The vision of the Florida Hospital Cardiovascular Institute is to be the undisputed national leader in the diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disorders, through the advancement of a clinically integrated physician and nursing team, guided by evidence-based practice, clinical innovation and leading-edge research.

Andrew Taussig, MD
Cardiovascular Institute Program Medical Director

George Palmer, MD
Cardiac Surgery Medical Director
Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to present our clinical outcomes report, highlighting the high level of quality care that our physicians and clinicians continue to provide to more than 35,000 cardiovascular patients each year. This report includes highlights from each of our destination programs, including interventional cardiology, electrophysiology, endovascular surgery, cardiothoracic surgery and advanced heart failure.

The past few years have been a pivotal time for the Cardiovascular Institute as we implement advanced heart failure as well as heart transplant and percutaneous approaches to aortic valve disease. The implementation of these advanced approaches to cardiovascular care have occurred as a direct result of our physician leaders and our clinical team who are guided by evidence-based practice, clinical innovation and leading-edge research.

Our vision is to continue to be a national and international leader in cardiovascular care through relentless pursuit of clinical excellence, guided by thoughtful innovation and leading-edge research. At a time when there are so many choices for cardiovascular care, we thank those of you who have given us the opportunity to meet the needs of your patients. It is our privilege to assist you in the care of patients within and outside our immediate community.

Andrew Taussig, MD
George Palmer, MD
The Ginsburg Tower is the flagship for the future of medical care and the centerpiece of the Florida Hospital Cardiovascular Institute.
**Florida Hospital Cardiovascular Institute**

As a leading Center of Excellence for cardiovascular health care, the Florida Hospital Cardiovascular Institute is one of the largest centers in the nation. We are a leading provider of cardiovascular and thoracic services with the following national and state rankings:

- **#1 in Cardiology Volume (Nation)**
- **#1 in Vascular Surgery Volume (Nation)**
- **#1 in Women’s Cardiology Volume (Nation)**
- **#1 in Open Heart Surgery Volume (State)**
- **#1 in Thoracic Surgery Volume (State)**
- **#3 in Pacemaker Volume (Nation)**
- **#5 in Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) Volume (Nation)**

Florida Hospital is nationally ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* in cardiology and heart surgery and stands as one of the largest cardiovascular centers in the nation, providing more care for cardiology, vascular and female cardiac patients than any other hospital system.

Florida Hospital is the recipient of the following HealthGrades Quality Awards:

- Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence
- Patient Safety Excellence Award
- Emergency Medicine Excellence Award
- Women’s Health Excellence Award
- Cardiac Care Excellence Award
- Coronary Intervention Excellence Award
- Pulmonary Care Excellence Award

*Based off 2010 MedPar and AHCA Data*

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**2011 Attributes At-A-Glance**

- Cardiovascular surgery program annually performs more than 1,000 adult cardiac surgeries
- More than isolated coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) procedures performed
- More than 500 valves were repaired or replaced
- Seventy-seven percent of abdominal aortic aneurysms were repaired using less invasive surgical techniques
- Code STEMI team consistently met the ACC guideline of door-to-balloon time in under 90 minutes
- More than 8,500 patients utilized our outpatient cardiac rehabilitation services
- Performed more than 6,400 catheterization procedures

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The Florida Hospital Cardiovascular Institute ranks fourth in the nation for cardiology procedure volume.*
Interventional Cardiology

Our 12 cardiac catheterization labs located in the Ginsburg Tower at Florida Hospital Orlando were designed as state-of-the-art hybrid procedure suites that allow our physicians to perform a variety of procedures, from cardiac catheterization and vascular intervention to our newest approach, transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR). Clinicians in our invasive labs performed around 13,500 diagnostic and interventional cases from 2009-2010, making us fourth in the nation in cardiology procedure volume based on MedPar data. In 2011, we performed more than 2,900 percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) procedures. We participate with the American College of Cardiology National Cardiovascular Data Registry (ACC-NCDR) to monitor quality and compare our outcomes with the national experience.

Our interventional cardiologists perform high-risk interventions with stents in patients who are deemed a high risk for surgery with newer technology like Impella (a percutaneous heart-assist device inserted through the groin artery) as well as technology with infrared rays to guide stent placement with optical coherence tomography (OCT). Physicians routinely utilize our cardiac catheterization labs to close the atrial septal defect or patent foramen ovale (hole in the upper chambers of the heart) with the help of catheters to avoid surgery. The dedicated Coronary Care Unit (CCU) nurses and team are skilled at managing all high-risk and acute heart attack patients who are transferred from other hospitals.

*Based off 2010 MedPar and AHCA Data
The Florida Hospital Arrhythmia and Ablation Center provides excellent patient care and generates new knowledge and discoveries through research.

Scott Pollak, MD, and George Monir, MD | Co-medical Directors
Arrhythmia and Ablation Center at Florida Hospital
Arrhythmia and Ablation Center

The Florida Hospital Cardiovascular Institute’s Arrhythmia and Ablation Center has some of the most renowned physicians and nurses in the field of electrophysiology. Our team provides superior patient care with extensive experience in treating atrial fibrillation and other heart arrhythmias by utilizing specialized techniques for diagnosing and treating a wide range of arrhythmias and continually employing the latest advancements in treatment methods. Several Cardiovascular Institute electrophysiology physicians’ publications have been recognized at national conferences, professional societies and peer-reviewed journals. Additionally, clinical trials are utilized to find safer and more effective methods to screen, prevent, diagnose and treat cardiac arrhythmias.

Comprehensive Atrial Fibrillation Ablation Center
- One of the first programs established in the state
- One of the few sites in the state to have stereotaxis technology, a remote-controlled robotic catheter system that allows physicians to more accurately map the location of the arrhythmia to be ablated, reducing the procedural time while greatly increasing accuracy and safety

A single ablation procedure for paroxysmal atrial fibrillation is highly successful in maintaining sinus rhythm after six months with or without medication. Some patients require more than one ablation procedure to achieve successful long-term results, especially in persistent atrial fibrillation.

Ventricular Tachycardia Ablations
Ablation procedures can be used to treat heart-rhythm disorders (ventricular arrhythmias) that begin in the heart’s ventricles. Ablation is often used along with an automatic implantable cardioverter-defibrillator device (AICD). The ablation procedure decreases the frequency of abnormal heart rhythms in the ventricles and therefore reduces the number of ICD shocks a patient may experience. There is a significant chance of decreasing subsequent discharge of the defibrillator.
Hani B. Seifein, MD; Rohit Bhatheja, MD; and members of Florida Flight 1
Code STEMI Program

A key focus of the Florida Cardiovascular Institute is our Code STEMI Program. Utilizing standard protocols, rapid triage and timely treatment delivery ensures our patients have the best possible outcomes. In 2012, percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) was added at Florida Hospital Altamonte, further enhancing our Code STEMI Program.

### STEMI Process Results

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Key Attributes of Our STEMI Program

- Dedicated interventional cardiologist on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for STEMI patients
- Onsite catheterization lab staff available 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- Coordination with multiple emergency medical services (EMS) agencies to perform 12-lead ECGs in the field for prompt recognition of STEMI patients prior to their arrival at the hospital
- Identifies both STEMI and N-STEMI patients
- Dedicated Code STEMI beeper to notify staff when a STEMI patient is in route via EMS, or when a STEMI patient comes to any of our seven Emergency Departments
- Transfer process utilizing Florida Flight 1 helicopter to transport STEMI patients originating at any of our six outlying campuses

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From 2009 to 2011, we cared for 6,979 patients with a primary diagnosis of AMI.

Karan Reddy, MD | Medical Director of Acute Coronary Syndrome at Florida Hospital
Acute Myocardial Infarction

The Florida Hospital Cardiovascular Institute strives each year to ensure that all acute myocardial infarction (AMI) patients receive the appropriate evidence-based care focusing on the core measures that are publicly reported by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid and the Joint Commission. The regulatory agencies chose these measures because they have been shown to reduce morbidity and mortality in eligible AMI patients. As you can see from the chart below, we are outperforming the national average in all of the metrics shown.

Quality Heart Attack Care Q4 2010 – Q3 2011*

*Source: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
The Vascular Center of Excellence is comprised of vascular surgeons who are highly experienced in less-invasive endovascular procedures, such as balloon angioplasty, stents and catheter atherectomy.

Vascular Surgeons | David Varnagy, MD; Alan Wladis, MD; Delos Clift, MD; Manuel Perez-Izquierdo, MD; G. Kendrix Adcock, MD; Robert Winter, MD; and Mark Ranson, MD
Vascular Center of Excellence

The Florida Hospital Cardiovascular Institute's Vascular Center of Excellence provides state-of-the-art diagnosis and treatment for the entire spectrum of arterial and venous conditions. A strong emphasis is placed on endovascular therapies for aneurysms of the abdominal and thoracic aorta, lower-extremity revascularization, carotid disease and venous thromboembolic disorders. New technologies are constantly being incorporated into treatment regimens to provide patients with shorter hospital stays, lower morbidity and earlier return to normal activity. In addition, our surgeons are conducting FDA-approved clinical trials involving new treatments and devices for aneurysms, carotid disease and refractory hypertension.

During 2011, Florida Hospital Cardiovascular Institute surgeons performed more than 1,600 vascular procedures, including open and endovascular operations for aortic aneurysms, occlusive disease of the extremities, cerebrovascular disease, mesenteric ischemia, renal artery lesions and venous disorders.

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)

In 2011, the Vascular Center of Excellence physicians had a zero percent mortality rate for elective AAA repair, 77 percent of the these cases were endovascular repair. This minimally invasive procedure enables patients to avoid large incisions and lengthy hospital stays, allowing them to enjoy nearly immediate resumption of their normal activities. During the same time period, the Vascular Center of Excellence physicians' reported mortality rate was well below the published rates* for in-hospital mortality after emergent repair of ruptured aneurysms.


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The Center for Transcatheter Valve Therapies combines the efforts of a multidisciplinary team of referring physicians, cardiologists, interventional cardiologists and cardiothoracic surgeons to provide focused assessments and treatment options for patients with complex valve disorders.

Jose Arias, MD; Andrew Taussig, MD | Cardiovascular Institute Program Director
Kevin Accola, MD | Valve Center of Excellence Program Director Jorge Suarez-Cavalier, MD
Valve Center of Excellence

Acquired disease of any cardiac valve can affect a patient’s quality of life or even become life threatening. In 2011, the surgeons at the Florida Hospital Cardiovascular Institute performed more than 500 repairs and replacements of damaged heart valves. Because of the experience gained through such a high volume of procedures, surgeons from around the world travel to our facilities to take part in our Center of Excellence training program, where they witness firsthand the groundbreaking techniques utilized by our physicians.

Valve Volume
More than 2,500 valve surgeries during 2007-2011

Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement
Our multidisciplinary team offers patients exemplary clinical care through evaluations and advanced imaging, while providing clear communication about recommended medical and surgical options to our patients and referring physicians.

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Florida Hospital offers unparalleled expertise in open-heart surgery and minimally invasive cardiac and thoracic surgery.

Jorge Suarez-Cavelier, MD; Hartmuth Bittner, MD; Joseph Boyer, MD; Donald M. Botta, Jr, MD; Georger Palmer, MD; Paul Thompson, MD; and Kevin Accola, MD
Cardiovascular Surgery

The cardiovascular and thoracic surgeons at Florida Hospital Cardiovascular Institute offer expertise and options that few other hospitals in the region can. The hospital and patient care areas are specifically designed to serve the needs of cardiovascular patients and are staffed by highly skilled intensive care teams. This model offers the careful attention that patients with complex medical conditions need.

Our surgeons perform complex surgical interventions including:

- Complex valve repair and replacement
- High-risk coronary artery bypass
- Aortic aneurysm and dissection surgery
- Atrial fibrillation surgery
- Less-invasive approaches to conventional surgery
- Heart transplantation
- Ventricular assist devices for end-stage heart failure
- Hybrid procedures in partnership with interventional cardiologists
- Adult congenital heart surgery
- Comprehensive lead management, laser lead extraction
- Thoracic surgery including lung cancer and video-assisted and robotic procedures
- Complex hemotological issues (HIT) surgery

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The Cardiovascular Research Department is committed to performing ethical, scientific and holistic research.

Harischandra karunaratne, MD | Department of Cardiology Medical Director
Cardiovascular Research

Florida Hospital is committed to performing ethical, scientific, patient-centered research by participating in cutting-edge, technologically advanced investigator-initiated and sponsor-funded trials. Our physicians are devoted to writing and conducting investigator-initiated research trials that aim to improve patient care and reported outcomes based on evidenced-based practice. The team coordinates an average of 50 trials simultaneously, ranging from study start-up to close-out, and enrolls approximately 300 patients per year.

Investigator-initiated research is key to better understanding current practice patterns and patient outcomes. Our physicians study outcome data to assess if the current practice patterns at Florida Hospital exceed the current standards and devise research protocols to improve the standard and continue being a global pacesetter in the cardiovascular division.

The Cardiovascular Research Institute participated in the following investigator-initiated research trials in 2009-2011 and continues working on others in the development phase:

- V-V Optimization (Completed): Evaluate the effect of various settings of intracardiac timing of stable biventricular defibrillator patients on their right ventricular function
- Takotsubo (Completed): Retrospective review on the incidence of patients who demonstrate the characteristic pathology associated with a diagnosis Takotsubo Cardiomyopathy Syndrome.
- Heart Failure Clinic Data Collection Project (Active): Purpose of the study is to compile data on how patients with heart failure are treated and how their treatment affects their clinical outcomes over time
- Cider Prospective and Retrospective Studies (Active): Cardiac Implantable Device Extraction Registry to recognize trends and practice patterns
- Women's Study (Development): Effect of a plant-based diet upon diastolic dysfunction in obese, young women with Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome. This study will be conducted in collaboration with the divisions of cardiology, endocrinology and the Translational Research Institute.

The Florida Heart Institute physicians are continuously published in peer-reviewed journals and present posters at national scientific meetings. Most recent publications include:

J Craig Barnett, MD
- Clinical characteristics of patients receiving CRT devices: Do gender differences exist?

Dr. Harischandra Karunaratne, MD
- Implantation of a carotid baroreceptor stimulator in patients with pacemakers and hypertension.

George Monir, MD, and Scott Pollak, MD
- Detection of inadvertent catheter movement into the coronary sinus ostium or middle cardiac vein by real-time impedance monitoring prior to radiofrequency ablation in the right posteroseptal region
- A simple but highly accurate method to determine conduction block during radiofrequency ablation of the cavo-tricuspid isthmus for treatment of atrial flutter

George Monir, MD
- Automated vulnerability testing accurately identifies patients with inadequate defibrillation safety margin
- Feasibility and safety of dabigatran versus warfarin for periprocedural anticoagulation in patients undergoing radiofrequency ablation for atrial fibrillation: results from a multicenter prospective registry

Scott Pollak, MD
- Early repolarization associated with sudden death: Insights from non-invasive electrocardiographic imaging

Hani Seifein, MD
- Distinctive left-sided distribution of adrenergic-derived cells in the adult mouse heart

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Florida Hospital is the only facility in Central Florida to offer a comprehensive heart transplant program.

Barbara Czerska, MD | Medical Director of Advanced Heart Failure, Cardiac Transplantation and Mechanical Circulatory Support Programs

Donald M. Botta, Jr., MD | Associate Surgical Director of Heart Transplantation

Hartmuth Bittner, MD | Surgical Director of Heart and Lung Transplantation
Heart Transplant Program

It is estimated that five million Americans have congestive heart failure, with 550,000 new patients diagnosed each year. The desire to bring the most advanced heart failure care to patients in Central Florida has come to fruition at Florida Hospital. The Heart Transplant Program is now active and enhances the cutting-edge heart care already provided at Florida Hospital by a multidisciplinary team of cardiologists, anesthesiologists, cardiothoracic surgeons, heart failure physicians, critical care physicians and highly trained hospital staff. On January 31, 2012, the first heart transplant in Central Florida was completed.

The Florida Hospital Advantage

- The local organ procurement organization provides expert donor management and recovers more hearts and lungs per donor than any other organ procurement organization in the state.
- Due to the number of generous organ donors in Central Florida, donor hearts will typically come from donors in local hospitals, meaning shorter times between organ recovery from a donor and organ transplant into a recipient, resulting in better organ function.
- Our physicians have cared for more than 700 transplant and ventricular assistance device (VAD) patients, have performed 110 transplant and VAD surgeries, and have a combined 47 years of experience.
- In 2010, our VAD survival rate was 100 percent.
- Our first heart transplant patient was on the waiting list for seven weeks. The average national waitlist time is five months.

Heart Program Timeline

- 2008: Florida Hospital receives certificate of need (CON) to open Heart Transplant Program
- 2010: Barbara Czerska, MD, and Lawrence McBride, MD, hired to lead program
- April 2010: Florida Hospital implants first VAD in Central Florida
- 2010: Cardiac team implants four VAD patients with a 100 percent survival rate
- November 2010: First heart transplant patient placed on waiting list
- November 2010: Heart Transplant Program temporarily inactivated due to untimely death of surgeon, Dr. McBride
- August 2011: Donald M. Botta, Jr., MD, hired as new heart transplant surgeon
- November 2011: Heart Transplant Program is reactivated
- December 2011: First heart transplant patient is placed on waiting list
- January 2012: First heart transplant performed in Central Florida

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Florida Hospital Cardiovascular Institute Foundation – Generosity Heals

Rarely in life do you receive a gift and not know the giver—or even that the gift occurred. But that is what happens to every patient and their family at Florida Hospital. Our patients’ care experiences are possible in part because of the generosity of people like you, who they may never meet.

We do not create excellence alone, but through a partnership with thousands of people who give in different ways. Some of these people work here. Others live in the community. A few even reside in different states or countries. But all share our purpose of creating an extraordinary experience for our patients.

“What a blessing from God it is that I was accepted into the Heart Failure Clinic as a patient. They are helping me maintain a better quality of life…God bless you all for doing this. I would be lost without the care they give me.”

“I’m living. I mean very honestly there was a big possibility that I might not have made it this far had it not been for the availability of the Heart Failure Clinic. It offers a lot of hope when it wasn’t there before.”

The Trina Hidalgo Heart Care Center was created by Florida Hospital to provide medical treatment to uninsured and economically disadvantaged heart patients who do not have the financial means to manage their chronically debilitating disease. The Heart Care Center is funded by philanthropic support and is just one of many patient programs supported by the Florida Hospital Cardiovascular Institute Foundation.

Generosity sustains us at Florida Hospital. We are not-for-profit both in our organizational form and in spirit as we dedicate ourselves to the great purpose of healing and enriching life in our community.

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