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Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD) affects millions of people in the United States. Estimates indicate that more than 10-20 million United States residents have the disease – one in five patients over the age of 70 have it. Additionally, one in three diabetic patients over the age of 50 are expected to have it and it is the leading cause of amputations in diabetics. Patients who have amputations are at a higher risk of cardiovascular disease. More than 88,000 amputations will be performed in the United States due to PAD. Those at risk include patients over 70, those who smoke and those with poorly controlled hypertension.

Los Angeles Vascular Center is proud to be the only local site to offer carbon dioxide (CO₂) angiography to diagnose the cause of PAD in patients with non-healing wounds on their feet or pain in the calf muscle while walking (claudication). The use of CO₂ as a method for visualizing arteries of the legs is quite safe. There are no allergic reactions to CO₂. Patients with chronic kidney disease can have it administered without fear of acute kidney failure. With this crucial tool, a diagnosis of the problem can be made at the same time diagnosis is formulated to correct the problem. Most of the time, patients can have a simple angioplasty to correct the poor blood flow in their legs and their non-healing wounds and claudication will disappear.

Remember with CO₂ angiograms there is no allergy, no renal failure. NO PROBLEMS – ONLY SOLUTIONS!