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FCCI OPENS DOORS TO FIRST FREE STANDING CATH LAB IN JACKSONVILLE First Coast Cardiovascular Institute, PA at The Forefront of Patient Care

September 25, 2007 marks the opening of the first free standing cardiac and peripheral vascular catheterization laboratory (cath lab) in Jacksonville. First Coast Cardiovascular Institute, PA (FCCI) is leading the community in the application of technological advances in cardiac and vascular care, while setting a standard of excellence in the field.

The new state of the art cardiac and peripheral vascular catheterization laboratory is for non-emergency outpatient visits under the care of FCCI Cardiovascular Specialists. The new laboratory is equipped with a state-of-the-art Phillips cardiac/vascular imaging system. There are seven private post procedure recovery rooms in the suite.

At FCCI, patients will be able to undergo procedures on an outpatient basis by a team of board certified, highly trained and qualified physicians. "Many patients find the free standing cath lab setting a more comfortable and convenient place of service when compared to a traditional hospital setting since the staff is dedicated exclusively to these services," according to cath lab manager and veteran nurse Brian Wilsey, RRT. Patients undergoing these procedures in our cath lab will usually go home the same day.

FCCI is committed to providing the best care available, performed by the most skilled providers, in the most advanced setting with the utmost attention to detail. The cath lab is designed with patient comfort in mind from computers in the recovery rooms to private sitting areas for family. Importantly, the cost of an outpatient procedure done in FCCI's cath lab is often less than when performed in the hospital increasing patient accessibility to care. FCCI's cath lab is centrally located at 3900 University Blvd. S. in Jacksonville across the street from Memorial Hospital.

The FCCI Cath Lab is staffed by our six board certified physicians:

Majdi Ashchi, DO, FACC, FSCAI, FCCP, FABVM
Yazan Khatib, MD, FACC, FSCAI, FCCP, FABVM
Vaqaar Ali, MD, FACC
Sumant Lamba, MD, FACC
Mona Shah, MD, FACC
Youssef Al-Saghir, MD, FACC

FCCI has specialists with board certification in both vascular and cardiovascular medicine.

FCCI offers the following services at our five locations across the Greater Jacksonville, Jacksonville Beaches and Clay County Areas:
Vascular, Cardiac & Electrophysiology Consults
Pacer & AICD Implants & Checks
Vascular & Echo Labs
Nuclear Lab & Stress Testing
Cardiac & Lipid Clinic Research

FCCI accepts most insurance plans. For more information, or to schedule an interview please contact Patricia Lotz @ 904-493-3333 x 150 or by e-mailing patricia@firstcoastcardio.com.