**[Hospital]
is now taking appointments for free vascular screenings with
Dare to C.A.R.E.**

To our [hospital] community –

Dare to C.A.R.E, a free vascular screening, education and disease management program,
is now open at [hospital]! Starting today, we’ll be taking appointments for people
over 60 years old or over 50 years old with certain risk factors, such as smoking, high blood
pressure, diabetes or a family history of disease. In addition, patients over 40 with diabetes can
also be screened. The screening is completely free, non-invasive and takes about 15 minutes.

Dare to C.A.R.E. is a national program that has been screening and helping patients for more
than a decade. The heart health of our community is so important to us, and we’re thrilled to
bring this program to [hospital] to keep our patients healthy and aware of their risk factors.

Visit [website] to learn more about this program.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

[Hospital]

**Dare to C.A.R.E.**screens for vascular abnormalities that cause
the following diseases:

**Carotid Artery Disease**
Responsible for more than half of the strokes that occur each year in the U.S.1

**Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm**
The third leading cause of sudden death in men over 602

**Renal Artery Stenosis**
May be entirely asymptomatic and in severe cases, can lead to kidney failure

**Extremity Artery Disease/Peripheral Arterial Disease**
Affects one in 20 people over the age of 50 and can lead to limb loss3

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