

Critical Need to Ensure
Access to Excellence



Cardiac Care Campaign

Minutes Matter

2023 Foundation Priority: Cardiovascular Lab Reinvestment & Prevention Programs at Providence St. Mary Medical Center

The Need:

The number one cause of death in our region is heart disease. Strong cardiac care is at the heart of a healthy and thriving community and a necessity for us to live our core values of Compassion, Dignity, Justice, Excellence, and Integrity. Our Foundation goal is to work with our hospital, community partners, providers, health equity teams, dieticians, and educators to spread the word far and wide about the preventative measures we can all take to prioritize cardiac health.

One of those preventative measures is a cardiac catheterization laboratory, commonly referred to as a cath-lab. It is an examination and procedure room in the hospital with advanced diagnostic imaging equipment used to visualize the arteries and chambers of the heart and treat any stenosis or abnormalities found. It operates at full capacity year-round as the cardiac care needs grow in our communities.

The Walla Walla region only has one cath-lab, located at Providence St. Mary Medical Center. Our cath-lab is at the end of its useful life. Acquiring parts and repairing aging equipment is becoming increasingly difficult and causing increased delays for patients. In addition to providing reliable patient flow, renovation of our cath-lab and new, state-of-the-art equipment will allow our physicians to utilize advanced procedures and diagnostic tools in our hospital.

The cath-lab is also used to stabilize patients when having an active heart attack. Patients from 8 counties throughout the region are served from Walla Walla; LifeFlight or EMS bring them to our hospital when the unthinkable happens. In the world of heart health, minutes matter, and that is why it paramount to keep this vital piece of equipment in our hospital.

Providence St. Mary Foundation is committed to strengthening local healthcare through the generosity of donors. Philanthropic support funds innovative programs, equipment, and capital projects that help create a healthier community.

This is made possible through the generosity of those who understand how important this care is for our family, friends, and region.

Opportunity for Impact:

The diagnostics, procedures, and care provided by St. Mary's interventional cardiologists in the cardiovascular labs are truly incredible. As our beautiful region attracts more and more to take in its bounty, the number of cath-lab patients through our doors continue to grow, and so does our need for the most capable, efficient equipment available. A full renovation and reinvestment of our cath-lab will provide a comprehensive suite of clinically proven imaging and best-in-class interventional tools, built on a modern platform to allow for easy integration of new innovations and tools as they become available. Our goal to raise \$1 million includes half the cost to complete the equipment suite, warranty, and all construction costs associated with installation and renovation of the cath-lab. Providence Health Systems has agreed to provide our Walla Walla community with half of the investment in this piece of equipment.



World Class Heart Health, Close to Home

The lab will:

- ♦ Evaluate coronary artery disease, valve and aorta disease, and heart muscle function.
- ♦ Enable complex coronary artery revascularization and better serve an interventional radiology program, particularly vascular.
- ♦ Repair congenital heart defects.
- ♦ Provide minimally invasive interventions.
- ♦ Serve the region's patients from the Washington and Oregon counties of Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Walla Walla, and Wallowa.

Your gift will:

- ♦ Ensure the highest level of care is available to the Walla Walla region for years to come.
- ♦ Improve patient outcomes by providing state-of-the-art diagnostic ability and fast, minimally invasive, complex interventions.
- ♦ Help save the lives of people experiencing a heart attack.
- ♦ Fund preventative and post-care education.

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