

# Imagine lifesaving surgery through an incision as small as this



*That's what East Texas Vascular Associates surgeons are doing in special surgical suites at ETMC Tyler.*



S. Edwin Duncan, MD  
Vascular surgeon



J. Blake Harrison, MD  
Vascular & colorectal surgeon



D. Brent Kerns, MD  
Vascular surgeon



David L. Young, MD  
General surgeon

**Board-certified surgical experts.**

Vascular surgeons Dr. S. Edwin Duncan, Dr. J. Blake Harrison and Dr. D. Brent Kerns are using incisions as tiny as a baby's toe to clear arteries, remove clots, repair aneurysms, prevent strokes and perform other procedures that used to require major surgery.

Their partner, general surgeon Dr. David L. Young, also uses minimally invasive techniques for gallbladder, hernia, thyroid, gastrointestinal and other appropriate surgeries.

Dr. Kerns explains, "The field has transformed from doing open surgery to more minimally invasive techniques, which lead to smaller incisions, shorter hospitalizations, less pain and a more rapid recovery—and that's a great advantage for the patient."

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The surgeons from East Texas Vascular Associates perform these small wonders in new, high-tech surgery suites at ETMC Tyler.

Dr. Duncan is a frequent user of the dedicated endovascular surgery suite: "This endovascular room allows us to do things from an imaging point of view that otherwise would not be possible."

Dr. Harrison, who is also board certified in colorectal surgery, relies on ETMC, too: "I've trained all over the country and the facilities and the people here at the East Texas Medical Center really are as good as you'll find any place."

Lifesaving, cutting-edge surgery with hardly any cutting. From East Texas Vascular Associates and ETMC.



## Hollywood's Time

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she had learned a lot about the history of her people.

Awdria says she wants to be a cosmetologist when she completes her education. Betty Punch of Houston is a notary public, a native of Palestine and a concerned African American lady who believes in celebrating the Legacy and history of Juneteenth.

Betty told me that she loved my talk about Juneteenth and called the program wonderful. Former Crockett residents Eric Bell, Terance Harris and Franklin Harris did a masterful job of providing music and songs for the Palestine Juneteenth program.

Daphne Session, Walter Session, Maxine Session, Darrell Smith, Mia Gaston, Untwaun Johnson, Penny Lynn Webb, Nathan Gardner, Claude Watson, Markeshia Gaston Eloise Wooten, Lena Wheeler, Jerlinda Wheeler, Carylton Henry, T.C. Henry Junebug Reece, Rev. and Debbie Littleton, Billy Reece, Alvin Barnes, Sis. Earlie Groves, Linda Warfield, Bubba Chavez were some of the people I encountered at Juneteenth in East Texas.

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