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COULD
CHANGE
SOMEONE'S
LIFE,**

WOULD YOU?



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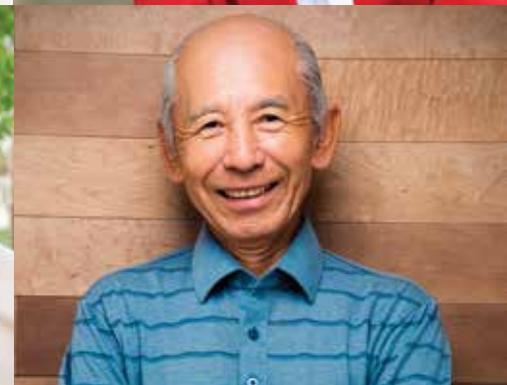
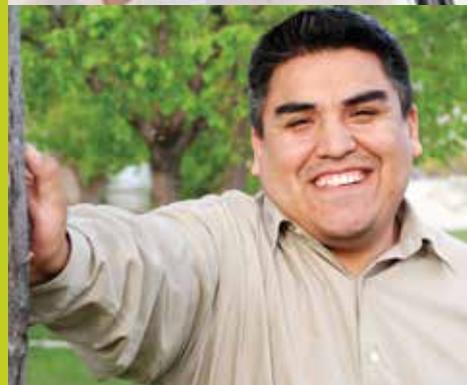
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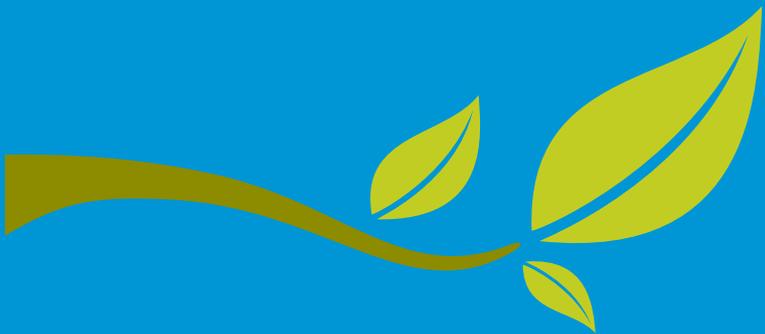
*** Vascular diseases
are the principle
cause of death and
disability in people
with diabetes.**



Through the redevelopment of the vascular surgery unit, Calgary will be one of two centres in Canada and the only centre in Western Canada to offer minimally invasive treatments and this level of care. The Vascular Surgical Services Unit at Peter Lougheed Centre will set the tone for the rest of Alberta and Canada to follow.



Today Peter Lougheed Centre sees more than 6,400 vascular patients every year. By 2015, it will provide vascular care to a referral population of 2.5 million; one of the largest referral populations in Canada.



Looking to a healthier future, the Vascular Surgical Services team is implementing a new strategy in patient care and disease prevention. Working collaboratively, a multidisciplinary team will assist patients and their families to live healthier lifestyles with the goal of reducing their risk of requiring surgical intervention.

In partnership with Calgary Health Trust, the Peter Lougheed Centre is developing a new world-class facility for vascular care. The project strategy will look at a broader horizon, starting with the early disease process and proactively treating patients' risks and conditions before they require surgery up to building hybrid operating rooms at Peter Lougheed Centre that will allow for minimally invasive surgery.

It will include:

- two state-of-the-art hybrid operating rooms
- a state-of-the-art in-patient care unit,
- an outpatient care centre, including a vascular risk assessment clinic and a foot care clinic,
- a special care unit for patients who require additional monitoring,
- a rehabilitation therapy centre,
- a vascular laboratory,
- patient teaching rooms,
- a procedure room, and
- space for patients' families.

When the doors to the new Vascular Surgical Services Unit open in 2014, patients will receive care that takes a holistic approach, which extends past their time in the hospital.



“With the support I am getting from the vascular team, I can focus on getting myself to a place where I can be on the kidney transplant list.”

A new outlook on vascular disease

Ken had lived with Type II diabetes for 21 years and he had no history of vascular conditions within his family. When Ken’s kidneys began to fail he was forced to undergo aggressive dialysis and could no longer live in the place he loved so much. Coming to Alberta, Ken entered dialysis unsure of what the future held. Eventually Ken’s diabetes caused severe circulation problems. After two bypass surgeries and pain too severe to manage in his left leg, Ken had to make a big decision: He would have to have his leg amputated.

With a new vascular centre, people like Ken will have access to the tools and resources required to manage the progression of vascular conditions from the initial onset of diabetes and other risk factors. Until he had severe problems, Ken had never seen a specialist.

Though Ken’s conditions were quite complex, management of his diabetes from the onset could have impacted the course his health has taken. With the assistance of a specialized multidisciplinary team, patients like Ken will be empowered to be proactive about their health well into the future.

Now, Ken has the support he needs to continue his journey moving forward. Despite losing his leg, Ken considers the experience as one of the best ways he can help others; by spending time with patients who are going through a similar struggle.

Ken Farwell suffers from Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD), which occurs when the arteries in the legs become blocked and the legs do not receive enough blood or oxygen. Treatment is vital because it is attributed to a greater risk for limb loss, heart attack or stroke.

Yes! I would like to be part of advancing vascular care in Alberta.

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THANK YOU

for helping us revolutionize the standard of vascular care in Southern Alberta!

By taking a holistic approach, those living with vascular disease will receive life-long, patient centred care. From proactively mitigating high-risk habits to minimally invasive surgeries and post operative care, patients will receive the support they need to be in control of their own health.



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