

The Best Heart Doctors in Cedar Rapids

Cardiology Compared

Compare the two biggest heart care providers in Cedar Rapids to find the best fit for you. With over 41 years of open heart surgery experience, our surgeons, cardiologists and heart care team continue to excel at innovation, technology and patient care.

Why choose St. Luke's for your heart care?	St. Luke's (year end 2018) <i>completed procedures</i>	Mercy Medical Center (year end 2018) <i>scheduled procedures that may not have been completed</i>
Open Heart Surgery & Procedures		
First open-heart surgery performed	June 27, 1977	November 2017
Number of open heart surgeries performed	13,648	151
Open heart surgeons	2	1
Open heart surgeons' years of experience	47	25
Open heart advanced practice practitioners	3	1
Open heart surgery teams	2	1
Open heart surgery team years of experience working together	41	1
Cardiac ICU staff years of experience working together	41	1
TAVR - Transcatheter aortic valve repair	Yes	No
Cardiac Catheterization lab		
ER arrival to blockage open best time	13	33
ER arrival to blockage open average time	58	Faster than the 90 minute national benchmark
Diagnostic catheter procedures per year	> 1590	308
Catheterization through the wrist resulting in quicker patient recovery with better outcomes	78%	80%
Impella-assisted percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) "the world's smallest heart pump" and is used to open blockages in heart arteries and allows doctors to place stents.	Yes	No

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Electrophysiology		
Electrophysiologists	3	2
Watchman procedure	Yes	No
Afib ablation (per American College of Cardiology)	Yes	No
Cardiology		
Long term relationship >40 years with Eastern Iowa's largest cardiology practice	Yes	No
Cardiologists	16	7
Advanced Practice Providers	8	6
Heart failure clinic	Yes	No
Vein clinic	Yes	No
Anti-coagulation clinic with at home monitoring	Yes	No
Advanced Heart Failure & Pulmonary Hypertension Clinic	Yes	No
Outreach locations (providing care close to home)	Anamosa, Clarence, Independence, Manchester, Marengo, Vinton	Vinton Manchester
Recognized nationally for cardiac excellence		
Top 50 Heart Hospital in America by Truven Health Analytics	6 times	0 times
Action Registry Platinum Performance Achievement	Yes	No
Advanced certification in Heart Failure	Yes	No