

# News



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## **The Opening of Dayton Heart & Vascular Hospital at Good Samaritan: Celebrating 50 Years of Heart and Vascular Care**

**DAYTON, OHIO, August 31, 2009** – Good Samaritan Hospital will open the doors of Dayton’s largest cardiovascular facility on Tuesday, Sept. 1, while also celebrating the hospital’s 50 years of innovation in heart and vascular care. Building on the legacy of leadership from Good Samaritan and Dayton Heart & Vascular Hospital, the new facility – Dayton Heart & Vascular Hospital at Good Samaritan – features 125,000 square feet of private patient rooms, operating suites, catheterization labs and diagnostic testing areas, with its own lobby and free parking area.

An event at the hospital on Tuesday will celebrate the joining of the two heart and vascular programs in one location, as well as honor the organizations’ many heart care “firsts,” including Dayton’s first open heart surgery in 1959, Ohio’s first Coronary Care Unit in 1966 and establishment of the first comprehensive coronary care teaching program in the U.S. in 1969. Guests for the event include both nurses and clinicians from 1959’s first heart surgery team, along with former patients and their family members.

“Dayton Heart & Vascular Hospital at Good Samaritan brings together two highly innovative heart programs to become the largest heart and vascular program in the area, and one of the largest, and most highly regarded programs in the nation,” said Good Samaritan Hospital President and CEO Mark Shaker. “Over 50 years we have saved tens of thousands of hearts and brought life-changing advances in heart and vascular care to Dayton. The opening of our new facility really honors the pioneers who established Good Sam as a leader in heart care and our current heart and vascular care professionals who are continuing this rich tradition of innovative thinking.”

Innovation and award-winning care continue today at Dayton Heart & Vascular Hospital at Good Samaritan. The new heart and vascular hospital is using leading-edge techniques like cooling to save patients in cardiac arrest; is consistently exceeding the

American College of Cardiology's recommendations for "door-to-balloon" time, which refers to the time between a heart attack victim's arrival at the hospital and the opening of a blocked artery with an angioplasty balloon; and continues to bring firsts to the region, using advanced techniques and technology for the treatment of heart and vascular disease.

The combined programs currently claim national recognition for 2009 from HealthGrades, the leading independent healthcare ratings company, including:

- Best in Region Cardiac Surgery (Dayton Heart & Vascular Hospital)
- Five-Star Rated for Treatment of Heart Failure (Good Sam and Dayton Heart & Vascular Hospital)
- Five-Star Rated for Cardiology Services (Dayton Heart & Vascular Hospital)
- Five-Star Rated for Valve Replacement Surgery (Dayton Heart & Vascular Hospital)
- Five-Star Rated for Treatment of Heart Attack (Dayton Heart & Vascular Hospital)
- Five-Star Rated for Treatment of Pneumonia (Good Sam and Dayton Heart & Vascular Hospital)
- Five-Star Rated for Carotid Surgery (Dayton Heart & Vascular Hospital)

Good Samaritan's heart and vascular program also has received Gold-Seal Certification from the Joint Commission for:

- Heart failure
- Heart attack
- Coronary artery bypass surgery
- Stroke Care

**Editor/Reader Note:** Take a tour of the new facility online at [www.FirstMostAlways.com](http://www.FirstMostAlways.com).

### **About Good Samaritan Hospital**

Good Samaritan Hospital ([www.goodsamdayton.org](http://www.goodsamdayton.org)) is a leading provider of innovative health-care services in Dayton, Ohio. The 600-bed hospital is a full-service teaching facility that delivers best-in-care cardiovascular, cancer, and orthopedic services, as well as advanced diagnostics and women's health services. It delivers the latest in outpatient treatment, rehabilitation and other services at Good Samaritan North Health Center and Good Samaritan Health Center – Huber Heights. The hospital has been awarded seven gold seal certifications from the Joint Commission – more than any hospital in Ohio – for its outstanding programs, including for heart failure, heart attack, coronary artery bypass surgery, breast cancer, total hip and knee replacement, and stroke care. Good Samaritan is also a recipient of the HealthGrades 2009 Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence, which places it among the top five percent of hospitals nationwide. These recognitions reflect the strength and talent of its staff of 600 physicians and 3,300 employees who are committed to excellence and to building a healthier community. Good Samaritan Hospital, along with Miami Valley Hospital, Atrium Medical Center and Upper Valley Medical Center, is a member of the Premier Health Partners system.