

**Mayo Clinic Medical Edge**  
***Treating Autoimmune Vasculitis***

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<b>Intro with music</b>	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	STEP ON A HOSE AND WHAT HAPPENS? THE WATER CAN'T GET THROUGH AS EASILY, RIGHT? WITH A DISEASE CALLED VASCULITIS, IT'S LIKE SOMEONE IS STEPPING ON YOUR BLOOD VESSELS. INFLAMMATION CAUSES YOUR VEINS AND ARTERIES TO NARROW, SQUEEZING OFF THE BLOOD FLOW, SOMETIMES TO VITAL ORGANS.
<b>Eric Matteson, M.D.</b> <b>Track 1 (5:45)</b>	"THE KEY THING THAT WE NEED TO DO IN VASCULITIS IS TO REDUCE THAT INFLAMMATION SO THAT THE BLOOD CAN FLOW FREELY THROUGH THE BLOOD VESSELS."

	<p>BECAUSE VASCULITIS CAN BE AN AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE – WHERE THE IMMUNE SYSTEM IS ATTACKING THE BODY INSTEAD OF PROTECTING IT – MAYO CLINIC DR. ERIC MATTESON SAY TREATMENT MAY ALSO INVOLVE TRYING TO CALM DOWN THE IMMUNE SYSTEM BY BORROWING A PAGE FROM CANCER TREATMENT.</p>
<p><b>Dr. Matteson</b> <b>Track 1 (6:05)</b></p>	<p>“WE OFTEN HAVE TO CALL ON CHEMOTHERAPIES BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THESE CHEMOTHERAPIES HAVE AN EFFECT ON THE IMMUNE SYSTEM.”</p>
	<p>TREATMENT WILL VARY DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF VASCULITIS AND ITS SEVERITY.</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT <a href="http://MAYOCLINIC.ORG">MAYOCLINIC.ORG</a>. I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.</p>