

Information for Physicians

The Heart Hospital of Queens

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The Heart Hospital of Queens - Where You Will Find a Higher Level of Heart & Vascular Care, Right Here.



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HEART & VASCULAR CENTER

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About The Heart Hospital of Queens at New York Hospital Queens

The Heart Hospital of Queens is a unique resource for physicians and patients, bringing together a depth of experience and breadth of services to diagnose and treat all types of cardiac and vascular disease. The Heart Hospital incorporates the entire Heart & Vascular Center's services, as well as our Kyrenia Heart Center.

We have a unique multi-disciplinary and collaborative approach that brings together experienced specialists from cardiology, interventional radiology, vascular surgery, cardiac and thoracic surgery. Together they diagnose and develop treatment plans for patients with complex or multi-system conditions.

Meeting a Need in Queens

Cardiac disease remains the number one cause of death in the borough of Queens. The death rate is 2,881 per 100,000 residents¹, compared to the national average of 2,172². Because of that, the presence of a hospital with a full continuum of cardiovascular services, is of utmost importance to the health of our community.

Nearly 15 years ago, New York Hospital Queens' affiliation with the Weill Cornell Medical College brought interventional cardiology and cardiothoracic surgery services to NYHQ. Today, the NYHQ Heart & Vascular Center has developed into a sophisticated, comprehensive Heart Hospital for patients with significant depth of experience, having performed thousands of cardiac surgeries, catheterizations, PCIs and other interventional procedures, both routine and complex.

This volume of experience contributes to our outstanding outcomes. Our comprehensive diagnostic and treatment services mean that you can refer patients with confidence, knowing that whatever treatment is needed, it can be handled right here.

¹ Bureau of Vital Statistics, New York City Department of Health, 2004.

² Comparable age-adjusted data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

Comprehensive Facilities for the Latest in Heart and Vascular Care

An important component of the Heart & Vascular Center is the *Kyrenia Heart Center*, the locus for our cardiology faculty and voluntary cardiologists to see patients, consult with referring physicians and work with each other side-by-side to provide a higher level of care.

In 2010, with the opening of the hospital's much-anticipated new "West Building," the facilities and capabilities of the Heart & Vascular Center were substantially enhanced. In the new facility, we bring together all the existing services, plus new procedure rooms for angiograms and other cardiac catheterization procedures; electrophysiology suites for pacemaker and ICD procedures; treatment areas for interventional radiology and vascular procedures.

The newly constructed facility has increased the number of treatment rooms so we can better serve the needs of physicians who refer and treat their patients here. The West Building also includes a new hybrid imaging suite. The suite is the only one of its kind in the NYC area, outside of Manhattan, and it combines the capabilities of an operating room with world-class imaging equipment, allowing surgeons to treat the most complex vascular problems, or an emergent situation, in one OR.

As physicians know, time is of the essence for patients in cardiac distress. The American Heart Association's Mission has designated NYHQ as an ST-Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) receiving hospital: Lifeline Initiative. STEMI-receiving hospitals have the expertise, equipment, facilities, and other resources needed to administer Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) according to AHA-ACC guidelines, to save time and save lives of patients who are having life-threatening STEMI heart attacks.

Outstanding Outcomes Are Our Hallmark

Our team is committed to exceeding national standards, such as the all-important “door to Cath Lab” and “door to reperfusion” time standards. This refers to the length of time between the arrival of the heart attack patient in the ER, to the time that patient arrives in the Cath Lab and the time a balloon or other device is inserted to open that patient’s blocked artery.

The current standard is 90 minutes for “door to reperfusion.” As an example of the high performance you will find here, in a recent case involving a 54-year old man, the time that elapsed from his arrival, to Cath Lab, diagnosis of a complete blockage of a main artery and insertion of a stent to open the artery – was 22 minutes, compared to the standard of 90 minutes.

Our services, described in more detail on the following pages, include:

- Specialized patient care units: intensive care, post-surgery recovery, short-stay unit for post-procedure and specialized monitoring
- Non-Invasive Cardiology and Cardiac Imaging
- Invasive Cardiology, including the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory
- Cardiac Electrophysiology, including the Cardiac Arrhythmia Center
- Cardiothoracic Surgery (cardiac surgery and thoracic surgery)
- Pediatric Cardiology
- Endovascular and Vascular Surgery and Intervention
- Interventional Radiology
- The Cardiac Health Center – specialized outpatient rehabilitation services

Collaboration With Physician Colleagues is Our Commitment

For physicians, it is your relationship with your patient that is paramount. When you refer or treat a patient here, our physicians and surgeons are committed to working with you as a partner, collaborating with you as you feel it is appropriate, to meet the needs of your patients. Our mission is always to fully cooperate with you in your patients’ care and to provide you and your practice with all the services you may need throughout the entire continuum of cardiovascular care.

In addition, we have taken extra steps to make it as convenient as possible for you and your staff to access our services when you have patients in need of immediate attention.

The Heart & Vascular Center’s cardiology fellowship program, which enhances our teaching and patient care environment, now has nearly a dozen fellows.

These fellows are available round-the-clock in the hospital to facilitate cardiac consultations, admissions and transfers, or assist when your patients have urgent cardiac needs.

Please contact us at any time to discuss a case, arrange a consultation or learn more.



Inpatient Care Units

Cardiology Telemetry Units

Our Telemetry and Step-down Units are designed for patients with heart disease who require heart rhythm monitoring, specialized diagnostic and interventional procedures or specific therapy and monitoring. These units provide care for individuals who are recovering from cardiac surgery, coronary interventions such as stent placement, cardiac electrophysiological procedures such as pacemaker implantations or those who need specific drugs for heart failure, cardiac arrhythmia or angina.

An attending cardiologist who oversees a dedicated house staff team provides patient care. These physicians work with a group of nurses and nurse practitioners trained to meet the special needs of patients with heart disease. Disease management strategies include aggressive medical therapies, patient education, lifestyle information and risk modification. Pharmacists, physical therapists, case managers and nutritionists complete the team that brings a full complement of services to patients.

Cardiac Diagnostic Unit (CDU)

A short-stay unit for expeditious evaluation and observation of patients with chest pain, syncope or palpitation and patients who have undergone percutaneous interventional procedures and device implantation.

Coronary Care Unit (CCU)

A unit where the highest level of care is administered to patients with the most serious and acute cardiac illnesses, such as heart attack, unstable heart rhythm or acute heart failure and shock. A team of specialized nurses and physician assistants, trained in the monitoring and management of cardiac patients, work closely with clinical and interventional cardiologists and house staff to bring the highest level of care to the most severely ill patients.

Cardiovascular Recovery Unit (CVRU)

The Cardiovascular Recovery Unit cares for cardiac surgery patients who receive close monitoring during the critical time immediately following cardiac surgery. This unit is equipped to monitor and support heart and lung function. Directed by a cardiac anesthesiologist, the team includes an intensivist, cardiac surgeons, physician assistants and specially trained nurses.



Cardiology Services

Our cardiology services are comprehensive and sophisticated, including the latest techniques and technology for invasive and interventional cardiology, non-invasive cardiology, cardiac imaging, cardiac electrophysiology, as well as a specialized pediatric cardiology program.

Invasive and Interventional Cardiology

Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory

The Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory is one of the few in the region to offer access to all the latest devices used in catheter-based diagnosis and treatment of heart disease. In our state-of-the-art digital cinefluoroscopic laboratories, highly skilled specialists perform radiographic procedures to diagnose and treat a variety of cardiac problems. Interventional cardiologists employ a range of techniques designed to improve blood flow to the heart and decrease the need for open-heart surgery for some patients.

Services

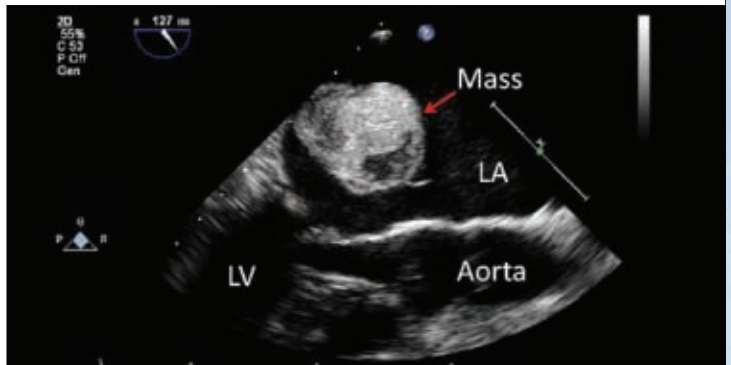
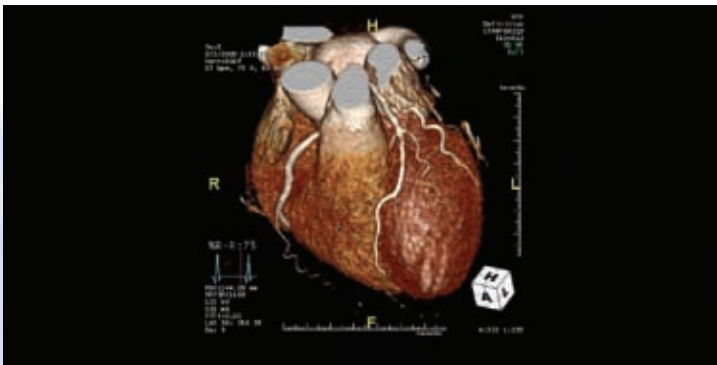
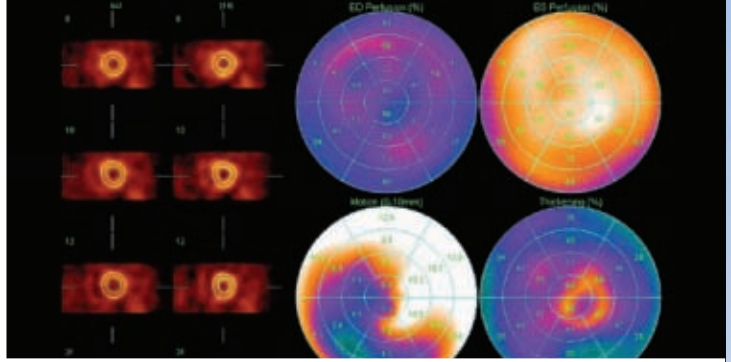
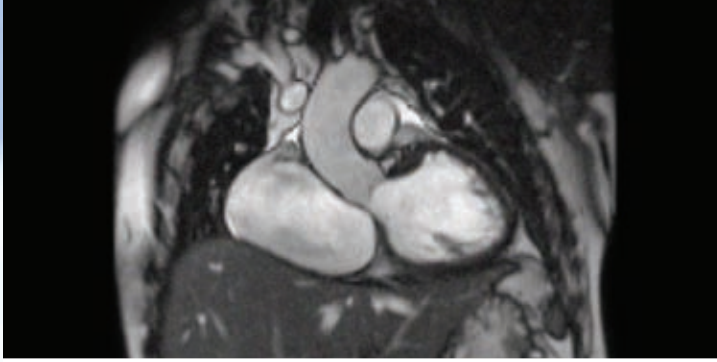
- Cardiac catheterization (diagnosis of coronary artery and valve disease)
- Percutaneous balloon angioplasty (treatment for blocked arteries)
- Intracoronary stenting (placement of special devices to support re-opened vessels)
- Rotational atherectomy (removal of fatty deposits in coronary arteries)
- Intracoronary ultrasound
- Coronary flow reserve techniques
- Peripheral intervention
- Percutaneous closure of atrial septal defect and patent foramen ovale
- Laser assisted angioplasty

Interventional procedures are technically exacting. Our interventional cardiologists enjoy a success rate that is testimony to their wealth of experience. They work hand in hand with the surgical team to provide the most comprehensive approach to coronary revascularization and valvular repairs.

Our specialists are also using an innovative method for some cardiac catheterizations that is easier for patients, can have fewer complications and helps patients recover more quickly. NYHQ is one of the few hospitals in the area to have adopted a less invasive method to perform the procedure by inserting the catheter via the wrist (see photo below) rather than the femoral artery.

The radial (wrist) procedure has been shown to have lower bleeding and vascular complications. Patients who have the procedure using the traditional method of access through the leg artery are required to lie flat on their backs for several hours following the procedure to avoid serious bleeding. Alternatively, patients who undergo catheterization via wrist access can often get up and walk around immediately and can go home more readily. This is more comfortable for the patient; helps reduce the length of hospital stay and thus, reduce costs.





Non-Invasive Cardiology and Cardiac Imaging

The Non-Invasive Cardiology Service provides the most sophisticated cardiac imaging techniques available today for the diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease. The latest advances in imaging technology allows us to provide detailed and accurate information in the diagnosis of coronary artery disease, valvular heart disease and cardiomyopathy.

NYHQ is the only facility in Queens to utilize the most advanced technology with a dual-source 64 slice CT scanner to perform coronary Computed Tomography Angiograms (CTA), which can identify coronary plaque and stenosis as well as identify other coronary and vascular anomalies. Among the most advanced techniques available today is Cardiac MRI. Cardiac MRI is a three dimensional imaging technique which can evaluate the structure and function of the heart, valves, major vessels and surrounding structures (such as the pericardium) as well as evaluate the effects of coronary artery disease and assess for myocardial viability following myocardial infarction. Our echocardiography laboratory is certified by the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Echocardiographic Laboratories, ensuring that we perform the highest quality studies.

The Heart & Vascular Center's spectrum of non-invasive cardiovascular services include:

- Cardiac MRI
- Coronary CT angiography using dual-source 64 slice scanner
- Transesophageal echocardiography (TEE)
- Transthoracic echocardiography
- Contrast echocardiography
- Exercise and pharmacologic stress echocardiography
- Exercise and pharmacologic stress SPECT myocardial perfusion imaging (Nuclear stress)
- Gated blood pool imaging (MUGA)
- 24-hour continuous ambulatory ECG monitoring (Holter)
- Cardiac event and loop recorders
- Standard 12-lead ECG
- Exercise ECG stress test
- T-wave alternans treadmill test
- Ambulatory blood pressure monitoring



Cardiac Electrophysiology

The Cardiac Arrhythmia Center

The Cardiac Arrhythmia Center's Electrophysiology Laboratory has one of the only comprehensive electrophysiology programs in the borough of Queens, offering sophisticated diagnosis and therapeutic services for patients with life-threatening arrhythmia events. We also provide monitoring of implanted devices (pacemakers and defibrillators) through an advanced remote device surveillance program. Specialized programs for the evaluation and treatment of atrial fibrillation and syncope are also available.

Clinical problems that only a few years ago were often deemed untreatable are now routinely managed in a state-of-the-art facility equipped with the latest digital fluoroscopy equipment.

The Center offers a variety of services to help patients with heart failure enjoy a better quality of life. The clinical electrophysiology program offers care to the patient with syncope and abnormalities of cardiac rhythm including bradyarrhythmias and tachyarrhythmias. The laboratory is equipped to perform electro-anatomic mapping and ablation of cardiac arrhythmias. Other procedures include the insertion of pacemakers and implantable cardioverter-defibrillators and biventricular resynchronization system. The most advanced excimer laser equipment is available for lead extraction of pacemaker and defibrillator leads.

The Electrophysiology Laboratory brings the very latest in diagnostics, monitoring and treatment services to those with cardiac rhythm disturbances. The Electrophysiology Laboratory offers a variety of services:

- Non-invasive EP evaluation
- Holter monitor
- Event recording
- Diagnostic electrophysiology studies
- Cardiac mapping
- Interventional electrophysiology
- Radiofrequency ablation of arrhythmias
- Defibrillator/ICD implantation
- ICD lead extraction
- Pacemaker implantation
- Pacemaker and ICD lead extraction
- Transtelephonic monitoring

Pediatric Cardiology

The Center for Pediatric Cardiology provides comprehensive cardiology care in a child and family-friendly environment, under the direction of Board-certified pediatric cardiologists. The Center's services begin before a child is born, with fetal cardiac consultation and continue through childhood, adolescence and into adulthood for individuals who are born with congenital heart disease.

From fetal echocardiography and monitoring, performed collaboratively with NYHQ obstetricians, to urgent and emergent care for children who are brought to our specialized Pediatric Emergency Department with cardiac symptoms, we offer the broadest range of clinical services, including:

- Pediatric echocardiography and stress echocardiography
- Pediatric ECG interpretation
- Pediatric 24-hour Holter monitoring
- Pediatric treadmill exercise testing and nuclear cardiac stress testing
- Pediatric pacemaker interrogation
- Pediatric cardiac MRI and MRA
- Outpatient and inpatient cardiology consultation
- Availability of pediatric transesophageal echo, cardiac catheterization and pediatric cardiac surgery provided by surgeons at one of New York's leading children's hospitals

For our multicultural community, a multicultural staff

At New York Hospital Queens, we are uniquely qualified to serve the physicians and patients in one of the most culturally diverse communities in America.

We are sensitive to the culture, spiritual and social customs of your patients. We offer a variety of services designed to make them feel comfortable, welcome and secure.

To enhance communication with our patients and their families, we have multi-lingual physicians, nurses and other staff who speak Chinese, Mandarin, Korean, Greek, Russian, Spanish and a number of other languages that are found in the multicultural Queens communities. We have real-time language translation services that enable us to communicate in more than 100 languages and dialects. This capability is important both psychologically and clinically for the patient because it reduces stress, enhances patients' confidence and contributes to accuracy of diagnosis and patients' understanding of treatment options and regimens.

Surgical Services

The Heart & Vascular Center provides surgical care for thousands of patients every year. Surgeons specializing in cardiac, thoracic, vascular and endovascular surgery provide the newest approaches to the most complex cases and with our new facilities, latest technology including robotics and non-invasive approaches to many procedures, we provide surgical treatment and facilities that are truly state-of-the-art.

Cardiac Surgery

We understand the fundamental concerns of every physician when referring a patient for cardiac surgery. Our experienced surgical team's strong record of positive outcomes gives you confidence when you make a referral here for heart surgery. This program is one of only two such programs in the borough and the only one where every heart surgeon at the hospital is also a member of the cardiothoracic faculty of Weill Cornell Medical College.

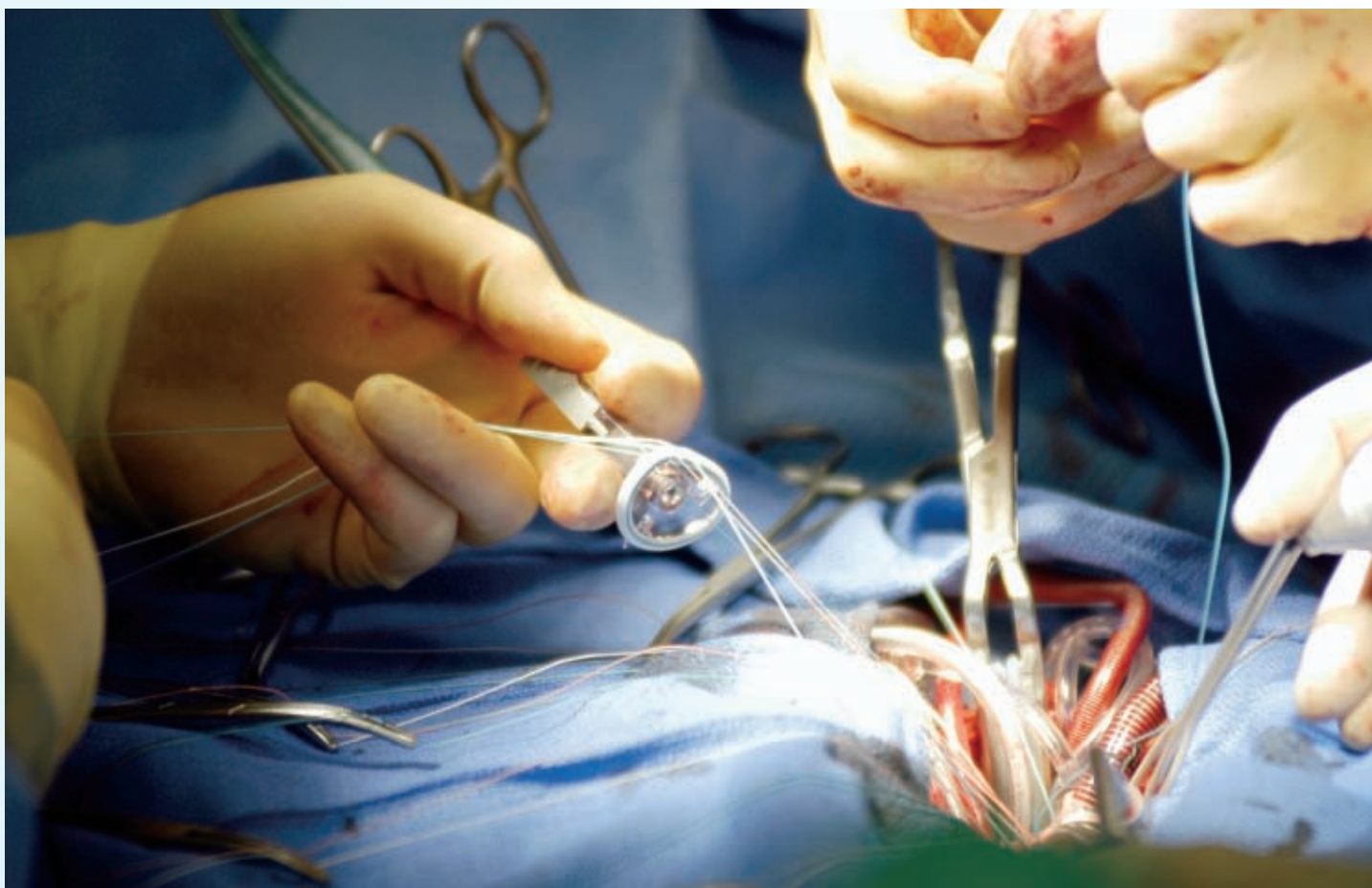
The excellent outcomes at NYHQ are based on a number of factors:

- Proficiency: careful diagnosis, correct and timely treatment by knowledgeable, experienced staff. All surgeons who will care for your patients are also members of the cardiothoracic surgery faculty at Weill Cornell Medical College.
- Teamwork: exceptional staff communication and well designed systems to move patients smoothly through the hospital experience
- Evidence-based practice: treatment based on up-to-date information; best practices based on evidence, not tradition
- Continuous internal audit of surgical procedures

Our cardiothoracic surgery service provides the full range of procedures for acquired heart disease as well as for congenital lesions in adults. As part of our commitment to ensuring that patients have access to the latest techniques and innovations right here, we were the first hospital in Queens to offer beating heart CABG surgery, which provides an effective alternative to traditional bypass surgery without using a heart-lung machine. Patients eligible for this procedure typically experience a faster recovery time, reduced length-of-stay in the hospital and fewer complications.

We have also incorporated minimally invasive valve surgery into our program and we routinely perform intraoperative cryoablations on our patients who are in atrial fibrillation. Cryoablation through a minimally invasive incision can now be used to treat patients with isolated atrial fibrillation. We have a special interest in complex aortic surgery including aortic homografts and valve-sparing aortic root replacements.

We also perform endoscopic vein harvesting; a less-invasive alternative to harvesting a vein for bypass surgery. By using an endoscope, coupled with a video monitoring system, surgeons collect an entire vein through three small incisions instead of making a full-leg incision. This minimizes surgical scarring for the patient.





Thoracic Surgery

All of our thoracic surgeons are members of the Weill Cornell Medical College faculty and they work with a network of pulmonary specialists located throughout Queens who are experienced and skilled in treating a broad range of lung and chest disorders. These physicians include specialists in pulmonary medicine, thoracic oncology and minimally invasive lung surgery. We take a comprehensive and multi-disciplinary approach to identifying the most appropriate treatment options for patients.

We have fast-track patient care protocols, a dedicated thoracic surgical team for post-operative care and specialized inpatient units for recovery of thoracic surgical patients.

We offer a world class comprehensive thoracic surgery service. We treat both pulmonary and esophageal disorders, such as:

- Lung cancer
- Mediastinal tumors
- Chest wall tumors
- Mesothelioma
- Tracheal stenosis
- Pleural effusion
- Empyema
- Pneumothorax
- Pulmonary embolism
- Barrett's esophagus
- Esophageal cancer
- Achalasia
- Gastroesophageal reflux disorder
- Hiatal hernia
- Pectus excavatum/carinatum
- Diaphragmatic disorder
- Hyperhydrosis

We offer a wide range of diagnostic tests, advanced technology and surgical treatments, such as:

- Bronchoscopy
- Complete pulmonary function testing
- Endobronchial ultrasound and biopsy
- Pleural biopsy
- CT guided fine-needle lung biopsy
- Thoracoscopic biopsy and resection of mediastinal tumors
- Thoracoscopic lobectomy
- Endoscopic Thoracic Sympathectomy (ETS)
- Diaphragmatic pacing
- Laparoscopic treatment of achalasia and hiatal hernia
- Endobronchial laser therapy and stenting
- Radiofrequency treatment of Barrett's esophagus
- Radiofrequency ablation of lung tumors
- State-of-the-art radiation therapy for lung cancer including Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT) and Image Guided Radiation Therapy (IGRT)



Vascular and Endovascular Surgery

Our vascular surgeons perform both open and endovascular surgery on patients with diseases of the veins and arteries. We treat patients with atherosclerotic occlusive disease, aneurysmal disease and vascular trauma. We have extensive experience in lower extremity revascularization procedures, carotid artery surgery, abdominal aortic surgery and dialysis access surgery. In addition, we specialize in minimally invasive, office-based treatment options of varicose veins. All surgeons who will care for your patients are also members of the vascular surgery faculty at Weill Cornell Medical College. The vascular surgery team has performed a number of procedures that were done for the first time in this area – right here at NYHQ. These include minimally invasive treatments for thoracic aortic aneurysms.

Vascular surgeons employ endovascular interventional techniques that have radically changed the treatment of poor circulation. Our new state-of-the-art hybrid imaging suite combines the capabilities of an operating room with world-class imaging. Our vascular surgeons advanced training in combination with this equipment enables us to provide sophisticated treatment of arteries for *every* part of the body.

Our surgeons place stents into carotid arteries to decrease the risk of stroke. Stents are placed in leg arteries to open blockages and increase blood flow. Additionally, stent-grafts are placed in aortic aneurysms to prevent rupture. These techniques can be performed with virtually no incisions, brief recovery periods and with exemplary safety.

Our services include:

- Carotid Artery Disease
 - Carotid stenting
 - Carotid endarterectomy
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms
 - Endovascular repair
 - Open surgical repair
- Thoracic Aortic Aneurysms
 - Endovascular repair
- Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD)
 - Angioplasty and stenting
 - Cryoplasty and atherectomy
 - Bypass surgery
 - Chronic wound care
- Renal and Mesenteric
 - Occlusive disease
 - Angioplasty and stenting
 - Bypass surgery
- Varicose Veins and DVTs
 - Laser ablation
 - Sclerotherapy
 - Vena cava filters
- Hemodialysis access creation and management

Interventional Radiology

For more than twenty-two years, vascular and interventional radiology has been one of the most innovative and successful programs at NYHQ.

We have been performing percutaneous arterial and venous reconstructions with excellent technical and clinical results including a strong safety profile. We have significant experience placing carotid stents without any complications, including Transient Ischemic Attacks (TIA) or strokes.

We have long been performing renal and visceral arterial stenting. For the last six years, the renal stents have been accomplished almost exclusively with distal protection devices.

We offer a full array of embolization procedures including:

- Post-traumatic embolizations
- GI bleeding embolizations
- Epistaxis control
- Bronchial artery embolization
- Uterine artery embolization
- Chemoembolization for tumors

Our bronchial artery experience was published in a national journal by one of our pulmonary fellows (“Role of Bronchial Artery Embolization in Management of Hemoptysis in a Community Hospital,” *Chest*, October 2007), highlighting our outstanding success rate and safety profile.

Chemoembolizations are part of our oncology service, which includes:

- Chemoembolization
 - Chemo port placement
 - Radiofrequency ablation
 - Microwave ablation
 - Cryoablation ablation
- } of tumors in the liver, kidneys, lung and bone
- Percutaneous CT and ultrasound guided biopsies

Thanks to a collaborative effort with our medical and surgical oncologists, as well as our radiation therapists, this service is growing exponentially.

Our GI service includes:

- Feeding tube placements
- GI fistula track embolizations
- GI stenting
- Biliary and gallbladder interventions
- GI embolization for GI bleeding
- TIPS

We are among the leading institutions in the country in the primary placement of percutaneous feeding tubes.

Our experience with performing Transjugular Intrahepatic Portocaval Shunts (TIPS) is among the most extensive in the metropolitan area.

Other areas of excellence in our interventional section include:

- GU services
- Cyst sclerosis
- Lymphocele sclerosis
- Abscess drainages

We have been and remain committed to providing state-of-the-art vascular and interventional services, in our brand new facility, with the highest possible safety profile, to our patients and referring physicians within our community and in the borough of Queens.

Rehabilitation and Heart Health Services

Cardiac Health Center

Our freestanding Cardiac Health Center, founded 15 years ago, is the site of the outpatient phases of our cardiac rehabilitation program and provides wellness resources that are unique in the borough of Queens. This education and training facility was created especially to support the recovery of individuals who have had a heart attack, heart surgery, balloon angioplasty or angina. The curriculum has been designed to improve the health status and reduce the potential for future cardiac events for patients who may be at risk.



The Cardiac Rehabilitation Program is recommended for people with a high-risk profile for heart disease, as well as those with known heart disease, who want to improve their cardiovascular health. All programs are offered under the supervision of a cardiologist and a specialized team of caring cardiac health professionals. The focus is on rehabilitation, physical fitness, adherence to a heart-conscious diet and alternative cardiac care solutions.

Our four-phase Cardiac Rehabilitation Program, by prescription from the patient's physician, begins with Phase I in the hospital on an inpatient basis and then shifts to the Cardiac Health Center for outpatient care in Phases II, III and IV.

- Phase II is a 12-week treatment program tailored to the patient's specific needs, carefully monitored and medically supervised, involving physical training three-times-per-week for one hour to increase cardiac fitness (36 sessions)
- Phase III extends the benefits of Phase II and is also telemetry monitored
- Phase IV (unmonitored) for individuals at high risk for cardiac disease monitored

The Cardiac Rehabilitation Program, which has 25,000 patient visits annually, has patient satisfaction ratings greater than 95%.

The Cardiac Health Center also offers a wide spectrum of other rehabilitation and lifestyle services, including, but not limited to:

- An educational lecture series that includes topics such as anatomy and physiology; the benefits of exercise and other risk factor modifications
- Individualized nutritional counseling by registered dietitians
- Lipid management
- Weight management program
- Stress management classes
- Smoking cessation sessions
- Diabetes education program
- An alternative care program that incorporates tai chi, yoga, Reiki and acupuncture for stress management

Support Programs

Part of the mission of the NYHQ Heart & Vascular Center is to serve as a convenient educational resource. We firmly believe that knowledge is power. This is why we provide support to you, your practice, your patients and our community.

Continuing Medical Education (CME)

New York Hospital Queens' fully accredited CME program empowers physicians with educational activities that maintain, develop and increase knowledge and skills required to provide superior patient care, education and research. Online access via www.nyhq.org allows you to learn about and register for CME programs.

Larry King Cardiac Foundation

This partnership between NYHQ and The Larry King Cardiac Foundation provides funding for life-saving treatment for individuals with inadequate insurance. If you have a patient in critical need of cardiovascular care, but who is unable to afford treatment, we invite you to consult with us to determine if he or she qualifies for assistance under this generous program.

“As a native New Yorker, it is special to be able to help New York Hospital Queens provide life-saving care. One of my most special moments is calling people to tell them we can help.”

– Larry King

Community Education Programs

The Cardiology Community Education Program brings important community-based initiatives to Queens residents that provide prevention, detection, outreach and interventional services. The program includes presentations to community groups on topics such as “Cardiac 101”, “Eat Smart for a Healthier Heart”, and “Strong Women, Strong Hearts”, as well as a “Love Your Heart – Beat Smoking” educational class. Our “Heart to Heart” support groups assist people who have been diagnosed with cardiovascular disease or who have had a heart attack, heart surgery, angioplasty or who suffer from angina. To schedule a speaker or presentation, call 718-670-1065.

We Are Here to Support Your Practice and Your Patients.

Please contact us at any time to discuss a case, arrange a consultation or learn more about The Heart Hospital of Queens at New York Hospital Queens.

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