

When a Cardiac Event Strikes, Time is of the Essence.

WellSpan Gettysburg Hospital's new Catheterization Lab helps patients get the care they need sooner.



Because there is now a diagnostic and interventional Catheterization Lab in our community...

- Patients experiencing cardiac emergencies get diagnosed and treated more quickly – offering an improved outlook for recovery.
- A higher level of care is available, reducing the need to transfer patients to another hospital.
- Patients get treated and cared for closer to home.
- Families and friends of patients don't have to travel out of the area during a stressful time.



Just one of the many stories of how the Catheterization Lab helps neighbors facing a cardiac emergency.



Ray Aughinbaugh of Fairfield, PA is grateful for the life-saving care he received at the Catheterization Lab.

"I knew this day would probably come," shares Ray Aughinbaugh of Fairfield, PA. Three of his brothers died of massive heart attacks. In September of 2018, Ray woke up with chest pain. He took a pain reliever, but the pain persisted. On his way to work at Gettysburg College he started sweating profusely and knew he needed to go directly to WellSpan Gettysburg Hospital's Emergency Department.

Within minutes of arriving, Ray was in the Catheterization Lab receiving a stent to immediately open a 100

percent blockage of his left anterior descending artery.

Ray had a heart attack known as "the widow maker." This heart event is so severe that Richard Howard, MD, the interventional cardiologist who performed the stent therapy, told Ray he would have died if he hadn't sought care so close to home.

Ray was Dr. Howard's third patient that day, underscoring the need for and importance of having advanced, interventional heart care for patients in our community.

Time Matters in Matters of the Heart



Quicker
Diagnosis and
Treatment



Improved
Outcomes



Faster
Recovery



Back to
Living Life =



Less Lost Productivity and
**More Time with
Loved Ones**



Care Close to Home

Services available at the Catheterization Lab include interventional treatments for patients with blockages in their arteries, including angioplasty and stent therapy.

Other cardiac procedures include electrophysiology services to treat heart rhythm irregularities, diagnostic catheterization to view blockages around the heart, stress testing to diagnose heart disease and electrocardiograms (EKGs) to understand the heart's electrical signals.

In addition, our local heart care services also include cardiac rehabilitation and congestive heart failure support. These programs are aimed at helping patients who have experienced a heart-related event with maintaining health and reducing future cardiac risk.

To continue to meet the cardiovascular needs of our community, WellSpan Gettysburg Hospital is committed to expanding Catheterization Lab capacity and staying abreast of the latest cardiovascular advancements.

WellSpan Gettysburg Hospital's new Catheterization Lab opened its doors on September 4, 2018.

The impact is significant

- ♥ After just four months of operation (September 4 – December 31, 2018), 129 diagnostic and interventional patients received cardiovascular care in the new Catheterization Lab.
- ♥ Of those 129 patients, 66 patients received interventional care – more than doubling the initial projection of anticipated cases within the first six months.
- ♥ More than a dozen patients suffering life-threatening heart attacks, or STEMIs, have directly benefitted from emergency intervention treatment. Providing immediate care for these patients has significantly reduced the number of patients in need of transfer to WellSpan York Hospital and has helped save lives.



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