

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge
Treating Hemochromatosis

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	BLOOD-LETTING... IT'S SOUNDS LIKE A MEDICAL TREATMENT FROM THE MIDDLE-AGES. BUT BLOOD-LETTING IS ALIVE AND WELL, AND HELPING KEEP MANY PATIENTS THAT WAY TOO.
Raj Satyanarayana, M.D.	"HEMOCHROMATOSIS, IN THE MAJORITY OF INDIVIDUALS, IS A GENETIC ILLNESS. IT DEVELOPS BECAUSE THE INTESTINAL ABSORPTION OF IRON IS EXCESSIVE."
	AND TOO MUCH IRON IN THE BODY, EXPLAINS MAYO CLINIC DR. RAJ SATYANARAYANA, TAKES A TOLL ON ORGANS LIKE THE LIVER,

	HEART AND PANCREAS. BLOOD- LETTING OR PHLEBOTOMY GETS IT OUT.
	TYPICALLY, THE PROCEDURE IS REPEATED EVERY WEEK OR EVERY TWO WEEKS UNTIL IRON LEVELS ARE WITHIN AN ACCEPTABLE RANGE.
Dr. Satyanarayana	“THEN THEY GO ON A MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE, AND TYPICAL PATIENTS NEED A PHLEBOTOMY EVERY THREE TO FOUR MONTHS.”
	FOR LIFE. IT MAY SOUND INCONVENIENT, BUT IT’S A SMALL PRICE TO PAY, FOR LIFE.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.