



## **Fact Sheet for: Cardiac Catheterization Lab**

Current as of 2/08

**Focus/Mission of department:** The mission of the Cardiac Cath Lab of Gwinnett Health System is to deliver safe, cost effective care while demonstrating our commitment to excellence and consistency in the efficient and effective delivery of that care within an atmosphere of compassion. Our vision is “Best Care Anywhere”.

**Description of services provided:** We perform a multitude of procedures including: Left Heart Catheterizations, Right Heart Catheterizations, Pacemaker Implants, ICD and biventricular implants, Insertion of Implantable Loop Recorders, Tilt Table Testing, Intra Aortic Balloon Insertions, Temporary Pacemaker Insertions, IVC Filters, Peripheral Angiography with Peripheral Angioplasties and Stenting, Coil and Glue Embolizations, Fistulograms, Non-Coronary Atherectomies and various other venous procedures.

**Hours of operation:** 7:00AM -6:00PM for the Cardiac Cath Lab, Monday- Friday  
7:00AM-9:00PM for the Cath Lab ARU, Monday -Friday

**Locations of GHS where service is performed:** Gwinnett Medical Center only.

**RN to patient ratio for each shift:** 3 RN’s/case or 2RN’s and 1 tech /case in the Cath Lab. 1:1 or 1:2 in the Cath Lab Admit Recovery Unit.

**Special Equipment used in department:** Datascope Intra Aortic Balloon Pump, Siemens Imaging equipment including the Axiom Artis for peripheral procedures, Spectranetics Laser, Angiojet, CPACs, IVUS, Biphasic defibrillator, GE Dash 4000’s in the ARU @ the patient’s bedside, Omnicell, and SureMed.

**Medical conditions for ref/care in department:** Patients with chest pain or unstable angina, patients with valvular disease, peripheral disease or electrical/rhythm disturbances.

**Resources available in crisis:** Cath Lab staff, ARU staff, Cardiology Nurses, PSC when applicable, RN from ICU, Imaging Nurses, MD from ER, Physicians, Physician Assistants, Respiratory Therapists, Patient Representative, Chaplain and Security Officer.

**Scheduling rotations for planning for shifts:** Shifts vary. Staff works 8 or 10 hour shifts.

**Uniforms are required: Royal Blue scrubs for RNs and Ceil Blue for Techs. (Associate purchases.)**

**Points of differentiation (ex. Different from competition):** Professional, competent care with a low nurse to patient ratio. Friendly, small town atmosphere in a state-of-the-art medical facility. Close to home. Free of a long commute in downtown traffic.

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**How do you schedule an appt for your area?** Procedures are scheduled by a Cardiologist, vascular surgeon or their office staff. A centralized scheduling area located in Cardiology is contacted by the office, and the procedure is scheduled.

**What to expect when visiting:** A warm, inviting professional atmosphere. “Best Care Anywhere”.