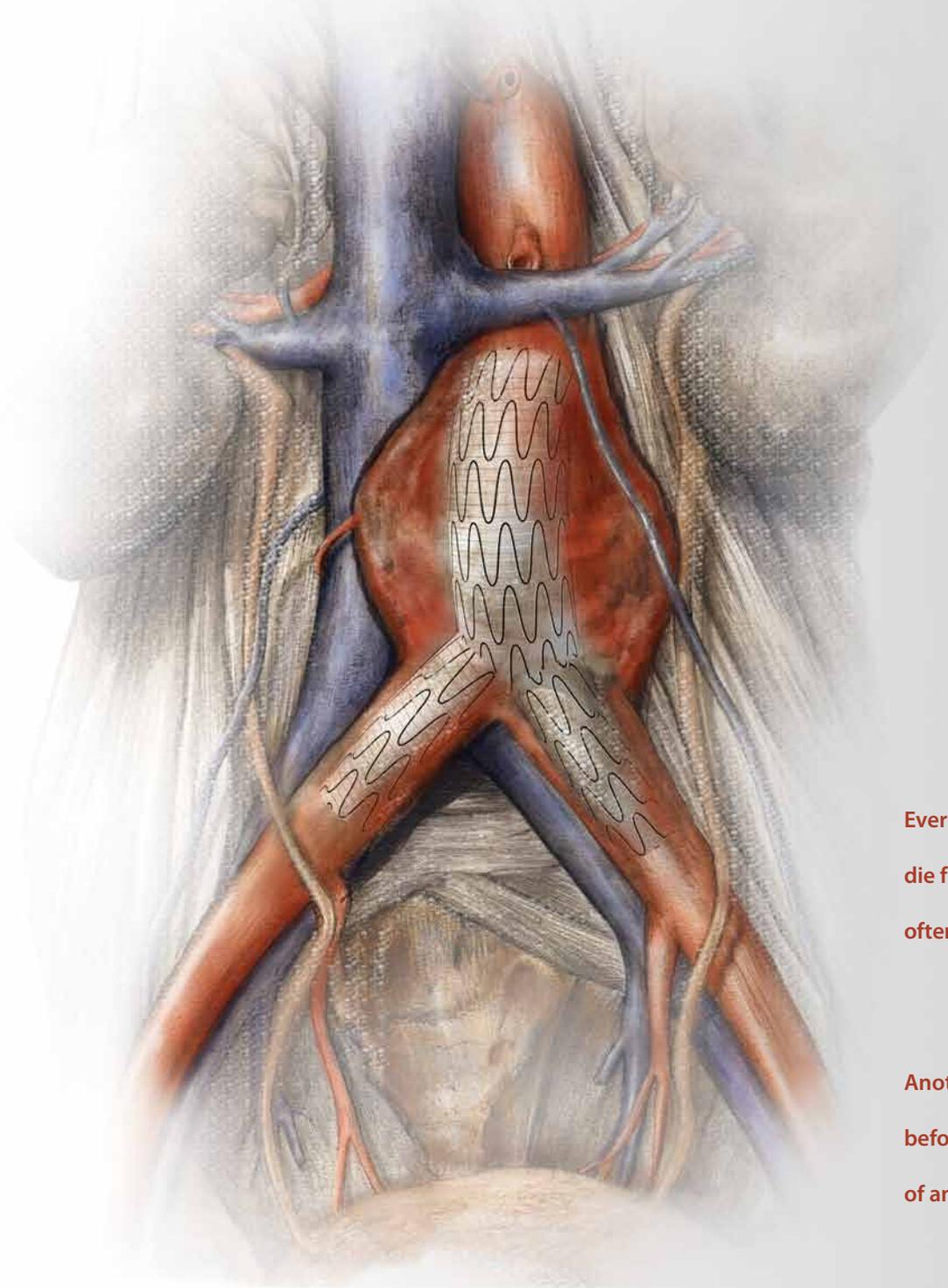


# RACE

Regional Aortic Center  
of Excellence



Every year, about 15,000 Americans die from ruptured aortic aneurysms, often without ever having symptoms.

Another 100,000 receive a diagnosis before rupture, generally as a result of an incidental imaging procedure.



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## First in Diagnosing and Treating Aortic Disease

When it comes to saving lives, access to a timely diagnosis and advanced treatment is crucial. That's why several leading area specialists have joined forces to create the Regional Aortic Center of Excellence (RACE), the first and most comprehensive center of its kind in West Michigan. This Center incorporates a multidisciplinary team of board-certified vascular and cardiothoracic surgeons, cardiologists, anesthesiologists, neurointerventional radiologists, critical care specialists and emergency physicians, and hospitalists to provide convenient, prompt evaluation and treatment of aortic aneurysms and other abnormalities of the aorta.

## A Team Dedicated to Better Outcomes

The Regional Aortic Center of Excellence is an exclusive collaboration of skilled professionals who strive to deliver compassionate, patient-focused care. We are dedicated to achieving positive outcomes in the diagnosis and treatment of aortic disease. Our experts are on-call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to bring resources and personalized therapies for patients with acute aortic syndromes, including aortic aneurysms, dissections, occlusive disease and traumatic disruptions.

Our team performs the latest surgeries and procedures, including:

- Complex ascending aortic replacement
- Hybrid aortic arch repair
- Open and endovascular repair of thoracic aortic aneurysms
- Endovascular repair of thoraco-abdominal aortic aneurysms
- Open and endovascular repair of all abdominal aortic aneurysms
- Comprehensive percutaneous, endovascular and open management of aortic dissection (and its complications)
- Aortic injury repair

## Setting High Standards in Critical Care

Our surgeons and caregivers work closely together to set the highest standard in critical care and ensure the best possible treatment for patients. Program highlights that enable the Center to provide unmatched leadership in the care of patients with acute aortic syndromes include:

- Multidisciplinary team approach for patient-centered, exceptional care
- Highly experienced specialists
- State-of-the-art endovascular suite
- Availability 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- Regular outpatient follow up in our aortic clinic for ongoing medical management and long-term care
- Reliable communication with primary care physicians and other patient providers

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### Specialists You Can Trust

With the Regional Aortic Center of Excellence, patients are in the hands of specialists who have decades of experience. Accessing any of the specialists is easy. Just call one of the participating practices to refer your patient to the Regional Aortic Center of Excellence.

*For thoracic aneurysm, arch aneurism and aortic dissection, call (269) 492-6500.*

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