

## **Soundbite script - Caught just in time**

### **Linda Norcross, patient**

"I would say perhaps an hour later, I received a phone call, saying that I needed to go to the nearest emergency room because they detected or what they thought they saw was an aneurysm in my abdominal area. So went to the emergency room and, yes, indeed I did." (:19)

### **Dr. Samantha Cox, vascular surgeon, OSF HealthCare**

"When we see a patient that has what we call an abdominal aortic aneurysm, it would be an enlargement of that vessel to a certain size, where we would be concerned about the anatomy and how it may affect that person." (:10)

### **Dr. Samantha Cox, vascular surgeon, OSF HealthCare**

"Unfortunately, a lot of times there are no symptoms, which is one of the problems with abdominal aortic aneurysms. Most patients have no symptoms at all until they're in trouble. And when those patients get into trouble, it can be catastrophic. So, we really advocate for screening programs because there are truly no symptoms in large part." (:21)

### **Linda Norcross, patient**

"It can be fixed when you know about it, but once it gets past that point, which mine was well on its way. So, if I had not hurt my back. Most times it's found accidentally, by looking for something else or at something else. So that's how mine was discovered, accidentally." (:22)

### **Dr. Samantha Cox, vascular surgeon, OSF HealthCare**

"We see here a great outcome that maybe if years had passed and the aneurysm had progressed, our outcome would have been a different story. I'm glad we're here to tell this one today. It was a very good story. And a patient who's become a champion for recognizing aneurysms, and I'm very proud of her for that." (:18)