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Physician Brings Life-Saving Procedure to Blood Clot Patients at GCH

GALION – March 24, 2011 – Dr. Barry Zadeh, Cardiothoracic and Endovascular Surgeon, is now performing a breakthrough procedure on DVT (deep vein thrombosis) patients suffering with blood clots in the legs at Galion Community Hospital. This new treatment option offered at Galion Community Hospital removes blood clots in minutes and helps restore the legs of patients back to health. More importantly, it can be lifesaving.

DVT occurs when blood thickens or clumps together in the veins and either partially or completely blocks circulation. This condition is normally found in the lower legs of a patient. If the clot travels through the body to the lungs, a life-threatening condition called “pulmonary embolism” can occur.

This procedure, also referred to as “Chemical and Mechanical Thrombectomy”, allows physicians to effectively and quickly remove blood clots by chemically dissolving and evacuating them. The procedure isolates the clot, delivers drugs to the area, quickly breaking up the clot and evacuating any residual. Patients are normally done with the entire procedure in less than an hour and frequently return to their normal life in a few days.

“I am very excited to be offering this service to residents in the Galion and surrounding area,” comments Dr. Barry Zadeh. “I have performed this procedure many times with great success.”

Until now, medications such as blood thinners were the only treatment available for DVT. Although medications are beneficial and necessary, by utilizing this procedure in conjunction with blood thinners, patients have better long-term outcomes. Blood clots that are not treated can lead to a variety of complications such as swelling in the legs, chronic pain, recurring DVT, and leg ulcers. While a DVT in the leg is not fatal by itself, a blood clot that travels to the pulmonary artery can be life threatening.

For more information on this new treatment option being offered by Dr. Zadeh, call 419-462-4541.

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