

“They helped me keep my heart in my art.

Surgeons at the Heart & Vascular Center helped me paint a brighter future for myself.” — Patrick Lincoln, Artist

Jerome artist and gallery owner Patrick Lincoln just didn't feel well that day in April. After closing his Lincoln Fine Arts Gallery and heading home, he felt even worse.

An excruciating wrenching sensation in his abdomen sent him staggering to his neighbor's door for help. A former ICU nurse, Patrick knew his symptoms were life-threatening.

He was taken to Verde Valley Medical Center, where a CT scan revealed a ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm. Within 10 minutes, he was wheeled into surgery where John Schor, M.D., cardiovascular and thoracic surgeon with the Heart & Vascular Center of Northern Arizona, repaired the aneurysm with a stent during a minimally invasive procedure. Just a few minutes more and Patrick would have bled to death.

Dr. Schor calls Patrick his “miracle patient.” Patrick is undoubtedly one of the first patients in Northern Arizona to have a ruptured aneurysm repaired with a stent — a truly cutting edge approach to treating this deadly condition. Patrick says, “I'm fortunate to be alive. I want to commend everyone who cared for me for doing such an excellent job.”

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