

All About Us

Heart Center of the Rockies, the region's premier heart center, is dedicated to providing comprehensive cardiac care.

Expertise in Matters of the Heart

About the Heart Center

Heart Center of the Rockies is dedicated to the latest in heart disease prevention, testing, and treatment. Our cardiologists, cardiovascular surgeons and clinical staff are making advances in cardiac care by mastering many of the latest procedures and techniques, as well as breaking new ground through numerous clinical research studies.

We offer patients a full range of services—from prevention and testing to surgery and rehabilitation—in state-of-the-art diagnostic, treatment and monitoring facilities. With 18 cardiologists, two cardiovascular surgeons, more than 200 highly trained employees and nearly 30 years of service in Colorado, Heart Center of the Rockies provides expert, compassionate care for all phases of heart-related conditions. Teams of certified cardiac nurses, nurse practitioners, dietitians, and exercise physiologists work with our physicians to treat the whole patient, and emergency response teams are available 24 hours a day.

Heart Center Specialty Clinics

Heart Center of the Rockies offers the following specialty clinics to serve the unique needs of our patients.

Anticoagulation Clinic

Anticoagulation medication, like Coumadin™ (warfarin), helps prevent stroke, blood clots, and other problems. These "blood thinners" slow the blood's ability to clot. Our Anticoagulation Clinic is designed to manage patients who take these anticoagulation medications.

A Woman's Heart

To help women more easily understand their personal heart disease risk, Heart Center of the Rockies has created "A Woman's Heart." The program offers a free and simple pre-screening questionnaire for women.



Dr. Gary Luckasen & Dr. Dennis Larson, founders of Heart Center of the Rockies

In addition to the personalized reports, A Woman's Heart offers a low-cost screening. Screenings are conducted by a cardiac nurse and include a detailed review of family history and other lifestyle factors, as well as a fasting cholesterol and blood glucose test, body mass index, blood pressure, pulse and a waist circumference measurement.

Cardiac Rehabilitation

The time following a cardiac illness is difficult physically and emotionally. Cardiac Rehabilitation is a four-part program intended to help you learn about healthy heart maintenance and return to the work, recreation, and hobbies you enjoy.

Clinical Research

At Heart Center of the Rockies, we know that clinical research may help people live longer and feel better. Our clinical research team actively conducts research and works to match patients to appropriate trials.

Device Clinic

The Device Clinic is available to any patient with a pacemaker, a defibrillator, or a biventricular pacemaker or defibrillator. Our electrophysiologist implants pacemakers, defibrillators, biventricular systems, and performs electrophysiology testing and radiofrequency ablations. The Device Clinic nursing staff provides exceptional follow-up care after a pacemaker or defibrillator is implanted.

Diagnosis

Heart Center of the Rockies provides a full range of diagnostic testing using a variety of technologies and procedures, including echocardiogram, heart rhythm monitoring, cardiac stress tests, electrocardiogram, CT cardiac scanning, carotid duplex scans, diagnostic cardiac catheterization, nuclear testing, protimes/anticoagulation testing, transesophageal echocardiograms (TEEs), and electrophysiology studies.

Treatment

The following tests, procedures and services are provided in the hospital setting at Medical Center of the Rockies in Loveland: angioplasty/atherectomy/stent, carotid artery stenting, coronary artery bypass surgery, robotic-assisted surgery, endoscopic vein harvesting, pacemaker and implantable cardiac defibrillator placement, heart valve repair and replacement, vascular surgery, and Silverhawk™ plaque excision.

Medical Center of the Rockies' special heart unit has 24 intensive care/step down beds for cardiac surgery, acute cardiac illnesses, and post heart attack/angioplasty patients. There are four catheterization labs, and two cardiac operating rooms. One will have the unique combination of a cath lab and operating room, one of only two such facilities in the western United States.

Preventive Clinic

The Preventive Cardiology Clinic was designed to meet patients' needs in preventing and/or reversing cardiovascular disease through state-of-the-art screening tests and current risk reduction management techniques. Patients with known cardiovascular disease or those at risk of cardiovascular disease due to elevated cholesterol, high blood pressure, family history for cardiovascular disease, diabetes, or smoking history are good candidates for evaluation in the Preventive Cardiology Clinic.

Nutrition Services

Learn how to easily follow a heart-healthy diet that takes into consideration your personal food preferences, schedule and food allergies or intolerances. A registered dietitian will discuss how a heart-healthy diet can help reduce your risk factors related to heart disease and answer your nutrition questions.

Heart Failure Clinic

The Heart Failure Clinic provides individuals, families and physicians with the highest level of patient care, patient education, research opportunities and resources for the management of heart failure. Congestive heart failure patients receive information and support from the time they are first diagnosed. Individualized fitness and education programs take place at Heart Center's Harmony Campus in Fort Collins.

Community Outreach

In addition to our specialty clinics, Heart Center of the Rockies sponsors community events focused on the prevention of heart disease as well as other relevant community causes. We offer the following ongoing community programs:

HeartAware

This program for 4th and 10th grade students is dedicated to heart health education and screening. Since its inception, HeartAware has served approximately 96 percent of local schools with 254 school visits, reaching more than 18,000 students.

Attack Pack

This group of enthusiastic Cardiac Rehabilitation patients is a familiar sight at local races and around Fort Collins. They meet monthly for exercise, a heart-healthy breakfast, and camaraderie. The Attack Pack welcomes people of all ages, interests and exercise abilities. Please ask the Cardiac Rehabilitation staff for more information.

Friends of the Heart

This group was formed to help patients cope with heart failure and live life to its fullest. Education opportunities are offered for family and friends to understand heart failure so they can offer appropriate support. Membership in the group is absolutely free and family members and loved ones are welcome.

Being an active participant in the communities we serve is a priority for Heart Center of the Rockies' dedicated staff. Whether sponsoring local events, hosting educational forums or helping those in need, we take pride in our community partnerships.

Locations

Heart Center of the Rockies' principal outpatient clinic is located at Poudre Valley Health System's Harmony Campus in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Our physicians also see patients daily at our offices in Loveland, Sterling and Estes Park, Colorado, and in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Additionally, our physicians routinely see patients in Haxtun, Holyoke, Julesburg, Steamboat Springs, and Yuma, Colorado; in Alliance, Bridgeport, Oshkosh and Sidney, Nebraska; and in Laramie, Wyoming.

Heart Center of the Rockies goal remains to be the premier provider of cardiac services in our region and Medical Center of the Rockies is one part of that goal, but one that is essential for us to provide the level of care that we feel our patients deserve. It has come about only because of the unique bond we feel with our patients via our 14 outreach clinics, our Harmony Campus, and the strong bond with Poudre Valley Hospital.

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