



➤ **CO-SURGERY MODEL** ➤

Our patients will always have two fully trained certified surgeons. Co-surgery is significantly linked to better outcomes due to optimization of patient safety.

➤ **CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGY** ➤

We have forefront monitoring and surgical technology to have real-time information (MiraQ, HemoSphere, EPIQ3D, Visera4K) about our patients in any given scenario.

➤ **STREAMLINED REFERRAL** ➤

Referring patients to Bayamón Medical is easier and faster. We are now offering a direct cardiovascular contact number to help all your patients +1 787.691.4973.

➤ **HEART TEAM AT HAND 24/7** ➤

We have a comprehensive 24/7 Heart Team including general cardiologists, interventionalists, EPs, cardiothoracic surgeons, and cardiac anesthesiologists.

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Dear All,
Welcome to *Salud Cardiovascular*. Our hospital is the first healthcare institution in PR to implement a *co-surgery model* for all cardiac surgical patients. Aircrafts do not take off without at least two fully trained pilots. By the same token, our patients will always have two fully trained certified surgeons. Patient safety is and will always be our priority.

Javier Castillo, MD
Director, Hispanic Valve Center

Estimado todos,
Bienvenidos a *Salud Cardiovascular*. Bayamón es el primer hospital de PR en implementar un *sistema de cocirujanos* en cirugía cardiovascular. Un avión no despegar sin al menos dos pilotos entrenados. De la misma manera, nuestros pacientes dispondrán de dos cirujanos entrenados y certificados. La seguridad del paciente es y será siempre nuestra prioridad.

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Mitral Valve Reconstruction Reference Center
BAYAMON | PR

Despite the proven superiority of mitral repair over replacement for degenerative mitral disease, mitral valve replacement remains common. Guidelines now recommend referral of patients to valve centers of excellence or reference centers. Recently, the leading American (ACC, AHA, STS, AATS) and European (ESC, EACTS) scientific organizations have defined mitral centers of excellence as centers in which the likelihood of successful and durable repair exceeds 95% with an operative mortality risk of less than 1%. That is what we are now offering in Puerto Rico at Bayamón Medical Center.

Educational Webinars on Heart Valve Disease
MIAMI | FL

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought many limitations to peer-to-peer learning. However, the Hispanic Valve Center continues to lead the most attended international educational activities in Spanish, particularly those on management of valvular heart disease. In this context, we are progressively moving away from the classic bullet-point PPT to favor focused debates, interactive sessions with case presentations and audience response, workshops, and a more participative experience.

Spreading the Word about Heart Valve Disease
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We continue to encourage patients to learn more about signs and symptoms of heart valve disease. Our brochures inform about screening and importance of cardiac auscultation. You need an echocardiogram if you have a heart murmur (soplo cardíaco), shortness of breath (dificultad para respirar), weakness or dizziness (debilidad o mareo), chest pain or discomfort (dolor o presión en el pecho), fainting (desmayos), fatigue (fatiga), rapid or irregular heartbeat (arritmias), swollen abdomen or ankles and feet (hinchazón de abdomen, tobillos o pies).

Hispanic Heritage Month in the United States
BAYAMON | PR

The United States annually honors the Hispanic community with a Hispanic Heritage Month celebration that runs from September 15th to October 15th. This is also extended to Canada, Puerto Rico and Latin America. Hispanics make up 17.3% of the population (55.3M, being the second-largest ethnic group) and citizens of Mexican origin account for a total of two-thirds. About 70% of Hispanics over 65 years-old live in four states: California, Texas, New York, and Florida. By 2050, the Hispanic population in the United States is projected to be 119M.

The Latest COVID-19 Surgical Standards
WASHINGTON | DC

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented the medical community with a unique set of challenges. We are using the latest precautions to ensure we maintain our safety record and continue delivering superior patient outcomes. With these goals in mind, every surgical patient is routinely tested upon admission and we have modified all our policies to meet up to the minute standards.
<https://www.facs.org/covid-19/checklist>

Making an Impact on Patient Education

CIRUGIA CARDIOVASCULAR
Guía Completa para Pacientes y Familiares

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We are all working together to provide the highest-quality care by achieving complete patient understanding. In this context, the Hispanic Valve Center has developed a booklet for those patients who are in need of cardiovascular surgery. This comprehensive patient roadmap answers every single question. In addition, we have adapted, simplified, and fully translated the guidelines to improve and maximize patient understanding about indications and timing.

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<https://www.hispanicvalvecenter.org/portaldelpaciente>

New Bayamón Campus Visitor Guide - Supporting Patients and Families Every Step of the Way

Find Out Multiple Ways to Refer a Patient to the Hispanic Valve Center at Bayamón Medical

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