



Medical Firsts in Heart Care

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2001

World's first and second AbioCor® Implantable Replacement Heart

2001

Kentucky's first implantation of the Acorn CorCap Cardiac Support device

1999

Kentucky's first liquid ventilation

1998

United States' first two-year Novacor ventricular assist device (VAD) survival patient

1998

Kentucky's first percutaneous myocardial revascularization (PMR)

1998

Kentucky's first "Beta Cath" following balloon angioplasty

1997

United States' first free-standing heart research facility on a private hospital campus

1997

Kentucky's first sheath lead extraction

1996

World's first minimally invasive saphenous vein harvest

1996

Region's first ventricular remodeling surgery

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Region's first port-access mitral valve surgery

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Kentucky's first cardiomyoplasty

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Kentucky's first coronary stent implant



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1992

Kentucky's first use of Novacor VAD

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Kentucky's first dedicated emergency heart center

1990

Kentucky's first atherectomy

1988

Kentucky's first hospital designed as a Federally-Approved Medicare Heart Transplant Center

1988

Kentucky's first adult heart and lung transplant

1987

Kentucky's first use of the Bird High-Frequency Ventilator

1987

Kentucky's first coronary laser angioplasty

1987

Kentucky's first use of coronary excimer laser

1985

World's first successful heart transplant following the use of a Thoratec ventricular assist device

1985

Kentucky's first juvenile VAD implantation

1984

Kentucky's first adult heart transplant

1981

Kentucky's first coronary angioplasty

1980

Kentucky's first hyperbaric oxygen treatment facility

1965

Western Kentucky's first adult open heart surgery