

Quality Care — in a Caring Environment

Current medical trends point to more procedures shifting to outpatient settings where patients receive more personalized care and benefit from higher-end amenities. Today's patients, who are better informed when it comes to their health care choices, demand quality care in a caring, high-quality environment.

By offering the best possible patient experience and outcomes, Cardiovascular Services of Atlanta has become a leader in helping shape the future direction of invasive diagnostic cardiology. Let us show you the difference we make.



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Hospital or Outpatient Facility?

Cardiology practices have traditionally been hospital based, but experience has shown that this model of care hasn't always resulted in the best outcomes for patients.

Non-emergent patients often find themselves at the mercy of emergency cases, resulting in long wait times, increased anxiety and even the cancellation of procedures.

Cardiovascular Services of Atlanta was designed to eliminate these drawbacks to hospital-based cath labs by offering patients a convenient, state-of-the-art outpatient cardiovascular facility that can perform a variety of diagnostic procedures. The patient benefits offered by outpatient facilities like Cardiovascular Services of Atlanta are many:

✓ **MORE CONSISTENT SCHEDULING** — Patients don't have to worry about being bumped at the last minute by emergency cases as often happens at the hospital.

✓ **CONSISTENT AND FAMILIAR STAFF** — Seeing the same faces whenever they come in for procedures helps patients feel more comfortable and less anxious.

✓ **EASE OF ACCESS** — Patients can be dropped off right at the front door — they don't have to deal with parking hassles and the complications of navigating a hospital campus.



Why We're Different

Cardiovascular Services of Atlanta opened in 2004 with the goal of helping patients in need of invasive diagnostic cardiology procedures. Since then, we have been honored as one of the few freestanding cath labs in the country to achieve accreditation from the Joint Commission for meeting and exceeding national standards for quality health care.

✓ **LESS INFECTIOUS EXPOSURE** — The importance of not being exposed to common hospital infections cannot be over-emphasized during this time of rampant infectious agents.

✓ **LOWER COSTS** — Outpatient facilities typically charge less than hospital-based labs for similar procedures, resulting in savings for both patients and insurers.

In the end, it's all about superior patient outcomes.

In 2008, we opened our new freestanding facility on Hammond Drive in north Atlanta. This facility can accommodate up to 200 patients a month in the cath lab and seven separate patient rooms. The lab, which features a new Toshiba Infinix state-of-the-art cath lab, is equipped to do multiple studies, including cardiac and peripheral vascular procedures. Its proximity to Piedmont Heart Institute makes it easy for patients to be quickly transported should physicians determine that they would be better served in a hospital setting.

