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(Dr. Nicolas Shammass, Denise Coiner, RN, and Lori Christensen, RN)

who is currently PI for ev3's DEFINITIVE Ca⁺⁺ Study. Two dedicated study coordinators support the study including Denise Coiner, MS, RTR (primary SC) and Lori Christenson RN (SC). The coordinators work hand in hand with Dr. Shammass to identify potential study candidates and screen for the study.

Providing options and alternative treatments to patients with Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD) drives this site to continue its commitment to clinical research and expand efforts within the claudicant population. Dr. Shammass stated, "Reducing dissection and improving vessel compliance are important goals in the treatment of femoropopliteal disease, particularly in patients with moderate or higher calcifications. We believe atherectomy is an important tool to achieve this goal."

MCRF enrolled their first patient into the study in early August and screens daily for potential candidates. Good communication with the PI and a teamwork approach have worked well for this site. Ms. Coiner manages all study related activities and ensures all PAD patients are considered for the study. As she stated, "screening for patients is done through referrals to Dr. Shammass from other physicians. We usually see our patients in the hospital (Trinity at Terrace Park) when they are scheduled for Dr. Shammass. Our research office is very well known and enjoys a great reputation in the community!" MCRF's extensive research experience and presence in the Iowa area offer strong treatment solutions for patients with PAD and who may benefit from the SilverHawk LS-C technology.