

Dr. Jeffrey Tauth Expands Peripheral Artery Disease Treatment in Arkansas

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Jeffrey G. Tauth, M.D., F.A.C.C., a board-certified interventional cardiologist practicing in central Arkansas for more than 30 years, has expanded the peripheral artery disease treatment capabilities available at the Vascular Center of Hot Springs, the ambulatory surgical center he opened in April 2026.

Peripheral artery disease develops when plaque narrows the arteries supplying blood to the legs, often causing cramping, pain, or weakness during walking. The condition frequently goes undiagnosed, since a significant portion of patients experience minimal or no leg pain despite reduced circulation. Left untreated, the disease can progress and is associated with an elevated risk of heart attack and stroke, since the same plaque buildup affecting the legs commonly develops in the coronary and carotid arteries as well.

"Peripheral artery disease is often mistaken for something else entirely, arthritis, muscle fatigue, ordinary aging," said Dr. Tauth. "Patients live with symptoms for years before anyone identifies the actual cause. Expanding what we can diagnose and treat in one place means fewer patients fall through that gap."

Patients evaluated for peripheral artery disease at the center now have access to diagnostic tools including ankle-brachial index testing and vascular ultrasound, alongside catheter-based treatments such as angioplasty, stenting, and atherectomy. Previously, a patient identified as having significant arterial narrowing might have been referred elsewhere for the procedural side of treatment. That referral step is no longer necessary for patients evaluated at the Vascular Center of Hot Springs.

The center's independent structure gives Dr. Tauth latitude that is not always available in hospital-based practice. He is not restricted to a single manufacturer's product line and can draw from several device options when planning a case, a factor that matters given how much peripheral artery anatomy varies from one patient to the next.

Patients are evaluated individually to determine whether outpatient treatment is appropriate for their case. Those with more complex disease or significant comorbidities may require a hospital setting, a determination

made as part of the diagnostic evaluation itself, using the same imaging and history that informs the rest of the treatment plan.

"Not every patient belongs in the same treatment pathway," said Dr. Tauth. "Part of every evaluation is figuring out what actually fits this particular patient, instead of assuming everyone should be treated the same way."

Dr. Tauth also treats patients from Mena, a western Arkansas community he has continued to serve for a quarter century through a satellite clinic. Patients seen there who need peripheral vascular intervention are referred to the Hot Springs facility, continuing under his care rather than being handed off to a new provider. The Mena clinic remains a regular part of his schedule, and the connection between the two locations means a patient's history travels with them rather than starting over at a new practice.

Peripheral artery disease affects a substantial portion of adults over the age of 60, and its prevalence increases with age, smoking history, and conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure. Intervention before the disease progresses to a critical stage offers patients more treatment options and a better long-term outlook. Regular evaluation is particularly recommended for patients who already carry several of those risk factors, even in the absence of noticeable leg symptoms.

For more information, visit his website. Referring physicians and patients throughout central and western Arkansas may also contact the practice directly to discuss whether an evaluation is appropriate.

About Jeffrey G. Tauth, M.D., F.A.C.C.

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