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Collaboration is Key to Treating Complex Vascular Diseases and Conditions

Vascular medicine physicians also manage the vascular wound care program, an integral part of the JVC which provides advanced vascular wound services, such as multilayer compression and absorbent dressing (MCAD) therapy, outpatient surgical debridement, application of bioengineered skin grafts and substitutes, and/or use of hyperbaric oxygen therapy. Additionally, some of the certified vascular medicine physicians are involved in the interpretation of vascular ultrasound studies performed at the JVC vascular laboratory.

Equally important, Dr. Eraso says, are the roles of Walter Kraft, MD, who is board certified in both internal medicine and clinical pharmacology, and Lynda Thomson, PharmD, who joins the vascular medicine physicians in staffing the Jefferson Anticoagulation and Thrombosis Service (JATS). JATS is a busy inpatient and outpatient consult service dedicated to coordinating the transition of care as patients with complex vascular conditions move back into community-based primary care. JATS also provides guidance in the medical management of venous thromboembolic disease in special populations, including pregnant patients. Working closely with Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Jefferson’s high-risk obstetrics team, the medical and pharmacy staff at the JVC helps to manage anticoagulation therapy throughout their pregnancy.

“Our multi-disciplinary approach helps prevent overlap in care—ensuring that two specialties within the same system aren’t dealing with the same disease in different ways,” he concludes. “Here, multiple specialists practice outside of side. We consult with each other and collaborate in real time, which enables us to provide a more seamless experience and support better outcomes for our patients.”

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