



# HEART BEAT

*The Cardiovascular Newsletter for Our Partners in Care*



SAN ANTONIO REGIONAL HOSPITAL



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the first issue of "Heart Beat." Heart Beat is a newsletter for physicians and care givers and one way to keep you informed on Cardiovascular diagnostic and treatment options available to you and your patients at San Antonio Regional Hospital (SARH).

By keeping you informed it is our intent that this and future issues will increase your awareness of CV technological advances and innovative capabilities that are accessible, convenient, and close to home.

Heart Beat will be published by SARH Cardiovascular doctors who will present articles, upcoming practices, and case studies on a wide range of topics. We will also include updates on CV disease management and state of the art cardiovascular care and cardiac surgery.

We value our collegial relationship and always welcome your suggestions!

Yours truly,

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San Antonio is among the top 50 hospitals for all recipients of Healthgrades Cardiac Surgery Specialty Excellence Award, placing us in the top 5% in the nation. The Cardiac Surgery Specialty Award recognizes hospitals with superior clinical outcomes in heart bypass surgery and heart valve surgery.

The hospitals that have achieved the Healthgrades America's 50 Best Hospitals for Cardiac Surgery have demonstrated exceptional quality of care. From 2018-2020, patients treated at hospitals receiving the America's 50 Best Hospitals for Cardiac Surgery Award have, on average, a 52.8% lower risk of dying than if they were treated in hospitals that did not receive the award. Additionally, patients treated at hospitals which did not receive the America's 50 Best Hospitals for Cardiac Surgery Award are, on average, 2.12 times more likely to die than if they were treated at hospitals that did receive the award.

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