When your patients need advanced cardiac care, rely on the John Ochsner Heart and Vascular Institute. Through our ongoing research, physician training programs and clinical trials, we set the standard for diagnosing and treating even the most complex cardiac diseases and vascular conditions.

**COUNT ON OUR CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE:**

Our **Advanced Heart Failure Program** connects patients with heart failure cardiologists, transplant cardiologists, cardiovascular surgeons, interventional cardiologists and electrophysiologists. We are the first and only center in the Gulf South region to perform heart transplants and the only center in Louisiana to offer artificial heart and left ventricular assist devices (LVADs). We also provide the only Adult Congenital Heart Disease program in the region.

Our **Heart Valve Program** offers traditional and minimally invasive options, including transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR). We have treated over 570 patients with TAVR procedures, since its inception in 2010. In addition, we give our patients peace of mind by providing image studies, lab work and physician consultations with cardiology specialists.

Our **Electrophysiology Program** is the largest and most comprehensive in the Gulf South, performing over 1,500 procedures per year. To meet demands, we have constructed our fourth Electrophysiology Lab, and we work with cardiologists around the Gulf Coast region to assist their patients with procedures. Here, patients will also find the region’s only 3D mapping system and advanced therapeutics for heart rhythm disorders.

To Refer a Patient: To initiate a referral, phone consult or transfer, please contact the Ochsner Regional Referral Center 24/7 at 1.855.OHS.LINK (647.5465). Same-day/next-day appointments are available.

For additional information, please visit [ochsner.org/heart](http://ochsner.org/heart).

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**Medical Knowledge** about established and evolving biomedical, clinical, and cognate (eg, epidemiological and social-behavior) sciences and the application of this knowledge to patient care.

**Practice-Based Learning and Improvement** that involves investigation and evaluation of one’s own patient care, appraisal and assimilation of scientific evidence, and improvements in patient care.

**Interpersonal and Communication Skills** that result in effective information exchange and teaming with patients, their families, and other health professionals.

**Professionalism** as manifested through a commitment to carrying out professional responsibilities, adherence to ethical principles, and sensitivity to a diverse patient population.

**Systems-Based Practice** as manifested by actions that demonstrate an awareness of and responsiveness to the larger context and system of healthcare and the ability to effectively call on system resources to provide care that is of optimal value.
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**PRACTICE-BASED LEARNING AND IMPROVEMENT** that involves investigation and evaluation of one’s own patient care, appraisal and assimilation of scientific evidence, and improvements in patient care.

**INTERPERSONAL AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS** that result in effective information exchange and teaming with patients, their families, and other health professionals.

**PROFESSIONALISM** as manifested through a commitment to carrying out professional responsibilities, adherence to ethical principles, and sensitivity to a diverse patient population.

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