

Cardiovascular Medicine Team-Based Care

Dear patients and families,

The Division of Cardiovascular Medicine uses a **team-based care model**. In this care model, physician assistants and nurse practitioners, known as **advanced practice providers (APPs)**, work under the supervision and guidance of your doctor. APPs help manage your care and share responsibilities with your doctor while fully involving you in your own care. Our team-based approach can increase your access to care, make sure you get timely follow-up, and reduce the time you have to wait to see a provider.

How will I benefit from this team-based care?

With this model of team-based care, we can offer you the following benefits:

- A team who works together to use their unique skills and expertise to develop the best possible treatment plan for you
- Increased access to care and services, with more scheduling availability
- A holistic approach to care, which focuses on the health and well-being of your whole person
- More time for other services like health education and counseling, self-managed care support, and disease prevention

What is the role of APPs in this program?

Advanced practice providers (APPs) are healthcare providers who diagnose and manage diseases under a doctor's supervision. They have received the education and training to do many important care tasks, including:

- Taking patient health histories

- Doing physical exams
- Helping patients manage chronic health conditions
- Ordering and reviewing lab work, x-rays, and other tests
- Prescribing and managing medications
- Making referrals to specialists or other services

Will I always need to go to the Cardiology Clinic in the future?

People with certain conditions will need regular follow-up care in the Cardiology Clinic. However, in some situations we may be able to manage your care so you won't need routine follow-ups in the clinic. If your situation changes and you need heart care again, we will be happy to answer questions and get you back into the clinic if needed.

Who is on my care team?

- Doctor: _____
- APP: _____
- Nurse: _____

We look forward to working with you and your family to deliver coordinated, high quality, patient-centered care.

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