The Power of Private Practice

St. Louis Vascular Surgical Specialists, PC practices medicine as it should be performed, with the excellent quality, affordability, and personability made possible through private practice.



When Robert Hacker, M.D., founded St. Louis Vascular Surgical Specialists, PC, he set out to accomplish what he could not in the hospital system. As the only private vascular surgery practice in a 200-mile radius, St. Louis Vascular Surgical Specialists provides comprehensive vascular and wound care services at what feels like a concierge practice without concierge prices.

"Hospitals charge anywhere between five and 10 times more than what a private practice will charge. We can keep patients from having to choose between their health and other crucial needs," says Dr. Hacker, a double board-certified general and vascular surgeon. "Whether patients are on a vein journey, which takes months, or an arterial journey, which takes years, everyone here is motivated to see patients succeed."

From limb preservation to the treatment of diseases affecting arteries, veins, and wounds, Dr. Hacker and his team prioritize patient wellbeing in every facet. Small comforts, like coffee, refreshments, and warm towels are offered readily. Many patients are experiencing loss of autonomy from the conditions they're facing, and complicated surgery is the best way forward to greater independence or increased quality of life. In these scenarios, experience grants peace of mind.

Along with his two board certifications, Dr. Hacker has published peer-reviewed papers and case reports in journals such as the Journal of Vascular Surgery and the Journal of Critical Care. He has practiced nearly 1,000 cases each year over the past decade, which has contributed equally to his craft and his ability to connect with patients.

"Because of how we are structured, I am able to practice surgery the way it's meant to be practiced," says Dr. Hacker. "We don't rush people out of the room. We always take the time to educate them on their condition in layman's terms. It's medicine the way it used to be, with a focus on the doctor-patient relationship."

A Healthier Horizon

St. Louis Vascular Surgical Specialists is part of a movement to help small private practices thrive across St. Louis and, eventually, nationwide. In 2025, Dr. Hacker founded the Alliance of Independent Practitioners (the AIP) with a group of local physicians after he and his colleagues faced ever-increasing administrative burdens and loss of autonomy.

Namely, Dr. Hacker says private practices everywhere are fighting the realities of an "ever-changing, ever-complicated insurance network." Because patients are often seen as mere dollar signs by the larger healthcare system, barriers are being put in place to limit patients' access to private practices. With support from their communities, the AIP is taking steps to protect high-quality and affordable care.

"Healthy private practices are coexistent with a healthy community," says Dr. Hacker. "We couldn't be where we are today without the support of our St. Louis community. That's how we can continue our lifelong dedication to the treatment of human beings."

St. Louis Vascular Surgical Specialists' spectrum of care includes:

- May-Thurner syndrome
- Nutcracker syndrome
- Pain conditions
- Pelvic congestion syndrome
- Peripheral artery disease
- Plantar fasciitis
- Varicose veins
- Vascular conditions
- Venous diseases
- Wound care

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