



Cardiovascular Care Center

The Cardiovascular Care Center at Southwest Regional Medical Center offers enhanced diagnostic and treatment capabilities to aid in the prevention and treatment of cardiovascular disease.

Cardiology services encompass stress testing either by treadmill or use of a chemical called adenosine or dobutamine, complete pacemaker follow-up, coronary CT angiograms, holter monitor application and analysis, EKGs, stress echo testing, echocardiograms, carotid dopplers, arterial dopplers and venous dopplers. Board certified cardiologists are available for consults. The echo-vascular lab is ICAEL accredited.

New equipment consists of a state-of-the-art PFT machine, new echo-vascular machines, a new CT scanner and new nuclear cameras.

The Cardiovascular Care Center is co-directed by Dr. Michael Pecora of the Frazier-Hart Group and Dr. Praful Vora. Dr. Pecora and Dr. Vora provide 24/7 cardiology coverage for Southwest Regional Medical Center. Also providing services in the Cardiology Department at Southwest Regional Medical Center are Dr. C. Michael Brown and Dr. John Costello Jr. Both Dr. Brown and Dr. Costello are a part of the Frazier-Hart Group.

“The Center provides the community with cardiovascular care which is as good as, if not better than, you can get anyplace else,” shared Dr. Pecora. “We offer the advanced technology and services of a large city, right here.”

The newest piece of technology available at the center is the GE Vivid 7 echo-vascular ultrasound machine, which provides state-of-the-art, fully digitized images. Echo-vascular ultrasound is used to diagnose diseases of the cardiovascular system including the heart, legs, neck, arms or kidneys. These test results, in addition to other diagnostic imaging and laboratory tests, are accessible for physicians to read off site, providing more efficient and timely care.

Other available testing includes stress testing with exercise, stress testing without exercise, nuclear stress tests, carotid dopplers, arterial dopplers with exercise, arterial dopplers without exercise, venous dopplers and halter monitors. Follow up services for pacemakers are also available.

The Cardiovascular Care Center at Southwest Regional Medical Center also offers a 32-Slice Volume Computed Tomography (VCT) from GE Healthcare. The VCT offers an innovative way for physicians to obtain fast, highly accurate information needed to diagnose disease and life-threatening illnesses. This includes such things as cardiovascular disease, stroke and chest pain.

Talk to your doctor about our services or call (724) 627-2605.