

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge  
*Husband & Wife Aneurysms*

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<b>Intro with music</b>	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC MEDICAL EDGE.
	ROBERT AND ELAINE KNAACK HAVE BEEN SWEETHEARTS FOR 60 YEARS.
<b>Elaine Knaack, Patient</b>	"WE'VE BEEN MARRIED 57, BUT WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER SINCE WE WERE 16."
	SHARING THE GOOD TIMES AND THE BAD, INCLUDING THE SAME MAJOR MEDICAL PROBLEM. BOTH DEVELOPED ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSMS – WEAKENINGS IN THE ABDOMINAL AORTIC WALL THAT CAN RUPTURE, BLEED AND, IN MOST CASES, CAUSE DEATH. TRADITIONAL SURGERY TO REPAIR

	<p>THE PROBLEM MEANS A LARGE INCISION, A WEEK OR SO IN THE HOSPITAL AND WEEKS OF RECOVERY. BUT AT MAYO CLINIC, DR. ALBERT HAKAIM IS USING A LESS INVASIVE PROCEDURE.</p>
<p><b>Albert Hakaim, M.D.</b></p>	<p>“THE ENDOVASCULAR APPROACH IS THROUGH SMALL INCISIONS OVER THE FEMORAL ARTERY IN THE GROIN.”</p>
	<p>THEN, USING CATHETERS, DR. HAKAIM GUIDES A STENT UP TO THE WEAKENED ARTERY AND SHORES IT UP. MOST PATIENTS GO HOME THE NEXT DAY, WITH RECOVERY TIME ABOUT HALF THAT OF TRADITIONAL SURGERY. NOW THE KNAACKS ARE SHARING THE RELIEF OF HAVING THEIR PROBLEM FIXED.</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT <a href="http://MAYOCLINIC.ORG">MAYOCLINIC.ORG</a>. I’M VIVIEN</p>

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