

ERLANGER EAST HOSPITAL

A STEMI Receiving Facility

When minutes can mean the difference between life or death.

STEMI (ST-Elevated Myocardial Infarction) Heart Attack is a time dependent life threatening condition requiring rapid recognition, diagnosis, and treatment.

Erlanger East Hospital offers 24/7/365 STEMI treatment and management as a STEMI Receiving Facility:

- Interventional/non intervention cardiology
- Cardiac catheterization lab with experienced staff
- Emergency Department
- Intensive Care Unit (ICU)

We are committed to providing coordinated care and meeting nationally recommended guidelines for immediate and coordinated heart attack care by focusing on:

- Expertise, facilities and equipment to perform non surgical rapid 'heart attack' coronary balloon/stent interventions to open the heart (coronary) artery
- 24/7/365 emergent percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) readiness
- Coordination with Emergency Medical Services to ensure rapid treatment of 'heart attack'
- Continuous team review for quality improvement based on national data

DID YOU KNOW

Tennessee ranks 7th in the nation for heart disease as the leading cause of death.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in Hamilton County.¹

¹2019 Hamilton County Health Department Public Health Department Assessment



For more information on Erlanger East Hospital, visit erlanger.org/east.



Are you having a heart attack?

A heart attack can occur at anytime. Some strike suddenly, but many who may experience a heart attack have warning signs and symptoms hours, days, or even weeks in advance. **If you notice one or more of the following signs in yourself or a loved one, immediately contact EMS by dialing 9-1-1.**

Heart attack warning signs:

Chest discomfort—most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center for the chest, which may last more than a few minutes and may go away and return over time. There may be uncomfortable pressure, fullness or a squeezing pain.

Discomfort in other areas of the upper body—pain may spread to the neck, jaw, shoulders, arms or stomach. The pain may be mild to intense.

Shortness of breath—this may include lightheadedness, fainting, sweating or nausea.

What should women know?

Heart attack symptoms in women are often misdiagnosed, because many do not experience chest pain. Signs of heart attacks in women often include:

- Abdominal pain or heartburn
- Feeling lightheaded or dizzy
- Clammy skin
- Unusual/unexplained fatigue

Cardiovascular Interventional Radiology Lab/Cath Lab

Erlanger East Hospital's Cardiovascular Interventional Radiology (CVIR) Lab offers residents in East Hamilton County, Bradley County, as well as North Georgia state of the art technology and procedures right in their own backyard. With the most advanced equipment and skilled clinicians, patients do not have to travel far to receive care.

The Erlanger East Hospital's CVIR Lab gives patients a broad range of leading edge heart, vascular and interventional radiology care close to home including:

- Left and right cardiac catheterizations
- Pressure wire
- Peripheral angiography to cerebral, carotid and lower extremity
- Intravascular ultrasound