



Cardiac Care

Backed by an expert team of cardiovascular and cardiothoracic surgeons, cardiologists and a cardiac support team, the heart program at Morton Plant Mease offers award-winning cardiovascular services that span the continuum of heart care including echocardiogram, cardiac catheterization, open-heart surgery and cardiac rehabilitation.

■ **Morgan Heart Hospital at Morton Plant** is a national leader in cardiovascular and thoracic surgery, as well as cardiology. Two years ago, Morton Plant Hospital was the first in the Tampa Bay area to perform an advanced surgical procedure called transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) for severe symptomatic aortic stenosis. In that time, the hospital's Valve Clinic Team has completed more than 180 TAVR procedures with excellent outcomes documented. TAVR offers an alternative for patients with severe aortic stenosis, who are not considered candidates for conventional open-heart surgery.

Morton Plant Hospital has expanded its Valve Clinic and TAVR programs with another first, utilizing the newly FDA-approved self-expanding Medtronic CoreValve.

Morton Plant is the first hospital in the country, not previously involved in the Medtronic research study, to implant the Medtronic CoreValve.

■ **Mease Countryside Hospital's** cardiovascular services provide an emergency cardiac center specializing in treating patients experiencing the most critical type of heart attack — an ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI). Mease Countryside Hospital has also expanded its cardiac care services to include elective angioplasty, making it easy for patients to get elective heart care close to home. Last year the Center performed 1,650 procedures.

■ **Morton Plant North Bay Hospital** has expanded its New Port Richey cardiac services to include a brand new, state-of-the-art cardiac catheterization lab, which uses advanced diagnostic technology to perform cardiac catheterization, emergency and elective angioplasty, stress testing, and echocardiograms to detect and aid in the prevention of heart disease.