



When Dave Reeger had a medical emergency  
**every minute mattered.**

## Fortunately, world-class medical talent was just moments away.

When Cottonwood resident Dave Reeger woke up one morning with a lump between his rib cage and his left hip, he knew enough about anatomy to be concerned. When he felt a pulse in that lump, he was alarmed. And he had every reason to be. With an emergency trip to the Heart & Vascular Center of Northern Arizona at Verde Valley Medical Center, tests revealed he had an abdominal aortic aneurysm, a top-10 killer of men more than 55 years old. Approximately 30-50% of people who suffer a ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm die before ever reaching a hospital. Fortunately, Dave was in good hands here at Verde Valley Medical Center. Not only were his world-class doctors able to successfully treat the aneurysm, they were able to treat it with minimally invasive surgery.

His story is just another example of what our world-class medical talent does every day right here in the Verde Valley at the Heart & Vascular Center of Northern Arizona, a partnership of Flagstaff Medical Center and Verde Valley Medical Center.



To read all of Dave's story, check out  
[NAHeartCare.com/Reeger](https://NAHeartCare.com/Reeger)



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