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ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER OPENS MERCER COUNTY'S FIRST [ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY LABORATORY](#)

TRENTON – St. Francis Medical Center recently held a blessing and dedication ceremony for the opening of Mercer County's first state-of-the-art Electrophysiology (EP) Laboratory equipped to diagnose and treat conditions related to the heart's electrical system.

Under the medical direction of Dr. John Caplan, the EP Laboratory offers the latest in electrophysiology diagnostic testing including: tilt table testing used to evaluate unexplained syncope (fainting), electrophysiology studies to establish the site or origin of a fast or slow heart rate; pacemaker implantations to regulate the heart's rhythm and prevent the heart from slowing down; defibrillator insertions to treat dangerously fast heart rates that occur in the heart's lower chambers, and Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy (CRT), which is the implantation of a device that can pace the bottom two chambers of the heart in order to improve the heart's functions.

The EP Unit is located on the 4th floor of the medical center and the hours of operation are from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. For more information about the EP Lab, please call (609) 599-5055.

According to Jerry Jablonowski, president and CEO of St. Francis Medical Center, "The opening of the EP Laboratory at St. Francis St. Francis Medical Center, a member of [Catholic Health East](#), is an acute care teaching hospital, which features regional services including the [Heart Hospital](#), [Fox Chase Cancer Center](#), [Neuroscience Institute](#), [Sleep Disorders Center](#), and an extensive [Community Outreach Program](#). St. Francis Medical Center is also the first hospital in the Trenton/Mercer area to achieve Magnet Recognition for Nursing Excellence by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Medical Center is the final phase of our comprehensive cardiac program – the only one in Mercer County - from prevention, to diagnosis to surgery to rehabilitation. The EP Lab opening reflects our mission to meet the healthcare needs of our patients and to assure our community that our future is their future."