

"Lahey surpassed my expectations. Since my treatment, it's amazing the difference."

—Terri Hamlin



About the Heart and Vascular Center

The Heart and Vascular Center at Lahey is an internationally recognized center of excellence that combines the expertise of multiple disciplines—Cardiovascular Medicine, Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery and Vascular Surgery—to provide a full range of advanced services for patients with diseases of the cardiovascular system. *Lahey has one of the best survival rates nationally for patients having acute heart attacks, according to data compiled by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).*

"From the start, I felt completely secure in the care of my Lahey doctors." —Mary-Joan Pelletier



To Make an Appointment or Learn More:

- Visit www.lahey.org/womensheart
- Telephone: 1-877-524-3996
- Email: womensheart@lahey.org

Our physicians are also available for women's heart-related speaking engagements. Call or email to schedule a speaker.

If you are a company representative interested in learning more about Lahey's comprehensive women's executive health program, call 781-744-8401.



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"I was fortunate to have Dr. Williamson as my heart surgeon. She fixed the hole I had in my heart since birth. Because of her and the wonderful nurses at Lahey, I recovered quickly. Just 2 1/2 months after surgery I even climbed a mountain with my husband."

—Jan Pendleton



The Heart of a woman

It's Unique.

At Lahey, we understand that there are often differences when it comes to men and women and heart problems. Differences in biology. In symptoms. In diagnosis and in treatment. Unfortunately, recent studies have shown that under treatment in women is a serious problem, leading to more deaths in women from severe heart attacks than men. But it doesn't have to be this way. Heart disease, which often leads to heart attack, can frequently be prevented, or treated once detected. And the earlier detected, the better.

Heart Care for Women that's also Unique.

For too many years, heart disease has been viewed primarily as a man's disease. In reality, heart disease kills more women annually than it does men. In fact, it's the #1 killer of women—surpassing all forms of cancer combined.

Our goal at Lahey is to help women care for their hearts. We view our relationship with each patient as a co-partnership. This means we encourage you to ask questions. We listen to your unique concerns. We empower you with information, because we know that when it comes to matters of the heart, education is often the best form of prevention.

The women's cardiovascular health team at Lahey, consisting of five female clinical cardiologists and one female cardiothoracic surgeon, sets Lahey apart in an era when, unfortunately, not many women are entering these specialties.

Meet Our Team



Jennifer M. Collins MD

Special Interests:
Women and Heart Disease
Preventive Cardiology
Heart Disease in Pregnancy



Cathy Jeon MD, MSc

Special Interests:
Interventional Cardiology



Paula M. Kinnunen MD

Special Interests:
Coronary Artery Disease
Congestive Heart Failure
Valvular Heart Disease



Florence M. Parrella MD

Special Interests:
Heart Rhythm Disturbances
Cardiac Defibrillators and Pacemakers
Syncope



Suma A. Thomas MD

Special Interests:
Coronary Artery Disease
Preventive Cardiology
Valvular Heart Disease



Christina Williamson MD

Special Interests:
Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery
Mitral Valve Repair
Valve Replacement