



Patricia B. (Peplinski) Acker Fund

ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM PREVENTIVE SCREENINGS

The daughter of the late Theodore and Catherine (Mikowski) Peplinski, Patricia was born on November 15, 1927 in Cedar, Michigan and passed away September 7, 2010 at age 82. She attended Holy Rosary High School, Aquinas College, and Saginaw Business Institute. She was married to Russell D. Acker on August 30, 1995. Pat was employed by Huron Portland Cement Company as a clerk/secretary from 1950 to 1963 before working for Consumers Energy from 1963 until her retirement in 1987. Pat then worked at Fanny Farmer from 1987 until 1995. Pat was a member of St. Josaphat Catholic Church and a former member of Holy Family Catholic Church. She also was a caregiver at Luther Manor.

The beloved sister and aunt was survived by one brother and two sisters, Joseph Peplinski, Kentucky; Adeline Niel, California; and Regina Klonowski, Saginaw; several nieces and nephews. Pat was preceded in death by her husband; two brothers, Leon and Steven Peplinski; and one sister, Sr. Alice Peplinski.

The Peplinski family has a hereditary predisposition to aortic and cardiac aneurysms, with four of the seven children of Theodore and Catherine having an aneurysm. This fund was established with the proceeds from Patricia B. (Peplinski) Acker's estate to help screen for this potentially deadly condition. In addition, the physicians of the Michigan CardioVascular Institute (MCVI) have generously agreed to interpret test results at no charge.

OVERVIEW

An aneurysm is an abnormal bulge in the wall of an artery. Most aneurysms occur in the aorta, the main artery that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body (abdomen, pelvis and legs). An aneurysm that occurs in the aorta in the abdomen is called an abdominal aortic aneurysm. Three out of four aortic aneurysms are abdominal aortic aneurysms.

THE TEST

Ultrasound screening of the abdomen has been shown to be a reliable and accurate method for detecting abdominal aortic aneurysms.

RISK FACTORS

An abdominal aortic aneurysm can occur in anyone, but it most often occurs in men who are over the age of 60. The exact cause is unknown, but several additional risk factors have been identified.

- Smoking
- Family history of abdominal aortic aneurysms
- Coronary heart disease
- High blood pressure
- High cholesterol
- Obesity
- Emphysema
- Cerebrovascular disease

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE FREE SCREENING?

A physician referral is required. If the patient is a male over the age of 60, two additional risk factors must be present. If the patient is an adult male under the age of 60 or an adult female, four risk factors must be present.

SCHEDULING THE SCREENING

The referring doctor must complete the attached referral form and send it to:

ATTN: Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
Michigan CardioVascular Institute Testing Department
Fax: (989) 754-3026

At this time, the screenings are only conducted at the Michigan CardioVascular Institute. Test results are sent directly to the referring physician. If there is an issue requiring follow up, it is up to the referring physician and the patient where to seek the care.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

Pulse3 Foundation
(989) 754-7283
info@pulse3.org

Today's Date: _____
Time: _____

<i>MCVI Office Use Only</i> Scheduled Appointment Date: _____ Time: _____ Location: _____



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Abdominal Ultrasound Testing Request

1-877-725-MCVI (6284) ♥ (989) 754-3000
Fax request to (989) 754-3026.



Patient Information

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Best Time to Contact: _____

Referring Physician Information

Physician's Name: _____
Office Contact Name: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
(completed testing appointment request will be faxed back to you)
Physician Signature: _____

<i>MCVI Office Use Only</i> Patient Information Packet Sent On: _____ Scheduler's Initials: _____
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