

VASCULAR SPECIALISTS NOW PROVIDE INNOVATIVE WOUND CARE



the legs, with an increase in pain with movement. These pathologies can also lead to wounds that won't heal properly on their own or skin ulcerations that don't respond to interventions such as angiograms or ablation.

"It's incredible to see how much better – and faster – these wounds heal," Smith said, noting that patients notice improvements in pain and mobility, and likely have the ability to return to their normal lifestyles much faster.

Most importantly, properly healed wounds mean less risk of infection and lower the chances patients will need hospital-based intervention resulting from wounds that don't heal. In addition to Smith, Longstreet Clinic Vascular & Vein specialists include **Charles B. Moomey, Jr., M.D., FACS**, **John William Perry, M.D.**, **Daniel Torrent, M.D., FACS**, and **Jarrold Luttjohann, PA-C**. They welcome patients in Gainesville, Suwanee & Braselton and have hospital privileges at Northeast Georgia Medical Center Gainesville & Braselton and Northside Hospital Gwinnett. They also perform outpatient procedures at our Vascular Access Center, a state-of-the-art surgical suite inside our Gainesville location.

Longstreet Clinic Vascular & Vein has been a trusted provider of specialty care for decades. Their providers continue to expand the innovative treatments they can provide their patients. Many of these treatments can be done on an outpatient basis within the Vascular Access Center, located on Longstreet Clinic's Gainesville campus.

That includes one of the practice's newest offerings – comprehensive wound treatment using devices and products on the leading edge of wound care.

Venous and arterial insufficiency often results in symptoms like heaviness or swelling in the extremities, particularly

"If patients have non-healing wounds that don't respond to surgical treatment or are not caused by arterial or venous pathology, our team can take the next step of placing advanced biologic membranes that accelerate healing," said **Adam Smith, AGACNP-BC**, a board-certified adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner. "It's a procedure that's quick, done in our outpatient center and is reimbursable by Medicare."

But it's the results that are most impressive to vascular specialists and a welcome source of relief and healing to patients.

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Benefits
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We are excited to debut a new insert inside this newsletter that shares valuable information with our employees about the benefits available to them, including retirement plan, profit-sharing and 401K offerings.



EIGHT PHYSICIANS NAMED 'ATLANTA MAGAZINE' TOP DOCTORS



Eight Longstreet Clinic physicians recently earned recognition as *Atlanta Magazine's* **Top Doctors for 2024**. This year's top docs are:

- **Alexander Allaire, MD, MSPH, Perinatology**
- **J. Fernando Aycinena, MD, FACS, FASCRS, Colon & Rectal Surgery**
- **Marti Gibbs, MD, FAAFP, Family Medicine**
- **Betsy Grunch, MD, FAANS, FACS, Neurosurgery**
- **Saima Hussain, MD, FACP, Pediatrics**
- **Karl Schultz Jr., MD, FAANS, FACS, Neurosurgery**
- **Priscilla Strom, MD, FACS, Breast Surgery**
- **Eric Velazquez, MD, MBA, FACS, FASMBS, Bariatric Surgery**

This represents the ninth year **Dr. Gibbs** has earned this distinction and the eighth year for **Dr. Allaire** and **Dr. Schultz**. **Dr. Grunch** and **Dr. Strom** also make their third appearances on the list. **Dr. Velazquez** makes his second appearance since beginning practice in Georgia.

This is the second time making the feature for **Dr. Aycinena** and the first appearance for **Dr. Hussain**.

Each July, *Atlanta Magazine* recognizes the achievements of Metro Atlanta physicians, placing them as leaders among their peers. The doctors in the feature were selected by Professional Research Services (PRS), a firm based in Michigan, which conducted an online peer-review survey of all licensed physicians in the metro Atlanta area.

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AROUND THE CLINIC

Happy Trails!

We recently bid a fond farewell to two longtime Clinic employees with approximately 50 years' combined service, **Rose Thaysen** (Business Office) and **Brent Mize** (OB/GYN). Additionally, beloved family medicine physician **Alfredo Jaume, M.D.**, retired after 40 years of practice, 30 of them in Gainesville. Our patients and team are sad to see them go, but we wish them the best in this next phase!



Blood Pressure Screenings and Outreach at Pilgrim's Pride Gainesville



Hall About Health Expo at YMCA



Britta Okyere, M.D., hands out awards at The Longest Day Chicken Chase, an Alzheimer's Association event at Lanier Village Estates



Ian Quinn, D.O., speaks to Lanier Canoe & Kayak Club

SURGEONS REMAIN AT FOREFRONT OF ROBOTIC INNOVATION



Longstreet Clinic surgeons continue to bring innovative treatment options to our community. OBGYN **Keshma Saujani, M.D., FACOG**, recently completed her 1,500th robotic GYN surgery! The procedure was performed at Northeast Georgia Medical Center Gainesville. The Surgical Review Corporation (SRC)

Surgeon of Excellence in Robotic Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery and Minimally Invasive GYN Surgery, Dr. Saujani prides herself on offering her patients the most advanced surgical treatment options available.

Hernia surgeon **Chad Copper, M.D., FACS**, became one of the first surgeons in Georgia to operate using the new da Vinci 5 surgical robot. The procedure was performed at Northeast Georgia Medical Center Gainesville, a Hernia Center of Excellence. Dr. Copper has been recognized as an SRC Surgeon of Excellence in Hernia Surgery, Robotic Surgery and Minimally Invasive Surgery. He is the co-director of the Hernia Center at NGMC.

In addition to Dr. Copper and Dr. Saujani, four additional Longstreet Clinic surgeons have been recognized by the SRC:

- **Fernando Aycinena, M.D., FACS**,
Colorectal Surgery, Robotic Surgery & Minimally Invasive Surgery

- **Geary D. Bush, M.D., FACS**,
Hernia Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery & Robotic Surgery
- **Daniel A. Mullis, M.D., FACS**,
Hernia Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery & Robotic Surgery
- **Robert L. Richard, M.D., FACS**,
Minimally Invasive Surgery & Robotic Surgery



For more information about robotic surgery at Longstreet Clinic, visit longstreetclinic.com/robotic-surgery



THREE NEW PHYSICIANS JOINING LC THIS FALL

This September, Longstreet Clinic is excited to welcome three new physicians to the practice.

- **Marcel Asouzu, M.D.**,
General Surgery (Gainesville)
- **Mary Read, M.D.**,
Breast Surgery, General Surgery (Gainesville)
- **Pooja Sampat, M.D.**,
Family Medicine (Oakwood)

Dr. Asouzu is a graduate of the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine and recently completed his residency in General Surgery at Northeast Georgia Medical Center.

Dr. Read is a graduate of LaGrange College and the Mercer University School of Medicine and recently completed her residency in General Surgery at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where she served as Chief Resident.

Dr. Sampat is a graduate of Georgia State University, Johns Hopkins University and St. George's University School of Medicine. She recently completed her residency in Family Medicine at Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown Campus.

Stay tuned for more information about these providers!



Dr. Grunch honored as one of best in U.S.

Betsy Grunch, M.D., FAANS, FACS, a board-certified neurosurgeon with Longstreet Clinic, has been recognized among “America’s Best Spine Surgeons 2024” by Newsweek and Statista, an exclusive list of the best 150 best spine surgeons in the country.

The rankings were released on Newsweek’s website in June and also will be published in an upcoming print edition of the magazine. According to the Newsweek release, “America’s Best Spine Surgeons 2024” were determined based on data sources: physician performance data, certifications, online surveys by state and quality scores..

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



Congratulations to **Ana Mendoza**, the first quarter Employee of the Quarter! Ana has been with Longstreet Clinic for over 10 years and currently works as a Clinical Interpreter in the Buford Pediatrics office. Pediatrician Richard Shelton, M.D., stated:

“Ana has been an outstanding interpreter for over 10 years. Her customer service is exemplary. She goes the extra mile for everyone in our office. She always comes to work with a smile on her face and brings great energy every day. Ana truly stands out as one of the best and really makes our office run efficiently.”

ROAD CLOSURE

Broad Street, which bisects part of our Gainesville campus, is now closed to thru traffic to improve the safety for our employees, patients and visitors. Long-term, the closure will enable expansion of our campus and enhance connectedness to NGMC.

DATES TO KNOW

8.8

Harvest of Hope
Gainesville Civic Center

8.17

Longstreet Employee Appreciation Event
Lake Lanier Olympic Park Plaza

9.7

Lake Lanier Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival
Lake Lanier Olympic Park

9.19

Glory Hope & Life Tailgate Party
NoFo Brew Co

10.10

HealthSmart
Ramsey Conference Center - Lanier Tech