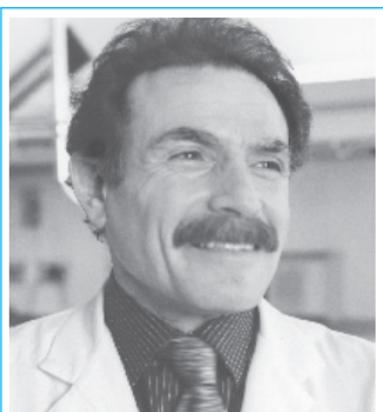


Heart disease affects many thousands in Brooklyn. Fortunately, the best cardiac care is in Brooklyn.



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The Cardiac Institute at Maimonides Medical Center is one of the country's most comprehensive and respected cardiac centers, offering a range of services to patients of all ages. Our team has set the standard in diagnosing, treating, and educating patients with heart disease. We have been recognized nationally for the results we achieve for our patients, whether their problems are chronic or acute.

At the Cardiac Institute, we regularly perform a variety of minimally invasive heart surgeries, which allow our surgeons to access the heart and

arteries through very small incisions. This has several advantages, including a reduced chance of infection and a shorter recovery time.

We are constantly developing new minimally invasive techniques. In some cases, we are able to offer patients the option of minimally invasive coronary artery bypass surgery (still the most proven technique to improve long-term outcomes in patients with blocked heart arteries), valve repair, or replacement and closure of heart defects. Our surgeons are leaders in the performance of these procedures, particularly what is called off pump coronary artery bypass surgery, which avoids use of the heart lung machine and enables them to operate on the beating heart.

Another cardiac problem affecting many Americans is an irregular heart rhythm called atrial fibrillation. Maimonides continues to be at the forefront in treating this problem through minimally invasive ablation procedures, with excellent results.

Not every patient is a candidate for minimally invasive surgery, nor is every type of heart surgery possible using minimally invasive techniques. But we make every effort to explore this option for our patients.

Many patients come to us when their heart disease has already progressed and they are quite sick. Some delay seeking help because they fear the prospect of surgery. But surgery is not always necessary, and if it is, open-heart surgery may not be the only option. Even older patients, who might not have been surgical candidates in the past, can benefit from new techniques and technologies. Every patient at the Cardiac Institute can be sure that her care is being tailored to address her individual needs.

Do everything possible to ensure your heart health. If you're experiencing problems, seek medical treatment as early as possible. Don't let fear keep you from getting help.

If your doctor recommends that you see a heart specialist, we hope you will pay us a visit so we can review your situation together. Please call (718) 854-6100 to make an appointment to see me or one of my colleagues.



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