

NEWS RELEASE



For more information, contact:
Shameka Lloyd
252 535-8743
sloyd@halifaxrmc.org

For Immediate Release

Halifax Regional Opens Catheterization Lab

ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC (September 25, 2015)—Halifax Regional recently enhanced its Cardiac Catheterization Lab to both diagnose and treat cardiovascular illnesses. With approval from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, the Medical Center will now perform percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), known as angioplasty or cardiac stenting. Leading the Medical Center's cardiac catheterization program is Haile A. Jones, MD. Board certified in nuclear cardiology, interventional cardiology, cardiovascular disease, echocardiography, and internal medicine. Dr. Jones joined Halifax Regional Cardiology in June.

Suited with the latest imaging technology, the 2,800 square foot catheterization lab brings comprehensive cardiac prevention, diagnostic and treatment services to the Roanoke Valley. Patients no longer have to travel to Rocky Mount or Raleigh for life-saving, state-of-the-art catheterization procedures that the lab provides. Lead by Dr. Jones, the lab team, certified in Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), includes:

- Amy Williams, Cardiopulmonary Manager, with 16 years of experience
- Tonya Hasty, RN, with 12 years of total experience in the Emergency Room and in Cardiology
- Tesha King, RT (R) (AART), Registered Radiologic Technologist with 25 years of experience
- Jeremy Proctor, RT(R)(AART), Registered Radiologic Technologist and Registered Nuclear Medicine Tech with four years of experience

The newly added percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), also referred to as angioplasty or cardiac stenting is a minimally invasive, non-surgical procedure used to open blocked coronary arteries by inserting a long hollow thin tube (catheter) with a small balloon or stent attached to the tip used to restore blood flow to the heart muscle without open-heart surgery.

Cardiac catheterization is a procedure used to diagnose and treat cardiovascular conditions and examine how well the heart is working. During the procedure, a long thin tube called a catheter is inserted in an artery or vein in the groin, neck or arm and threaded through the blood vessels leading to the heart. This allows the physician to run diagnostic tests using the catheter. Patients are usually awake during the entire procedure, but provided medications to help them relax. Cardiac catheterization is usually very safe and risks are uncommon.

Appointments with Dr. Haile Jones may be scheduled by contacting Halifax Regional Cardiology at 252-537-9268. For more information, visit www.halifaxregionalcardiology.com.

###

About Halifax Regional

Halifax Regional Medical Center is licensed for 204 beds, including psychiatric and nursery. A non-profit organization, Halifax Regional is fully accredited by the Joint Commission. The Medical Center was recently honored by the North Carolina Nurses Association as a Hallmarks of Healthy Workplaces for nursing excellence. For more information, visit www.halifaxregional.org.