

## Cardiac Surgery Research Program

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### Description:

We are a division of the Dept. of Cardiac Services. We have 7 active surgeons and presently have 18 ongoing or soon to be started research protocols. Many are physician initiated and we also have several sponsor (industry) sponsored studies. All of our projects involve patients undergoing cardiac surgery for various reasons. Some examples of our projects include:

- preconditioning to prevent kidney injury post open heart surgery (OHS)
- industry sponsored heart valve replacement studies with long term follow up requirements
- registries for Ventricular Assist Devices
- projects involving specific disease processes such as Heparin Induced Thrombocytopenia

### Key personnel:

Dr. Mirle Kellett, Jr., Chief of the Dept. of Cardiac Services

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