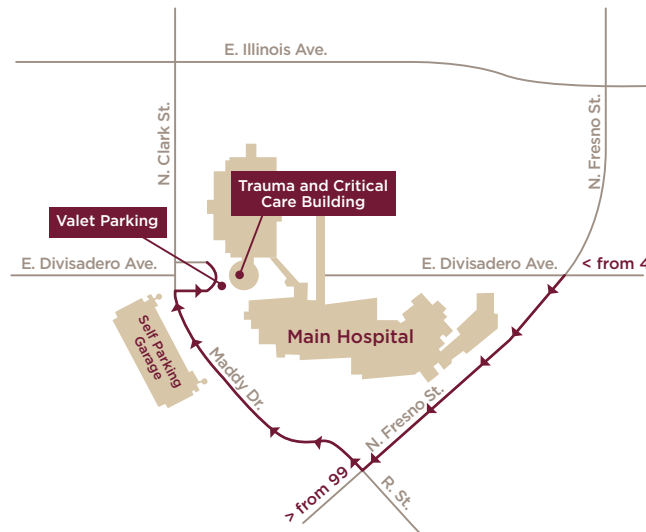


# Advanced Peripheral Vascular Procedures

Community Regional Medical Center is dedicated to providing the most effective treatments for Peripheral Artery Disease, offering more advanced peripheral treatment options than any other hospital in the Valley. With an affiliation with the UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program, Community Regional offers the only cardiology and interventional cardiac fellowship training programs in the region.

## Be our Priority Guest

Your care begins the moment you arrive at Community Regional. Free valet parking is offered to all Community Regional guests, but cardiovascular patients are our priority. Our friendly valet attendants will greet you in front of the Trauma and Critical Care Building, park your car, provide a wheelchair and escort you and your family to the procedure area. Ask your referring doctor to arrange your Priority Guest Service with us.



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## Advanced Technology for Vascular Treatment



## Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD)



# What is Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD)?

Peripheral Artery Disease is a condition in which fatty tissue called calcium or plaque builds up inside the arteries in your legs. This build-up causes your arteries to narrow, reducing blood flow to the legs and feet, which can result in your legs and feet feeling heavy, tired or painful. PAD is a serious condition – increasing your risk for heart attack and stroke. If left untreated it can result in increasing leg pain, immobility, non-healing wounds and eventually limb amputation and even death.

PAD is treatable if detected early. If you are suffering from PAD, consult your doctor or call (559) 459.BEAT for more information about our services.

## Advantages of PAD Treatment

Talk to your doctor about treatment options before this disease progresses especially if you have diabetes or obesity – you may be a candidate for one of several peripheral procedures that can offer one or more of the following benefits:

- improved blood flow
- increased mobility
- prevention of limb loss
- reduced pain or pain recovery
- improved risk factors for other serious diseases

## New cutting edge peripheral procedures offering a new lease on life

### Carotid Stenting

If the carotid vessels in the neck are narrowed and treatment is needed, a metal mesh device called a stent (looks like a spring in a ball point pen) will be placed in the area. Using minimally invasive techniques, experts at Community Regional insert this stent into the blocked area, which expands inside the carotid artery to increase blood flow.

### Peripheral Angiogram

A picture of the patients vascular system is used to help physicians identify narrowed or blocked areas in one or more of the arteries that supply blood to your limbs.

### Peripheral Intervention

Without using large, surgical cuts, peripheral interventions use minimally invasive techniques to remove plaque and regain blood flow through the blocked artery. In these procedures, devices such as a balloon and stent are used to increase blood flow to the heart muscles.

### Laser Therapy

Utilizing the latest advancements in cardiac surgery, Community Regional treats Peripheral Artery Disease using laser technology to clear blocked arteries. Lasers gently dissolve plaque and calcium into tiny particles, providing relief and restoring blood flow.

