



CARDIOLOGY

OF CENTRAL ALABAMA

- **Heart Catheterization, Pacemaker, ICD, Bi-Vent, Implantable Loop Recorders**
 - Please register at **OUTPATIENT SURGERY REGISTRATION** the day prior to your procedure. Take your order sheet with you.
 - **YOU WILL NEED SOMEONE TO REMAIN AT THE HOSPITAL WITH YOU DURING THE PROCEDURE. YOU WILL BE UNABLE TO DRIVE FOR 24 HOURS AFTER THE PROCEDURE. THEREFORE, YOU WILL NEED SOMEONE TO DRIVE YOU HOME.**
 - If you have any questions, please call our office at 256-234-2644.
 - Please report to Russell Medical Center on the day of your assigned procedure.
 - Upon arrival please go to the Second Floor Step Down Unit.
 - You will be prepared for the procedure and given further instructions. If an emergency arises, your case may be delayed or rescheduled.
 - Please do not eat or drink anything after midnight unless otherwise instructed.
 - Please continue to take all medications as usual with sips of water.
 - If you are diabetic, please do not take your diabetic tablet or Insulin the morning of your catheterization unless instructed to do so.
 - If you are taking Glucophage, (Metformin or any combination medicine containing Metformin), please stop your Glucophage (Metformin or any combination medicine containing Metformin) on the day you are told at the office and restart your Glucophage Metformin or any combination medicine



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containing Metformin) on the day that is stated on your discharge instructions, which should be three days after your procedure.

- If you are taking Coumadin, you will need to stop your Coumadin on the day you are told at the office prior to your procedure.
 - ***Please bring all of your medications with you to take while in the hospital.**
- **Heart Catheterization Lab: (Procedures that take place in the Cath Lab: Heart Catheterizations, Pacemaker, ICD, Bi-Vent, Implantable Loop Recorders, and TEE)**



Interventional cardiologists perform procedures such as angiograms in catheterization laboratories like this one.