

Honouring Dr. Omar Sultan, Regina's first Electrophysiologist specializing in treating heart arrhythmias

Up until a few years ago, people with debilitating and possibly life-threatening abnormal heart rhythms either had to leave the province for treatment or were prescribed medication with sometimes harsh side effects. But that was before generous donor support helped to build the Electrophysiology (EP) Lab at the Mosaic Heart Centre in the Regina General Hospital in 2012.



Dr. Omar Sultan, Heart Specialist and Regina's first Electrophysiologist, says the EP Lab has the best equipment he's come across in his career – including some technology not used elsewhere in Canada. Dr. Sultan returned to Regina, the city where he was born, to set up and open the EP Clinic where he has successfully treated in excess of 500 patients.

"I am honoured to be providing a much-needed and long-awaited service that gives people their quality of life back. Starting southern Saskatchewan's first EP Lab and the new GMS Cardiac Rhythm Device Clinic program was an opportunity that I could not pass up," says Dr. Sultan.

"Our technology lets us remotely monitor patients with implanted cardiac rhythm devices, allowing us to follow-up patients from the comfort of their homes. Thus, we are able to treat more people, and meet the growing need for this care."

Our cardiac care is taking another leap forward thanks to a generous \$500,000 donation from Group Medical Services. Their gift will fund facility improvements such as Dr. Sultan's continuing cardiac rhythm research; new digital electrocardiogram testing; and file management and storage system for the GMS Cardiac Rhythm Device Clinic, which gives doctors instant access to up-to-date patient monitoring reports. Dr. Sultan explains, "In emergency situations, this can save lives."

We are lucky to have a physician of Dr. Sultan's calibre caring for the people of southern Saskatchewan.

We are fortunate that donors like you make it possible to invest in cutting-edge technology that helps us attract the best and brightest health professionals to our province.