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We are the largest vascular hemodialysis access program in the mid-Atlantic region, and our surgeons perform over 2,500 cases each year. Whether creating the initial access, amending failed access points, or reestablishing flow to thrombosed access, we focus on long-term results and reduced risk of infection. Our team can manage even the most complex dialysis patients with an array of fistulae and graft options tailored to each person. Recent, state-of-the-art techniques include:

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