



A change of heart

Cardiac angioplasty now available in Forsyth

When the kitchen sink backs up, a plumber fixes it by unclogging the pipes. A similar process takes place when your arteries are clogged. Angioplasty, or percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), is a nonsurgical procedure that unblocks your arteries using a catheter with a small balloon attached to its tip. This service at Northside Hospital-Forsyth is of a very high caliber, and the physicians and staff are experts in this treatment.

An alternative to coronary bypass surgery, PCI requires a one- or two-day hospital stay, and recovery time is about a week. The procedure is extremely safe, causes very little pain and can take as little as 30 minutes to complete. This latest medical and technological enhancement represents a continued commitment by Northside Hospital to provide comprehensive cardiovascular services at its Cumming hospital campus.

Comprehensive cardiac services

Currently, Northside-Forsyth's Cardiovascular Program offers a wide range of prevention and education programs as well as various diagnostic services (including electrocardiography, digital heart monitoring, exercise testing, nuclear stress

testing, echocardiography, stress echocardiography and transesophageal echocardiography), cardiac catheterization, pacemaker implantation, electrical cardioversion, electrophysiological studies, cardiac rehabilitation and an on-site wellness center. Many of the services are available in the hospital's two state-of-the-art cardiac catheterization labs. For patients who aren't candidates for angioplasty, the hospital also offers stenting, a procedure in which doctors insert a tiny scaffold-like device to unblock an artery.

Quality care close to home

With cardiac angioplasty now available at Northside-Forsyth, this medical service is now available to residents in the Forsyth community for the first time. The combined experience includes more than 60 years of cath lab expertise, so cardiac patients can rest assured they'll be in good hands at Northside Hospital-Forsyth.

Trust your heart to the best

➤ For more information about cardiology services available at Northside Hospital-Forsyth, visit northside.com.