

4. Cardiac Surgery

Mary Jo jokes that the program “only took 18 years”. She had long recognized the need for cardiac surgical services. Patients who presented to the hospital with chest pain were evaluated, stabilized, and then transported to another facility to receive cardiac interventional or surgical services. This was not an ideal scenario for patients or in many cases, elderly spouses or family members. Delays for care were life-threatening as critical care beds became scarce in receiving acute care facilities.



The psychological and spiritual needs of the patient are integrated into their care through the offering of prayer.



CVICU Staff

Mary Jo collaborated with the CEO in the selection of the cardiovascular surgical group. They were successful in meeting our objective of bringing a quality cardiovascular program to our community. The staff in the OR, Cardiovascular ICU, and PCU involved in the new comprehensive CV line, received special training at other facilities. The goal to achieve competence in the most recent technology while maintaining the highest evidenced-based standards, never wavered. The

medical and nursing staff’s commitment and professionalism has yielded extraordinary quality outcomes which are benchmarked against national standards developed by the Society of Thoracic Surgeons and the American College of Cardiology.



CVICU Staff with Patient & Family

OPEN HEART SURGERIES

	FY 2006	FY 2007
Projected	150	250
Actual	251	341

Interventional Cardiac Programs

The first cardiac surgical procedures were completed in October 2005. The hospital collects data in accordance with the Society of Thoracic Surgeons and American College of Cardiology. Mary Jo's support of these standards reflects her commitment to evidence-based practice. The projected volumes for the cardiac surgical services have far exceeded projections and patient outcomes have been exceptional.



Cardiac Cath Staff with Patient



Cardiac Cath Lab



Cardiac Rehab staff develop activity levels and give educational support to all post-operative heart patients.

PERCUTANEOUS CORONARY INTERVENTIONS

	FY 2006	FY 2007
Projected	300	600
Actual	605	621



The staff of the Cardiac Intervention Unit (CIU) work diligently as an integral part of the continuum of care for all post interventional cardiac patients.