

Soundbite Script – Back on two feet: one patient’s recovery thanks to limb salvage surgery

Ron Carlson, patient

“When I first looked at it, my concern was, 'Hey, I'm not going to have a foot.' And they said, 'Yes, you will. And we can get through this, but it's going to take a while.' They were absolutely right.” (:21)

Ron Carlson, patient

“They said it was an ulcer that had to heal from the inside. Well, never healed and never healed. Just kept getting worse. And so finally, that's what eventually led me to Dr Cox.” (:11)

Dr. Samantha Cox, vascular surgeon, OSF HealthCare

“When it comes to limb salvage, he hits on all the pieces,” says Dr. Cox. “He's got arterial disease, he's got venous disease, he's got diabetes. He's had a long-standing wound; all those things play into it.” (:11)

Dr. Samantha Cox, vascular surgeon, OSF HealthCare

“We had to get his blood sugar under control; we had to optimize his nutrition; we had to get into the wound care center. We had to fix his arterial disease; we had to fix and maintain his venous disease.” (:11)

Ron Carlson, patient

“I couldn't really travel anywhere to go see them, to a sporting event or anything like that. Just lately, I've been able to make that distance in traveling, for an hour or two hours, whatever it takes to get to where they're going. I can do that now.” (:19)

Dr. Samantha Cox, vascular surgeon, OSF HealthCare

“The sooner you seek help from a professional, the quicker you are going to be on the road to recovery. These are very complex issues. We often say when it comes to limb salvage, it takes a village, and it truly takes a village of support for patients to get through these issues, whether it's management of arterial disease or venous disease, as in this patient's case. If it's a matter of wound care, we have resources to help people.” (:27)