

## Directory of Services and Physicians Cardiology, Cardiothoracic Surgery

### Services by location

#### Park Nicollet Heart and Vascular Center

As the primary site for Park Nicollet cardiology, all our cardiologists practice at the center in St. Louis Park. The majority of testing and treatment is performed at the Heart and Vascular Center, including cardiac surgery, 24-hour cath lab services, interventional cardiology, electrophysiology and cardiac rehabilitation.

Cardiologists also provide services to Park Nicollet Clinic locations in Burnsville, Chanhassen, Maple Grove and Shakopee. They regularly visit nine Greater Minnesota hospitals and clinics, including, Willmar and Glencoe.

#### Park Nicollet Clinic—Burnsville

Max Boller, MD  
Carmelo Panetta, MD  
Jackson Thatcher, MD

#### Park Nicollet Clinic—Shakopee

Max Boller, MD  
V. Ross Collins, MD  
Marek Kokoszka, MD  
Aimee Johnson, MD  
George Strauss, MD

#### Park Nicollet Clinic—Chanhassen

Bhavani Balaravi, MD  
Elizabeth Bisinov, MD  
Aimee Johnson, MD  
Cynthia Toher, MD  
Sarah Vernon, MD

#### Park Nicollet Clinic—Maple Grove

Max Boller, MD  
V. Ross Collins, MD  
Rufino Festin, MD

	Cardiology Visits	Stress Echo	Nuclear	CT/MRI	Cath Lab	Cardiac Rehab
St. Louis Park	●	●	●	●	●	●
Burnsville	●	●				
Chanhassen	●	●	●			
Maple Grove	●	●				
Shakopee	●					



To reach a heart specialist, call **952-993-3246**.  
For more information about Park Nicollet Heart and Vascular Center, visit [parknicollet.com/heart](http://parknicollet.com/heart).



## Complete cardiac care for your patients

Solutions for your patients with heart issues are as close as the nationally recognized Park Nicollet Heart and Vascular Center in St. Louis Park.

Twenty-five highly skilled and experienced cardiologists, cardiothoracic surgeons and prevention specialists, provide a full range of compassionate, innovative and expert care for all your patients' heart needs.

### Park Nicollet Heart and Vascular Center offers a complete range of services.

- Complete cardiology resources – all cardiologists are available for general consultations
- Noninvasive testing and imaging
  - Combined nuclear/CT imaging
  - Coronary CT angiography (64-slice CT scanner)
  - Cardiac MRI
- Interventional cardiology
  - Coronary angioplasty and stenting
  - 24-hour emergency heart attack rapid response team
- Electrophysiology
  - Electrophysiology studies
  - Pacemaker and defibrillator implants
- Cardiothoracic surgery
  - Bypass surgery
  - Mitral value surgery
- Cardiac rehabilitation and fitness
  - Phases I, II, III

### National recognition

Park Nicollet Heart and Vascular Center and Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital are nationally recognized for their care of heart patients. The center has earned numerous awards and honors.

- Named one of the 100 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals in America by Thomson Health Care<sup>®</sup> in 2007 for the third year in a row. We also were honored in 2006, 2005 and 2001.
- Named in the top 10 percent of facilities for heart attacks and open heart surgeries by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
- Heart surgery program rated in the top 15 percent of all heart surgery programs in the country by the Society of Thoracic Surgeons.

### Reach a heart expert

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## Cardiology

### Bhavani Balaravi, MD

- Nuclear cardiology, MRI, CT, Women's Heart Clinic

### Elizabeth Bisinovi, MD

- Echocardiography, nuclear cardiology, Women's Heart Clinic

### Max Boller, MD

- Echocardiography, prevention, men's health

### Nicole Carlson, PA-C

- Preventive cardiology, general follow-up, coronary artery disease, heart failure

### V. Ross Collins, MD

- Heart failure, preventive cardiology

### Rufino Festin, MD

- Heart failure, nuclear cardiology, cardiac MRI, echocardiography

### David Homans, MD

- Congenital heart disease in adults, heart valve problems, heart disease in pregnancy, Friedreich's Ataxia and Marfan's Syndrome

### Aimee Johnson, MD

- Women's Heart Clinic, valvular heart disease, echocardiography, nuclear cardiovascular imaging

### Marek Kokoszka, MD

- Preventive cardiology, echocardiography, nuclear cardiology

### Amanda Loecken, PA-C

- Preventive cardiology, general follow-up, coronary artery disease, heart failure, electrophysiology

### Leonard Nordstrom, MD

- Peripheral and coronary circulation

### Charles Pinkerman, DO

- Pulmonary hypertension, heart failure, nuclear cardiology

### Noninvasive testing and imaging Testing

- Nuclear cardiology testing
- Stress echocardiogram
- Dobutamine stress echocardiogram
- Tilt-table testing
- Echocardiogram

### Imaging

- 3D computerized imaging
- Coronary CT angiogram (64-slice CT scanner)
- Cardiac CT scan (heart scan)
- CT scan
- Cardiac MRI
- Stress nuclear CT
- Transesophageal echocardiogram
- Echo Doppler
- Electrocardiogram
- Duplex ultrasound and venogram

### Laura Ross, PA-C

- Preventive cardiology, follow-up, coronary artery disease, heart failure

### Soma Sen, MD

- Women's Heart Clinic, preventive cardiology

### George Strauss, MD

- Noninvasive imaging, heart failure, biomedical ethics

### Cynthia Toher, MD

- Pulmonary hypertension, adult congenital heart disease, echocardiography

### Angela Turner, PA-C

- Preventive cardiology, general follow-up, coronary artery disease, heart failure

## Interventional cardiology

### Thomas J. Davis, MD

- Angioplasty and stenting

### J. Mark Haugland, MD

- Interventional cardiology

### Carmelo Panetta, MD

- Percutaneous atrial septal defect closure, contrast-induced nephropathy; hypertrophic cardiomyopathy; radial access for coronary angiography

- Coronary angioplasty
- Cardiac catheterization ventriculography
- Coronary balloon angioplasty
- Coronary stenting
- Rotational atherectomy
- Emergency heart attack rapid response team

### Jackson Thatcher, MD

- Heart failure

### Sarah Vernon, MD

- Angioplasty and stenting

## Electrophysiology

### Hongsheng Guo, MD

- Cardiac arrhythmias, ablation, pacemaker and implantable defibrillators

### Jeffrey Shultz, MD

- Cardiac arrhythmias, ablation, pacemaker and implantable defibrillators, cardiac causes of fainting

### Jay Simonson, MD

- Cardiac arrhythmias, ablation, heart failure, pacemaker and implantable defibrillators and closure of holes in the heart

- Personal consultations
- Catheter ablation
- Electrophysiology studies
- Permanent pacemakers
- Implantable cardioverter defibrillators (ICDs)
- Pacemaker devices for heart failure
- Implantable loop recorders
- Event recorder monitoring
- Holter monitoring
- Pacemaker and ICD follow-up clinic

## Preventive cardiology

### Phillip Kofron, MD

- Heart disease prevention

### Sue Hanson, RD, licensed dietitian

- Nutrition education

## Cardiothoracic surgery

### Kimberly Cunningham-Gilbertson, PA-C

- Preventive cardiology, general follow-up, coronary artery disease, heart failure

### Peter Dyrud, MD

- Mitral valve repair, coronary artery surgery, pulmonary surgery

### Bernard Harrison, MD

- Thoracic aneurysm repair, valve repair

### Kari Fernholz, PA-C

- Preventive cardiology, general follow-up, coronary artery disease, heart failure

- Mitral valve repair
- Bypass surgery
- Beating heart surgery
- Aortic valve replacement
- Thoracic aorta aneurysm repair

### Margaret Soforenko, NP

### Ted Spooner, MD

- Minimally invasive surgery, esophageal surgery, pulmonary surgery