

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge

What is Vasculitis

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	FROM THE LARGEST ARTERY TO THE SMALLEST CAPILLARY, ANYWHERE THAT BLOOD FLOWS CAN FEEL THE EFFECTS OF A DISEASE CALLED VASCULITIS. WHAT HAPPENS IS THOSE BLOOD VESSELS BECOME IRRITATED AND INFLAMED, WHICH...
Eric Matteson, M.D. Track 1 (2:45)	"CAUSES THE BLOOD VESSEL TO BECOME NARROW."
	DR. ERIC MATTESON, A MAYO CLINIC RHEUMATOLOGIST, SAYS IT'S JUST LIKE THE NARROWING THAT OCCURS WITH HARDENING OF THE ARTERIES. AND IT CAN BE

	JUST AS DANGEROUS.
Dr. Matteson Track 1 (3:10)	“THE CONSEQUENCES CAN BE GANGRENE OF THE DIGITS...THE FINGERS, THE TOES... OR THEY CAN HAVE PROBLEMS WITH VITAL ORGANS SUCH AS THE HEART, THE LUNGS, THE KIDNEY, THE BRAIN.”
	THERE ARE MANY TYPES OF VASCULITIS. OFTEN THE CAUSE ISN'T KNOWN. TREATMENT FOCUSES ON REDUCING OR ELIMINATING THE INFLAMMATION, OFTEN USING MEDICATIONS SUCH AS STEROIDS. REGIMENS WILL VARY BASED ON THE TYPE OF VASCULITIS YOU HAVE, AND IT'S SEVERITY.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG . I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.
