

Cardiovascular Care

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Acute Myocardial Infarction (Heart Attack)

A heart attack (acute myocardial infarction) is an injury to the heart muscle caused by the sudden blockage of a coronary artery. It is the number one killer of both American men and women.

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Heart Failure

Heart failure is a condition in which the heart muscle is unable to pump enough blood to meet the body's needs. Heart failure contributes to about 300,000 U.S. deaths each year.

Toward our goal of providing the best possible care for heart failure patients, we follow an established heart failure treatment protocol that has been shown to improve patient outcomes.

Medical Care

In 2001, the Joint Commission, an independent evaluator of more than 16,000 U.S. health care organizations, established an expert advisory panel to develop four core quality measurement areas for hospitals. Among these targeted areas was pneumonia, a disease caused by a viral or bacterial infection that fills a patient's lungs with mucus, thereby lowering the oxygen level in the blood. This can lead to breathing difficulty, fever, cough and fatigue. To care for our patients with this serious lung infection, we follow a series of recommended treatments.

Surgical Care

In 2006, a national partnership of organizations interested in improving the quality of health care launched the Surgical Care Improvement Project (SCIP), an initiative developed to significantly reduce surgical complications. Toward this goal, SCIP members collaborated to develop a standardized list of recommended procedures which we follow to promote safer surgery.