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DR. MAZEN ITANI TOOK A GOOD, LONG LOOK AT NEWTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND LIKED WHAT HE SAW.

"I saw a growing hospital with a brand new, state-of-the-art cath lab. It's a friendly environment and people are nice to deal with, very helpful. I also recognized that there is a need in this area for vascular surgery," said Dr. Itani upon arriving as one of the hospital's newest physicians.

Dr. Itani is Board Certified in both General Surgery and Vascular Surgery. The latter, more specialized area enables Newton Memorial Hospital to offer a new service line, and has hospital staff abuzz with excitement.

The Charles L. Tice Heart Center for Diagnostic Services, which opened in October to rave reviews, features a cardiac catheterization lab – the highest standard available today for detecting heart disease – and many other diagnostic services.

Now, with the addition of

Vascular Surgery, the Heart Center has positioned itself as a fully functioning Cardiac Suite that can handle all aspects of improving the health of the cardiovascular system.

While cardiac catheterizations diagnose blood flow problems within the arteries that surround the heart, vascular catheterizations examine and treat diseases affecting the rest of the cardiovascular tree, which is equally vital. Vascular disease can affect the arteries into which the heart

pumps blood, which can lead to problems like leg pain/cramps/non-healing wounds, kidney problems, stroke and aneurysms.

"Like anything, our organs need blood to get oxygen and to sustain their functioning," Itani said. "When a blood vessel gets clogged, it will create problems and affect those organs that supply the blood."

Dr. Itani is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Society, a Fellow of the American College of Surgery and a member of

Dr. Mazen Itani (right) works on a patient at the Charles L. Tice Heart Center for Diagnostic Services.



Mazen Itani, MD

the American College of Phlebotomy. He has contributed to and authored several publications in the medical field and has given medical presentations on vascular surgery across the U.S. and in Mexico.

Licensed in New Jersey, Massachusetts and Florida, Dr. Itani holds a Doctor of Medicine degree from the American University of Beirut. He completed a Residency in General Surgery at SUNY-Downstate in Brooklyn, N.Y., and a Fellowship in Vascular Surgery at the University of Massachusetts in Worcester.

He practiced Vascular Surgery at the West Palm Beach, VA hospital in Florida for three years before moving to New Jersey.

Dr. Itani brings with him not only the expertise to diag-

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nose vascular disease, but also the expertise to perform minimally invasive endovascular procedures by opening clogged arteries with balloons and stents using only a needle puncture — and with no scars.

“The patient usually can go home either the same day or the following day,” Dr. Itani said.

Dr. Itani also can treat and eliminate pain associated with varicose veins. Varicose veins can bulge from the legs, causing painful aches, fatigue, cramps and swelling that can affect a person’s ability to walk.

Dr. Itani uses Endovenous Laser Treatment — with no surgical incisions involved — to eradicate the discomfort and improve the condition of varicose veins. He also uses Sclerotherapy which involves the injection of FDA-approved medications into spider veins and smaller varicose veins.

Dr. Itani currently plans to share office space at 89 Sparta Avenue. He can be reached for appointments at 908.684.0004. ■