Methodist Charlton celebrated the opening of its electrophysiology lab

On Aug. 16, Methodist Charlton Medical Center held an open house to celebrate the opening of its new state-of-the-art electrophysiology (EP) lab. The multi-million-dollar lab contains new equipment so specialists can treat patients with atrial defibrillation (AFib) and perform procedures such as installation of pacemakers and ablations.

A representative from Sen. Ted Cruz’s office was in attendance, as well as Rep. Carl Sherman Sr., and mayors from DeSoto, Wilmer, Duncanville, and Lancaster. Members of the Methodist Health System Board, Methodist Charlton Advisory Board, and Patient and Family Advisory Council also attended.

Following brief remarks by Methodist Health System President and Chief Operating Officer Pamela Stoyanoff, MBA, CPA, FACHE; Methodist Charlton President Fran Laukaitis, MHA, BSN, RN FACHE; and Director of Cardiology Ingrid Kindipan, PhD, RN, CCRN, attendees received a tour of the new lab. The EP lab is equipped so an electrophysiologist can diagnose and treat arrhythmias such as AFib, atrial flutter, and supraventricular tachycardia. The lab offers diagnostic and therapeutic EP procedures, including:

- EP studies
- Implantable devices
- Permanent pacemaker
- Automated implantable cardioverter defibrillator
- Cardiac ablation or radiofrequency ablation
- Cryoablation
- Biventricular pacemaker
- Biventricular ICD.

The annual Spring Employee Forum was held on April 30. This year’s theme was “We Don’t Gamble With Patient Care.” During the forum, employees engaged in fun games to measure their knowledge of the hospital accomplishments in patient care. Participants received prizes and refreshments.

On May 2, in recognition of National Day of Prayer, Methodist Charlton Pastoral Care held a dedication service for the Methodist Charlton Medical Center Interfaith Prayer & Meditation Room, with readings from the Torah, Koran, and New Testament Scriptures. There was also a dedication of the sacred space. Employees of all faiths are welcome to use the room.
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- Cedar Hill Chamber of Commerce Top Golf event
- DeSoto Chamber of Commerce First Responders Appreciation Luncheon
- Duncanville Chamber of Commerce Flavor of Duncanville
- DeSoto High School football homecoming game
- Fellowship of Professional Women monthly luncheon
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**CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE**

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- Best Southwest Partnership
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**Life Shines Bright Pregnancy Program** — Helping women experience healthy pregnancies and lower preterm birth rates with the CenteringPregnancy® model of care.

**Unique Footprints** — Low-cost pre- and postnatal yoga classes help with breathing, mobility, and wellness.

**Chefs Alison and Bill Hodges have been cooking together for 39 years and show a couple how to “cook with love” at His and Hers.**

**The Methodist Charlton Cardiology team shares tips to recognize the signs of heart disease.**

**DR. STEPHEN & MARILYN MANSFIELD ONCOLOGY UNIT**

Methodist Charlton offers the only comprehensive cancer program in southern Dallas County. Our oncology services are a key priority because cancer is the second-leading cause of death for adults in Texas, with rates of breast cancer death higher in our service area compared with Dallas County. Our efforts to combat the disparities in cancer care in southern Dallas County earned Methodist Charlton a Breast Center of Excellence distinction, accredited through the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers. Methodist Charlton now plans to create a new oncology unit to provide seamless cancer care for patients. This centralized unit will enable more than 700 patients each year to access cancer treatments in a space designed specially to meet their unique needs.
Cardiac team achieves Gold Plus-level heart attack care again

For two years in a row, Methodist Charlton has received the American Heart Association (AHA) Mission: Lifeline®–STEMI Gold Plus Receiving Quality Achievement Award. The award is the AHA’s national initiative to advance the system of care for patients with acute, high-risk, time-sensitive, and quality-of-life—threatening disease states. One of those is for STEMI (ST-elevated myocardial infarction) heart attacks.

“Achieving the Gold Plus standard for heart attack care for two consecutive years is a reflection of the commitment of our team of physicians, clinical staff, leaders, and EMS partners to consistently exceed the standards outlined by the AHA for the treatment of patients who suffer heart attacks, allowing them the best possible outcomes,” says Ingrid Kindipan, PhD, RN, CCRN, director of cardiology services at Methodist Charlton. “We have an exceptional team, and I’m proud to be part of it.”

Methodist Charlton also received the AHA’s Get With The Guidelines®–Stroke Gold Plus in 2019.
10,519
The number of people Methodist Health System employed throughout the Metroplex in 2019

$170.3 million
How much Methodist Health System provided in unreimbursed charity care in fiscal year 2019

THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN 2019 BY Methodist Charlton Medical Center: 2,138

16
The number of consecutive years that Methodist Health System has been named among the Best Places to Work by the Dallas Business Journal. The health system also ranked among the 150 Great Places to Work in Healthcare by Becker’s Hospital Review for the eighth year running.

5
The number of years Methodist Health System has been part of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. Both Methodist and Mayo Clinic continue to work together to benefit the communities they serve by sharing knowledge, accessing the latest medical information, and providing innovative care, unmatched in this marketplace.

$1.5 billion
Methodist Health System’s 2019 economic impact, including from income and benefits provided for employees

FORMER DALLAS MAYOR MIKE RAWLINGS RECEIVES 2019 FOLSOM AWARD
Methodist Health System Foundation presented its 2019 Robert S. Folsom Leadership Award to former Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings. A formal dinner and celebration in Rawlings’ honor raised $1.5 million to build a new, specialized floor for patients of The Transplant and Advanced Surgery Progressive Care Unit at Methodist Dallas Medical Center.

ADVISORY BOARD
Thank you to the outstanding people serving on our advisory board: (from left to right) Stephen E. Mueller, MD; Curtistene McCowan, chair-elect; John Hubbard, PhD; Marcus Knight; Allen R. Schneider, DO; the Rev. Marie Mitchell; Ken Weaver, chair; Fran Laukaitis, MHA, BSN, RN, FACHE, president, Methodist Charlton; Marjorie Waldrop; Michael Finch, MD; Dick Griner; Boyce Whatley; Dan Eddy; and Michael Hurtt; (not pictured) Kevin Fegan, PhD; Ed Harrison; Bob Mong; Jorge Saldivar, MD; Jill Waggoner, MD; and Kenneth Govan.

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