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Prevea interventional cardiologists among first in Northeast Wisconsin to use “world’s smallest heart pump”

Advanced heart failure is a chronic, progressive condition in which the heart is too weak to pump enough blood throughout the body. For some patients with advanced heart failure, it may be determined their condition is too severe to undergo a typical stenting procedure to increase blood flow. So, how can a patient in these circumstances safely get the care, or more specifically, the stent they need?

Prevea Health interventional cardiologists Drs. Jennifer Davis, Todd Fergus, Simil Gala and Anas Sarhan are now providing a procedure called, "high risk percutaneous coronary intervention" with the Impella® Heart Pump at HSHS St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay. The Impella is the only FDA-approved, non-surgical heart pump proven safe and effective to assist the pumping function of the heart during stent placement and ensure blood flow is maintained to critical organs. *(Continued on page 2)*

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A new medical procedure in Northeast Wisconsin is utilizing soundwaves to breakup potentially deadly calcium deposits within arteries, increasing the blood flow to the heart. The new treatment is called intravascular lithotripsy (IVL), and Prevea Health interventional cardiologists at HSHS St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay will use the procedure in cases of advanced heart disease.

As heart disease progresses, calcium deposits tend to form in arteries restricting the flow of blood to the heart. This new procedure allows doctors to break up calcium deposits with soundwaves and then more easily implant a stent, a small wire mesh tube, designed to keep the blood vessel open.

The minimally invasive (IVL) procedure is designed to make placement of a stent safer and more effective than traditional methods used to help clear calcified arteries. Doctors will first make a small cut in the patients arm or leg and then insert a catheter used to deliver the soundwaves to clogged arteries. The sonic waves are then emitted in areas of concern, breaking up calcium deposits and offering doctors more room to implant a stent, which is used to help increase blood flow to the heart.

Doctor Simil Gala, a Prevea Health Interventional Cardiologist at HSHS St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay said this new procedure offers patients less trauma and better outcomes than traditional methods used to clear calcified arteries. Adding in some cases, the procedure can eliminate the need for open heart surgery.

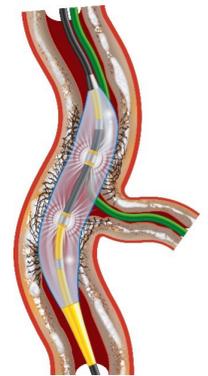


Image: shockwave catheter in artery

“This is yet another tool that we can use to continue to treat patients with complex coronary disease,” said Dr. Gala. “Every year in the United States more than 600,000 people die from heart disease. It’s the leading cause of death for both men and women. This minimally invasive procedure shows great promise in offering those suffering from severe coronary artery disease an opportunity to live a better quality of life with a reduced chance of having a heart attack.”

This is the first procedure in Northeast Wisconsin to utilize soundwaves to combat coronary artery disease, which is the most common type of heart disease in the United States. The new procedure is currently being offered at HSHS St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay.

PREVEA INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGISTS AMONG FIRST IN NORTHEAST WISCONSIN TO USE “WORLD’S SMALLEST HEART PUMP” (CONT.)

During the protected stenting procedure, an interventional cardiologist uses a catheter to insert the pencil-sized pump into a small incision on the patient’s femoral artery, then advances it through the arteries and into the heart. The pump, referred to by its maker, Ambimed as “the world’s smallest heart pump,” reduces the workload of the patient’s heart muscle as the interventional cardiologist places the stent.

When the support of the pump is no longer needed following the protected stent procedure, the interventional cardiologist will remove it before the patient leaves the hospital.

In addition to stenting, the Impella Heart Pump can also be used when performing procedures such as valve treatment or serve as a bridge to heart surgery on qualifying patients with advanced heart failure. For more information about the Impella Heart Pump, used by Prevea Health interventional cardiologists at HSHS St. Vincent Hospital, please visit: www.prevea.com/impella

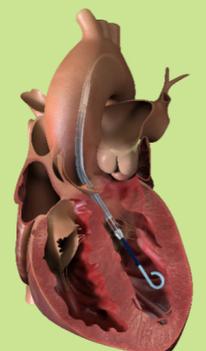


Image: Impella animation

Coming to Green Bay in 2022: The Prevea Surgery Center currently under construction on Shawano Ave. in Green Bay



Prevea Health is pleased to announce the Prevea Surgery Center, opening at 1860 Shawano Ave. in Green Bay in June 2022.

As an ambulatory surgery center, commonly referred to as an ASC, the Prevea Surgery Center will provide same-day, outpatient surgical care by Prevea providers in a variety of medical specialties: ear, nose and throat; gastroenterology; ophthalmology; orthopedics; plastic surgery; podiatry and urology. Common outpatient procedures that will be performed at the Prevea Surgery Center include (but are not limited to) colonoscopy, tonsillectomy, kidney stone removal, breast reduction, hip and knee procedures, and cataract surgery.

“The Prevea Surgery Center comes at a time as demand for our surgical services and our presence in the community continues to grow,” said Dr. Ashok Rai, President and CEO at Prevea Health. “Our patients will continue to receive the high-quality surgical care they have come to know and trust at Prevea Health, but with the added benefits of increased access to surgical services, less waiting for appointments and lower costs. There is a 20 to 40 percent reduction in cost for patients receiving care at a freestanding ASC versus a hospital-based ASC.” The Prevea Surgery Center is currently under construction at 1860 Shawano Ave. next to the Prevea St. Mary’s Health Center and just one block west of HSHS St. Mary’s Hospital Medical Center. At approximately 35,000 square feet, the facility will feature 4 operating rooms, 10 procedure rooms, 8 post anesthesia care unit (PACU) rooms, and nearly 30 surgical prep and recovery rooms.

For more information about the Prevea Surgery Center, please visit:
www.prevea.com/locations/Surgery-Center-Green-Bay

Prevea physicians also provide surgical care at HSHS St. Vincent and St. Mary’s Hospital Medical Center in Green Bay, HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital in Oconto Falls and HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital in Sheboygan.

HSHS St. Vincent receives level II trauma center verification

HSHS St. Vincent Hospital Regional Trauma Center has again been verified by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) as a Level II Trauma Center — a status it has now maintained for 23 years.

Our regional trauma center is one of 13 trauma centers in Wisconsin to be verified by the ACS. Comprehensive, on-site evaluations of designated trauma centers are completed by the ACS Committee on Trauma (COT) every three years. Level II is the highest ranking a non-university-affiliated emergency center can receive from the COT.

Trauma is defined as a severe injury caused by a physical force such as a vehicle crash, gunshots, knife wounds, falls battery or burns; and it is the leading cause of death for individuals up to the age of 45. In 2021, our regional trauma center cared for more than 1,004 patients and had 758 admissions to the hospital—that’s nearly 3 trauma patients a day, every day.



Prevea Health is expanding in the Fox Valley



Prevea Health is expanding and bringing more health care options to the Fox Valley with the addition of a new health center in Grand Chute.

The new health center, currently under construction at 3750 N. Investors Court off Highway 41 and North Richmond Rd. in Grand Chute, will offer urgent, primary and specialty care services. Construction on the new 12,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility began in fall 2021, and is expected to be complete this summer.

This will be Prevea Health's second location in the Fox Valley since opening its first at 2700 E. Enterprise Ave. in Appleton in 2019. The Enterprise Ave. location currently offers family medicine, women's health, digestive health, pediatric neurology, corporate health and wellness, and weight loss services.

For more information about the new Prevea Health center coming to Grand Chute, visit: www.prevea.com/Grand-Chute

ADMINISTRATION

Prevea leadership update



Prevea Health has announced that Jason Helgeson, Vice President

of Operations, transitioned into Prevea's Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) role effective Jan. 1, 2022. Brian Charlier, who has served as Prevea's Senior Vice President and COO for Prevea since 2009, in addition to serving as President and CEO of HSHS St. Vincent and St. Mary's Hospitals, will still serve as a Senior Vice President for Prevea and remain an important member of the Prevea senior leadership team.

Jason will continue to be responsible for leadership development and working with the executive and service line directors. Jason's position will also focus on our overall performance: quality, financial and patient satisfaction metrics, in addition to Prevea growth.

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