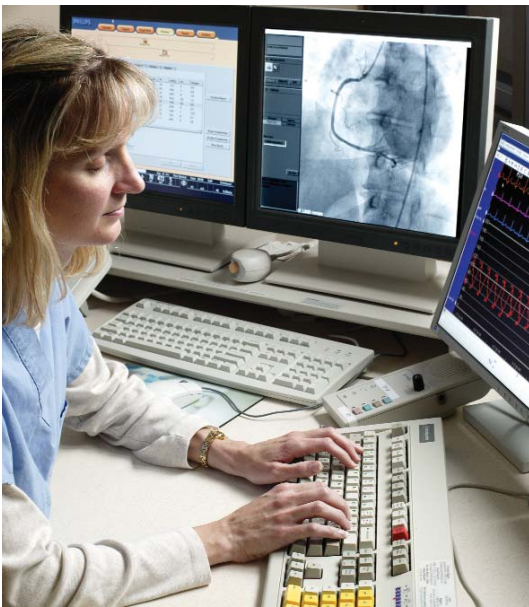


What is cardiac catheterization?

Cardiac catheterization is a minimally invasive procedure performed by a cardiologist that is used to detect blockages in the coronary arteries which could lead to a heart attack. By inserting a catheter into the artery in the groin and injecting a special dye that shows up in x-ray images, cardiologists can determine the severity of blockages. Using this information, they can determine what treatment or procedure is needed such as medication, angioplasty, or bypass surgery as indicated.

Who performs the procedure?

The patient-focused staff in South Jersey Healthcare's cardiac catheterization lab is both highly skilled and compassionate. Procedures are performed by board certified invasive cardiologists with years of catheterization lab experience at other major medical centers in the region. The lab's medical director brings more than two decades of cardiology experience to the facility.



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How long does it take?

With the latest technology available right here in our region, most cardiac catheterizations can be performed on an outpatient basis. Patients are tested in the morning and home in the evening. The advantage of having the procedure performed locally is that you won't have to worry about the hassles of traveling into the city, waiting in traffic and paying expensive parking rates.

Why choose South Jersey Healthcare?

The cardiac catheterization lab at the SJH Regional Medical Center features the most advanced technology available. More than \$1.2 million of state-of-the-art Philips equipment produces the highest quality images in a shorter time, which means our patients receive a lower dose of radiation. Using flat-plate digital technology, your cardiologist can instantly access images and quickly provide you with a diagnosis. Additionally, your family physician has easy access to your test results and the testing cardiologist, allowing them to participate in making recommendations for your care.



Bob Gramp, an active 68 year-old who has been teaching an aerobics class for more than 12 years, never thought about having a heart attack. During the week he watches his grandchildren, a job that requires as much stamina as his aerobics class. But despite his healthy lifestyle, he began to experience bouts of fatigue.

When routine tests did not show anything out of the ordinary, Bob went to see a cardiologist who scheduled him for a procedure that probably saved his life: a cardiac catheterization. Fortunately, the SJH Regional Medical Center has a state-of-the-art cardiac catheterization lab right here in our region.

"I was blessed that SJH had that catheterization lab right there so I could get a quick diagnosis," said

Gramp. "I had a great doctor and he said I was fortunate because I was a heart attack waiting to happen."

After life-saving quadruple bypass surgery, Gramp completed his cardiac rehabilitation at the SJH Regional Medical Center.

"I was back teaching my class 10 weeks later and I feel super now, more like 48 than 68," said Gramp. "I really missed spending time with my grandkids, so it was a real benefit to receive all of this excellent care so close to home. Now I have the energy I need to keep up with them again."