunities to be actively involved in the community. Community involvement suggestions have been received from our team members in our Advisory Council and Leadership Council.

### Community Outreach

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### Austin Street Shelter

Austin Street Shelter was chosen by the Clinical Advisory committee as Baylor Hamilton Hospital’s community project. Austin Street Shelter exists to provide emergency shelter and related services to the homeless in a compassionate community, and to provide “whole person” therapeutic programs. Baylor volunteers have assisted with clothing drives, food drives, and providing lunch/dinner for the shelter.

### American Heart Association: Survivor Gallery

Baylor Hamilton Heart and Vascular Hospital partnered with the American Heart Association to increase awareness of heart disease in Americans. The Survivor Gallery is a unique traveling photo exhibit of actual Baylor Hamilton Hospital patients who are heart disease survivors. Each has an emotionally compelling story to tell of courage, endurance, and the road to a healthier life. Through a series of intimate black and white portraits, the Survivor Gallery photo exhibition will help inspire and educate the public on heart disease.

### American Heart Association Heart Walk

Each year Baylor Hamilton Hospital supports the American Heart Association’s Mission to “Build healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke” by raising donations through a series of activities and events. Baylor Hamilton Hospital’s employees, their families and pets participate in a fun-filled, non-competitive three-mile walk through downtown Dallas. Over 230 Baylor employees attend this annual event.
Continuing Education

Baylor Hamilton Heart and Vascular Hospital hosts and sponsors four all-day events throughout the calendar year. These programs are created and managed by the Baylor Hamilton Hospital clinical team and are made available to the staff and community. Each year attendees travel as far as other states to attend our seminars.

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In addition to the seminars and symposiums, Baylor Hamilton Hospital offers preceptor and charge nurse classes in addition to other on site continuing education opportunities.

Graduate Medical Education

Baylor’s graduate medical education program promotes diversity, quality and a combination of real-world applications and academic excellence. The dedicated physician leaders on the medical staff work to prepare fellows and interns for the challenging and rewarding field of medicine. Medical education has been a successful collaborative effort between Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas and Baylor Hamilton Heart and Vascular Hospital, both located on the downtown campus. All programs are accredited by the ACGME (Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education).

Cardiac Electrophysiology Fellowship

Fellows complete a twelve-month comprehensive training program. The curriculum includes diagnostic and procedure skills, outpatient management and clinical research. One fellow is accredited per year.

Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship

Fellows complete a three-year comprehensive training program which includes all aspects of cardiology. Clinical rotations at Baylor Hamilton Heart and Vascular Hospital include interventional cardiology, cardiac electrophysiology, cardiac rehabilitation, lipids, noninvasive cardiology, nuclear cardiology, and vascular medicine. Two fellows are accepted into the program annually.

Vascular Surgery Residency

The program annually offers two residency positions through the NRMP (National Residency Matching Program). The two-year residency is devoted exclusively to general vascular surgery with research participation.

Cardiovascular Interventional Fellowship

Fellows complete an 18-month comprehensive training program. The curriculum provides for an interventional clinical and procedural focus during the first year, followed by a focus on clinical research during the subsequent six months. One fellow is accepted into the program annually.
Clinical Trials and Studies

Atrial Fibrillation

Avert AF — A study to see if AVJ ablation followed by biventricular pacing improves functional status and exercise capacity compared to pharmacologic rate control in patients with chronic atrial fibrillation and a low ejection fraction.  
Primary investigator: Robert Kowal, MD

RE-LY — A study of the factor Xa inhibitor dabigatran compared to Coumadin (warfarin) to prevent strokes in patients with atrial fibrillation. Several other factor Xa inhibitors now also being studied.  
Primary investigator: Cara East, MD

Stop AF cryocath study — Evaluating a cryocatheter system for ablation of paroxysmal atrial fibrillation for patients who have failed medication therapy. Baylor is the number one enrolling site in US/Canada.  
Primary investigator: Kevin Wheelan, MD

Congestive Heart Failure

ASCEND — A study of nesiritide (Natrecor®) versus placebo for acute decompensated CHF, to improve dyspnea and decrease hospitalizations and death.  
Primary investigator: Shelley Hall, MD

Chronicle — A study of an investigational right ventricular lead which senses right heart pressures and volumes to predict early decompositions of CHF.  
Primary investigator: Shelley Hall, MD

MASH — A study to evaluate at an investigational right ventricular lead which would function both as a defibrillator lead and a pressure lead to detect early heart failure.  
Primary investigator: Jay Franklin, MD

RedHF — A study to assess the efficacy of darbepoetin alfa versus placebo in patients with severe CHF and anemia.  
Primary investigator: Shelley Hall, MD

Defibrillators

Vest Predicts — A study to see if an external automatic defibrillator vest will reduce overall mortality in the first 60 days following an MI in patients with EF < 35%.  
Primary investigator: Jay Franklin, MD

WBC/WHO — A study to determine if an algorithm can be developed based on pre-implant clinical variables to predict responses to defibrillation therapy.  
Primary investigator: Manish Assar, MD

Gene Trials

Acute Decompensated Heart Failure Genomic Study — A pilot study to evaluate genes associated with acute decomposition in patients with chronic heart failure and LVEF < 35%.  
Primary Investigator: Paul Grayburn, MD

AWARE — A trial for women with severe angina and no further revascularization options. A growth factor gene versus placebo will be infused into all coronary arteries and conduits to grow collateral blood vessels.  
Primary investigator: Cara East, MD and Robert Stoler, MD

GAME — A study to develop a blood test to allow doctors to identify patients with heart conditions who may benefit from defibrillators.  
Primary investigator: Robert Kowal, MD

Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Screening — A study to develop a comprehensive screening tool for genes causing hypertrophic cardiomyopathy within affected families.  
Primary Investigator: Paul Grayburn, MD
Heart Disease in Patients With Arthritis

**Precision** — A study of the effects of ibuprofen, naproxen, or Celebrex on cardiovascular events in patients requiring daily arthritis medications and a prior history of cardiovascular disease, diabetes, or hypertension.
*Primary investigator: Cara East, MD*

Heart Disease in Patients With Kidney Disease

**Altitude** — A study to determine if a renin inhibitor added to an ACE inhibitor or ARB will further prevent cardiovascular events or progression of renal disease.
*Primary investigator: Cara East, MD*

**Coral stent/NIH/NHLBI** — A study to compare renal stenting with best medical therapy for treatment of hypertension in patients with renal artery stenosis.
*Primary investigators: Robert Stoler, MD and Andrew Fenves, MD*

**SAMe/NIH** — A study of the over-the-counter antidepressant SAMe and its effects on homocysteine-related metabolic factors in patients with kidney disease.
*Primary investigators: Teodoro Bottiglieri, PhD, Andrew Fenves, MD and Cara East, MD*

Heart Surgery

**EVEREST II** — A randomized clinical trial comparing surgical valve repair to percutaneous clip repair in patients with severe mitral regurgitation.
*Primary Investigator: Paul Grayburn, MD*

**PROACT/On-X** — A study to investigate the lowest dose anticoagulation regimens in patients who receive a carbon-based mechanical valve for severe aortic stenosis.
*Primary investigator: Baron Hamman, MD*

Pacing and Biventricular Pacing

**Optimize RV** — A study to determine the long-term effects of selective right ventricular site pacing.
*Primary investigator: Robert Kowal, MD*

**RESET** — A study to determine if rate-adaptive pacing can improve heart failure symptoms and chronotropic incompetence due to diastolic dysfunction.
*Primary investigator: Jay Franklin, MD*

Patent Foramen Ovale

**ACCESS/PFO registry** — A study to close PFO’s in patients with two or more cryptogenic strokes.
*Primary investigator: Azam Anwar, MD*
ESCAPE — A study to determine if patients with a patent foramen ovale and migraine headaches are benefited by placement of an interatrial septal closure device.
*Primary investigator: Azam Anwar, MD*

**Peripheral Artery Disease**

PACE — A study of the metabolite bipterin versus placebo on treadmill walk times in patients with severe claudication.
*Primary investigators: Cara East MD and Greg Pearl MD*

VIPER — A study of an endoprosthesis with a heparin bioactive surface for the treatment of peripheral arterial disease.
*Primary investigator: Dennis Gable, MD*

**Stem Cells**

Aastrom — A study for patients with heart failure for whom other therapies have been exhausted or are inadequate. Stem cells will be collected from the patient, expanded, and then returned to the heart in a limited surgery.
*Primary investigators: Hal Urschel, MD and Baron Hamman, MD*

**Stents**

ABCD — A study of same day discharge for patients after having angioplasty or a coronary stenting procedure.
*Primary investigator: James Choi, MD*

Cypher ELITE — A study of the newest rapamycin drug releasing stent.
*Primary investigator: Robert Stoler, MD*

GRAVITAS — A study to compare Plavix doses to limit late stent thrombosis.
*Primary investigator: Robert Stoler, MD*

PERSEUS — A study of the newest paclitaxel drug releasing stent.
*Primary investigator: Robert Stoler, MD*

RESOLUTE — A study of a new Medtronic drug releasing stent.
*Primary investigator: Robert Stoler, MD*

SAPPHIRE — A study assessing the use of stents to open carotid arteries in high risk patients.
*Primary investigator: Ken Johnson, MD*

Xience Registry — A late outcomes registry for the Xience stent.
*Primary investigator: James Choi, MD*
2007 Physician Publications

Journal Articles


Filardo G, Hamilton C, Hamman B, Ng HK, Grayburn P. Categorizing BMI may lead to biased results in studies investigating in-hospital mortality after isolated CABG. Journal of Clinical Epidemiology 2007;60:1132-1139.


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Laskey WK, Yancy CW, Maisel WH. Thrombosis in coronary drug-eluting stents: Report from the meeting of the Circulatory System Medical Devices Advisory Panel of the Food and Drug Administration.
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Patents

Book Chapters

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2009 Physician Publications

Journal Articles

Abraham WT, Greenberg BH, Yancy CW. Pharmacologic therapies across the continuum of left ventricular dysfunction. American Journal of Cardiology 2008;102:21G-28G.


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Gibbs WN, Hamman BL, Roberts WC, Schussler JM. Diagnosis of congenital unicuspid aortic valve by 64-slice cardiac computed tomography. *Baylor University Medical Center Proceedings* 2008;21:139.


Markham DW, Dries DL, King LP, Leonard D, Yancy CW, Peshock RM, Willett D, Cooper RS, Drazner MH. Blacks and whites have a similar prevalence of reduced left ventricular ejection fraction in the general population: The Dallas Heart Study (DHS). *American Heart Journal* 2008;155:876-882.


Sweitzer NK, Lopatin M, Yancy CW, Mills RM, Stevenson LW. Comparison of Clinical Features and Outcomes of Patients Hospitalized With Heart Failure and Normal Ejection Fraction (55%) Versus Those With Mildly Reduced (40% to 55%) and Moderately to Severely
Employee Research and Publications

Baylor Hamilton Heart and Vascular Hospital is committed to establishing a strong structure and process that will implement the use of best, evidence-based practice at the bedside. The clinical team members have been encouraged to participate in our research committee. In addition to the research committee, Baylor Hamilton Heart and Vascular Hospital started in May 2008 a publication committee called Acquiring Necessary Knowledge through Education Research for Best Practice. This committee’s goal is to begin publishing articles about Baylor Hamilton Heart and Vascular Hospital best practices. The following is a list of publications and research activities for FY 2008.

Articles finalized and officially in print:

Kay Simms, MS, Chris Myers, PhD, Jenny Adams, PhD, Julie Hartman, MS, Christopher Lindsey, BS, Mike Doler, BS, and Janet Suhr, BS, MBA

Challenging Traditional Activity Limits After Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery. *Journal of Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation and Prevention*, March/April 2008. Jenny Adams, PhD, Gwen Pullum, LVN, Pam Stafford, RN, BS, Nava Hanners, RN, Julie Hartman, MS, Matt Hubbard, MS, Tiffany McCullough, BS, Danielle Strauss, RN, Valerie Anderson, RN, Anne Lawrence, RN

Reduced (<40%) Fractions. *The American Journal of Cardiology* 2008;101:1151-1156.


Book Chapters


Book Editors

Current activity guidelines for CABG patients are too restrictive; comparison of the forces exerted on the median sternotomy during couch vs. lifting activities combined with valsalva maneuver. 

*Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeons, 2008.*

Robert D. Parker, PhD, Jenny L. Adams, PhD, Gerald Ogola, MS, MPH, Darvin A. McBrayer, Matthew Hubbard, MS, Tiffany Lyn McCullough, BS, Julie Michelle Hartman, MS, Tim Cleveland, RN

**Articles accepted for publication in journal but not yet in print:**


Aster Naffe, RN, CCRN, Mini Iype, RN, Mini Easo, RN, Sandra DeJong McLeRoy, RN, Kelli Pinaga, RN, Nancy Vish, RN, PhD, Kevin Wheelan, MD, Jay Franklin, MD, Jenny Adams, PhD

Cardiac Rehabilitation of a 77 Year Old Male Runner; Consideration of the Athlete-Not the Age. *BUMC Proceedings,* January 2009.

Jack Schmid, BSc; Jenny Adams, PhD; Dunlei Cheng, PhD

**Studies currently in process:**

Assessment of the Historical Use of a Proposed Insulin Sliding Scale and its Effect on Patient Glucose Control.

Efficient Use of Nurse’s Time During Patient Admission Process (Pink Packet)

Assessment of functional capacity requirements during simulated police officer tasks for the purpose of developing an occupation-specific assessment for safe and expeditious return to work for cardiac patients.

**Presentations**

**February 2008**

- Presentation at National Conference for VHA on SCIP and CHF
  - Janna Entzminger, RN, BSN, Kelle Grelle, RN, Jan Compton, RN, MSN, Nancy Vish, RN, PhD.

**March 2008**

- Poster Presentation at American College of Cardiology
  - Carole Salamah, RN, BSN and Andres Sisneros, ARRT on data collection for Percutaneous Coronary Intervention Patients.

**May 2008**

- Poster Presentation at National Conference: Society of Vascular Nurses
  - Shirley Andrews, RN, CVN, presented a poster Discharge Education at Baylor Hamilton Heart and Vascular Hospital.
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Residency: Presbyterian Medical Center  
Fellowship: Presbyterian Medical Center, University of California  
Board Certified: Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease, Echocardiography  
Clinical Expertise: Heart Failure, Transplantation, Pulmonary Hypertension

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Board Certified: Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease, Nuclear Cardiology, Echocardiography  
Clinical Expertise: General Cardiology, Non-Invasive Cardiology, Nuclear Cardiology, Cardiac Echocardiography

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Residency: University of Texas Southwestern Medical School  
Fellowship: University of Texas Southwestern Medical School  
Board Certified: Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease  
Clinical Expertise: Preventive Cardiology, CT Coronary Angiography, Non-Invasive Cardiology

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Residency: Louisiana State University Medical Center  
Fellowship: Louisiana State University Medical Center  
Board Certified: Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease  
Clinical Expertise: Cardiac Wellness

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Clinical Expertise: Cardiovascular Diseases, Interventional Cardiology, Nuclear Cardiology

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Medical School: Tulane University School of Medicine
Internship: University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
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Board Certified: Cardiothoracic Surgery
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Internship: Memorial Hermann Hospital
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Board Certified: Cardiothoracic Surgery, General Surgery
Clinical Expertise: Thoracic Aneurysms

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Medical School: Baylor College of Medicine
Internship: University of Alabama
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Fellowship: University of Alabama
Board Certified: Cardiothoracic Surgery
Clinical Expertise: Cardio Thoracic Surgery, Multiple Bypass, Re-operations, Treatment of Aorta and Heart Valves, Improving the Outcomes for High Risk Patients

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Internship: Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas
Residency: Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas
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Board Certified: Internal Medicine, Interventional Cardiology, Cardiovascular Disease
Clinical Expertise: Complex Interventional Cardiology, Percutaneous Mitral Valve Repair, ASD/ PFO Closure, Alcohol Septal Ablation for HOCM, Valveoplasty, Medical Device Development

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Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease, Interventional Cardiology, Nuclear Cardiology

Medical School: Northwestern University Medical School
Internship: Northwestern University Medical School
Residency: Northwestern University Medical School
Fellowship: Northwestern University Medical School
Board Certified: Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease, Interventional Cardiology, Nuclear Cardiology
Clinical Expertise: Complex Coronary Interventions: Chronic Total Occlusions, Unprotected Left Main Stenting, Peripheral Vascular Interventions, Percutaneous pFO/ASD Closures, Mitral and Aortic Valve Balloon Valvuloplasty

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Board Certified: Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease
Clinical Expertise: Interventional Cardiology

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Board Certified: Internal Medicine, Interventional Cardiology, Cardiovascular Disease, Vascular Medicine, Endovascular Medicine
Clinical Expertise: Medical and endovascular management of arterial and venous disorders
Inverventional Cardiology

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Medical School: Indiana University
Internship: Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas
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Fellowship: Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas
Board Certified: Internal Medicine, Interventional Cardiology, Cardiovascular Disease
Clinical Expertise: Interventional Cardiology

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Residency: University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio
Fellowship: Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas
Board Certified: Internal Medicine, Interventional Cardiology, Cardiovascular Disease
Clinical Expertise: Percutaneous Mitral Valve Repair, Alcohol septal ablation for HOCM, Medical Device Development, Management of Atrial Septal Defect (ASD) and Patent Foramen Ovale (PFO)

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Cardiovascular Disease, Interventional Cardiology, Cardiac Computed Tomography

Medical School: University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
Internship: Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas
Residency: Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas
Fellowship: Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas
Board Certified: Cardiovascular Disease, Interventional Cardiology, Cardiac Computed Tomography
Clinical Expertise: General Cardiology, Preventative Cardiology, Stress Testing, Echocardiography, Cardiac CTA, Cardiac Computed Tomography, Cardiac Catheterization, Interventional Cardiology, Cardiac arrhythmias, Coronary Artery Disease, Hypertension

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Internship: Baylor College of Medicine
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Board Certified: Internal Medicine, Interventional Cardiology, Cardiovascular Disease
Clinical Expertise: Cardiovascular Diseases, Interventional Cardiology

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Cardiovascular Disease

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Board Certified: Cardiovascular Disease
Clinical Expertise: Diagnostic and Interventional Cardiology, Transvenous Permanent Pacemaker Implantation

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Residency: Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas
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Board Certified: Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease, Nuclear Cardiology, Interventional Cardiology
Clinical Expertise: General Cardiology, Nuclear Cardiology and Interventional Cardiology

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Internal Medicine, Interventional Cardiology, Cardiovascular Disease

Medical School: Duke University
Internship: University of Texas Southwestern Medical School
Residency: University of Texas Southwestern Medical School
Fellowship: Beth Israel Hospital, Harvard Medical School
Board Certified: Internal Medicine, Interventional Cardiology, Cardiovascular Disease
Clinical Expertise: Complex Coronary Interventions, Left Main Coronary Artery PCI and Chronic Total Occlusion PCI; Valvular Heart Disease
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Medical School: University of California, San Francisco  
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Residency: University of Texas Southwestern Medical School  
Fellowship: Duke University Medical Center, University of Western Ontario  
Board Certified: Cardiac Electrophysiology, Cardiovascular Disease  
Clinical Expertise: Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology, Catheter Ablation for Complex Arrhythmias (supraventricular/ventricular tachycardias), Pacemaker and defibrillator therapy including bi-ventricular resynchronization therapy for the treatment of heart failure, diagnosis and treatment of syncope, laser leas extraction

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Internal Medicine, Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology, Cardiovascular Disease  
Medical School: Indiana University School of Medicine  
Internship: Vanderbilt University  
Residency: Vanderbilt University  
Fellowship: University of Texas Southwestern Medical School  
Board Certified: Internal Medicine, Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology, Cardiovascular Disease  
Clinical Expertise: Arrhythmia Management, Pacemaker and Defibrillator Implantation, Curative Ablation Therapy

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Internship: Barnes–Jewish Hospital, Washington Univ. Medical School  
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Board Certified: Internal Medicine, Cardiac Electrophysiology  
Clinical Expertise: Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology, Catheter Ablation for Complex Arrhythmias (supraventricular/ventricular tachycardias), Pacemaker and defibrillator therapy including bi-ventricular resynchronization therapy for the treatment of heart failure, diagnosis and treatment of syncope, catheter ablation for the treatment of atrial fibrillation

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Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease, Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology  
Medical School: Washington University School of Medicine  
Internship: Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas  
Residency: Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas  
Fellowship: University of Texas Southwestern Medical School  
Board Certified: Internal Medicine, Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology, Cardiovascular Disease  
Clinical Expertise: Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology, Catheter Ablation for Complex Arrhythmias (supraventricular/ventricular tachycardias), Pacemaker and defibrillator therapy including bi-ventricular resynchronization therapy for the treatment of heart failure, diagnosis

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Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease, Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology  
Medical School: Texas A&M University College of Medicine  
Internship: Texas A&M University College of Medicine  
Residency: University of Louisville  
Fellowship: University of California at San Francisco Medical School, University of Missouri  
Board Certified: Internal Medicine, Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology, Cardiovascular Disease  
Clinical Expertise: Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology, Catheter Ablation for Complex Arrhythmias (supraventricular/ventricular tachycardias), Pacemaker and defibrillator therapy including bi-ventricular resynchronization therapy for the treatment of heart failure, diagnosis and treatment of syncope, catheter ablation for the treatment of atrial fibrillation

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Cardiovascular Disease, Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology  
Medical School: University of Texas Southwestern Medical School  
Internship: Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Harvard Medical School  
Residency: Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Harvard Medical School  
Fellowship: Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Harvard Medical School, UT Southwestern Medical School  
Board Certified: Cardiovascular Disease, Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology  
Clinical Expertise: Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology, Catheter Ablation for Complex Arrhythmias (atrial fibrillation, supraventricular, and ventricular tachycardias), Pacemaker and defibrillator therapy including bi-ventricular resynchronization therapy for the treatment of heart failure, diagnosis and treatment of syncope, atrial fibrillation and genetic arrhythmia syndromes
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**General Surgery**

- **Medical School:** King Edward Medical College  
- **Internship:** Saint Charles Hospital  
- **Residency:** Tucson General Hospital  
- **Fellowship:** Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas, Wadley Institute of Molecular Medicine  
- **Board Certified:** General Surgery  
- **Clinical Expertise:** General Vascular Surgery, General Surgery

Tuan-Hung B. Chu, MD  
**General Surgery, Vascular Surgery**

- **Medical School:** University of Texas Southwestern Medical School  
- **Internship:** University of Utah  
- **Residency:** University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  
- **Fellowship:** Loyola University Medical Center  
- **Board Certified:** General Surgery, Vascular Surgery  
- **Clinical Expertise:** Abdominal Aneurysm, Peripheral Vascular Disease, Carotid Surgery, Varicose Vein Treatment, Lymphadema, Angiography, Non-Invasive & Surgical Management of Vascular Leisions, AV access

Toby J. Dunn, MD  
**General Surgery**

- **Medical School:** Duke University School of Medicine  
- **Internship:** Washington University School of Medicine  
- **Residency:** Washington University School of Medicine  
- **Fellowship:** Washington University School of Medicine  
- **Board Certified:** General Surgery  
- **Clinical Expertise:** Vascular and Endovascular Surgery

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**Vascular Surgery, General Surgery**

- **Medical School:** Baylor College of Medicine  
- **Internship:** University of Louisville  
- **Residency:** University of Louisville  
- **Fellowship:** Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas  
- **Board Certified:** Vascular Surgery, General Surgery  
- **Clinical Expertise:** Endovascular, Vascular Disorders - including aneurysms, carotid stenosis, peripheral vascular disease, venous disease, varicose veins, including laser treatment and dialysis access

Wilson V. Garrett, MD, FACS  
**Vascular Surgery, General Surgery**

- **Medical School:** University of Texas Southwestern Medical School  
- **Internship:** University of Utah  
- **Residency:** University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  
- **Fellowship:** University of Iowa Vascular Surgery Hospitals and Clinics  
- **Board Certified:** Vascular Surgery, General Surgery  
- **Clinical Expertise:** Endovascular, medical and surgical treatment of vascular disorders - including aneurysms, carotid stenosis, peripheral vascular disease, venous disease, varicose veins, including laser treatment and dialysis access

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**Vascular Surgery, General Surgery**

- **Medical School:** Emory University School of Medicine  
- **Internship:** Wake Forest University School of Medicine  
- **Residency:** Wake Forest University School of Medicine  
- **Fellowship:** Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas  
- **Board Certified:** Vascular Surgery, General Surgery  
- **Clinical Expertise:** Endovascular, medical and surgical treatment of vascular disorders - including aneurysms, carotid stenosis, peripheral vascular disease, venous disease, varicose veins, including laser treatment and dialysis access

Stephen E. Hohmann, MD  
**Vascular Surgery, General Surgery**

- **Medical School:** University of California, San Diego  
- **Internship:** Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas  
- **Residency:** Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas  
- **Fellowship:** Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas  
- **Board Certified:** Vascular Surgery, General Surgery  
- **Clinical Expertise:** Endovascular, medical and surgical treatment of vascular disorders - including aneurysms, carotid stenosis, peripheral vascular disease, venous disease, varicose veins, including laser treatment and dialysis access

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**Vascular Surgery, General Surgery**

- **Medical School:** Tulane University Medical School  
- **Internship:** Northwestern University Memorial Hospital  
- **Residency:** Northwestern University Memorial Hospital  
- **Fellowship:** Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas, Northwestern University Medical School  
- **Board Certified:** Vascular Surgery, General Surgery  
- **Clinical Expertise:** Aneurysm, Cerebrovascular Disease, Stroke, Thoracic Outlet Syndrome, Extremity Circulation Disorders (PAD)
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Vascular Surgery, General Surgery, Surgical Critical Care

Medical School: Baylor College of Medicine
Internship: Baylor College of Medicine
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Fellowship: Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas
Board Certified: Vascular Surgery, General Surgery, Surgical Critical Care
Clinical Expertise: Endovascular, medical and surgical treatment of vascular disorders - including aneurysms, carotid stenosis, peripheral vascular disease, venous disease, varicose veins, including laser treatment and dialysis access

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Vascular Surgery, General Surgery

Medical School: University of Texas Southwestern Medical School
Internship: University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio
Residency: University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio
Fellowship: Saint Thomas Hospital
Board Certified: Vascular Surgery, General Surgery
Clinical Expertise: Endovascular, medical and surgical treatment of vascular disorders - including aneurysms, carotid stenosis, peripheral vascular disease, venous disease, varicose veins, including laser treatment and dialysis access

Javier Vasquez, Jr, MD
General Surgery, Vascular Surgery

Medical School: University of Texas Southwestern Medical School
Internship: Baylor College of Medicine
Residency: Baylor College of Medicine
Fellowship: University of Connecticut
Board Certified: General Surgery, Vascular Surgery
Clinical Expertise: Abdominal Aneurysms, Carotid Disease, Peripheral Vascular Disease, Endovascular Management of all Vascular lesions, Dialysis Access, Lymphedemc and cosmetic varicose vein procedures, carotid stents, leg artery stents, thoracic aneurysm stent graft repair and limb salvage

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— John Schu

“You lifted me from a depressed, frustrated state to elation.”
— Unknown

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