

# CARDIAC CATHETERIZATION LAB



## The promise of life-saving interventions when every minute counts.

It is a frightening scenario: You or someone you love experiences chest pain or other signs of a heart attack. This is truly a time when healthcare is needed immediately. This is a scene that faces the Cardiac Catheterization team at Flagler Hospital almost 300 times each month. And, within 62 minutes, the team can move a patient from the Emergency Department, through diagnosis, to treatment. It is care that is available to the people of St. Johns County every hour of every day of the year.

Your gift to the Cardiac Cath Lab will support the work of Flagler Hospital's cardiac team and ensure that this care continues to serve our community.

## The latest in cardiac care holds the promise of renewed heart health.

The physicians, nurses, and technologists that make up the team of Flagler Hospital's Cardiac Cath Lab are highly trained specialists, knowledgeable in the newest options to intervene during a heart attack, or diagnose a heart disorder. The lab houses a variety of cardiac treatment options:

- + The newest cardiac catheterization equipment.
- + Interventional therapies to open blocked blood vessels.
- + Insertion of life-saving devices, such as pacemakers.
- + The Impella device, which threads through a catheter to support heart function in high-risk patients. With the Impella, these patients can now be safely treated through cardiac catheterization, an option with less intervention and recovery time than surgery.

## Your gift can make these cardiac treatments available to more patients.

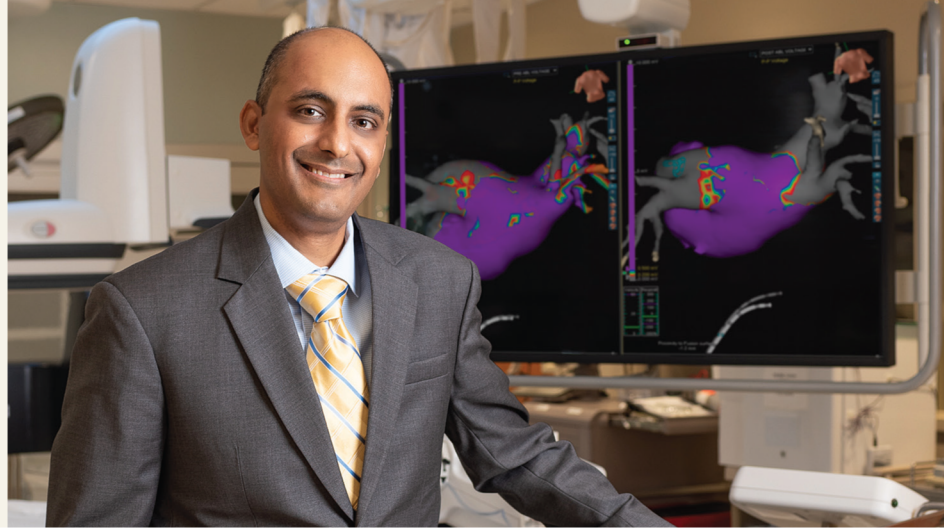
The good news is that more people are receiving timely, excellent outcomes through Flagler Hospital's Cardiac Cath Lab. However, many others could benefit from these treatment options. You can help extend this care through:

- + Expanded inventory of the many different cardiac specialty devices being developed.
- + Support for additional staff members so that physicians and the team can provide procedures more efficiently.
- + Additional equipment to extend the use of the Impella device to meet the need for this treatment.



With a gift to the Forever Flagler campaign, you can sustain the latest in heart care here in the heart of our community, now and into the future.

# CARDIAC ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY LAB



## **New cardiac procedures hold the promise of great heart outcomes—now and into the future.**

In 2018, Flagler Health+ established a cardiac electrophysiology (EP) lab, bringing St. Johns County the latest in treatment for heart arrhythmias. Patients with conditions such as atrial fibrillation (AFib) or supraventricular tachycardia (SVT) now have a health service that promises excellent outcomes here in our own community.

Electrophysiology lets your doctor evaluate electrical activity within your heart to determine the cause of disturbances to heart rhythms and the best way to treat it. This means patients who have struggled for years with an arrhythmia often go home cured, eliminating the need for medications that carry undesirable side effects or require frequent blood testing.

Your gift will support and extend this service to help meet the growing demand for this type of cardiac care.

## **The Flagler Health+ EP Lab offers patients a positive health care experience through:**

- + Cardiac electrophysiology, a non-surgical and minimally invasive procedure that helps your doctor diagnose the cause of a heart arrhythmia.
- + Cardiac ablations, a treatment that removes or destroys the tissue causing the disturbance in heart rhythm.
- + The newest in cardiac mapping systems.
- + Installation of pacemakers.
- + Installation of defibrillators.
- + A soothing, modern and comforting environment.

## **Your gift will extend this care to more of our neighbors.**

The doctors and team in Flagler's EP Lab are ready to broaden these services so that more residents of St. Johns County and the surrounding areas can benefit from cardiac electrophysiology. In addition to meeting a growing demand for care through the EP Lab, the team knows that new care options are on the horizon. Your support will make a difference through:

- + Acquisition of the Edwards EV1000, a piece of equipment that allows specific hemodynamic monitoring. This helps doctors make diagnoses with fewer intravenous catheters, which is quicker and more comfortable for the patient.
- + Adding a staff member dedicated to transporting EP Lab patients and keeping patients and their families updated on the progress of their procedures.
- + Continuous training of the EP Lab team, so that they know what is coming next in cardiac care and are ready to bring it to our community.