

WVU Heart and Vascular Institute opens clinic in partnership with Highlands Hospital

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. – The [WVU Heart and Vascular Institute](#) has opened a clinic in partnership with [Highlands Hospital](#) in an effort to bring high quality heart and vascular care to residents of Fayette County.

“We are very excited and proud to be working with the WVU Heart and Vascular Institute,” Michelle Cunningham, Highlands Hospital CEO, said. “By entering into this new partnership, our patients have access to the most current procedures and treatments from a leader in cardiovascular care and research. WVU’s presence at Highlands Hospital reinforces our commitment of ensuring coordinated comprehensive care close to home.”

Cardiologist Brian Kazienko, M.D., and Cindy McMahon, A.P.P., are seeing patients in the clinic, which is located at 401 East Murphy Ave. in Connellsville.

Dr. Kazienko received his medical degree from the [WVU School of Medicine](#). He then completed an internal medicine residency at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, followed by a fellowship in cardiovascular disease at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh. He is board certified in cardiovascular medicine.

He and McMahon treat patients with a variety of heart conditions, including:

- Symptoms suggestive of heart disease, such as chest pain, shortness of breath, heart racing, and leg swelling (edema)
- Coronary artery disease
- Need(s) for heart catheterization and opening of blocked arteries
- Valvular heart disease (narrow or leaky valves)
- Heart rhythm issues (palpitations, atrial fibrillation)
- Congestive heart failure
- Peripheral arterial and venous diseases (poor circulation)
- Risk factors for heart disease, such as high cholesterol, hypertension, and family history of heart disease
- Preoperative evaluations
- Syncope

“We are proud of this partnership with Highlands Hospital to help develop cardiovascular services for the region,” [Vinay Badhwar, M.D.](#), executive chair of the WVU Heart and Vascular Institute, said. “Together we can provide Fayette County and the surrounding region with convenient access to advanced heart and vascular therapies.”

The clinic is open daily. For more information, including scheduling an appointment, call 844-484-0300.

For more information on the WVU Heart and Vascular Institute, visit www.mywvuheart.com.

For more information on Highlands Hospital, visit www.highlandshospital.org.

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