Physician Assistant

The Physician Assistant (PA) for Cardiac, Vascular & Thoracic Surgery works closely with the surgeon and other physicians on a daily basis. Under the surgeon’s supervision, the PA manages and coordinates both inpatient and outpatient care. Responsibilities include seeing office and hospital consults, pre-operative teaching, ordering tests and interpreting results, and managing post-operative care.

Joseph F. Kirby (Jr.), MMSc, PA-C
- Physician Assistant for Cardiac, Vascular and Thoracic Surgery, January 1998 – Present
- Emory University School of Medicine Physician Assistant Program
- Member of American Academy of Physician Assistants; Virginia Academy of Physician Assistants; Association of Physician Assistants in Cardiovascular Surgery
- Certified by National Commission of the Certification of Physician Assistants

Clinic Administrator

The Clinic Administrators work directly for the Chief of Cardiac, Vascular & Thoracic Surgery. Responsibilities include scheduling surgeries, office consultations, and outpatient diagnostic and preoperative testing.

Gale Yoder
- Clinic Administrator, October 1989 – Present

Practice Assistant

Alaina Harris
- Practice Assistant, July 2014 – Present
CARDIOVASCULAR CLINICIANS

The CV Clinician for Cardiac, Vascular & Thoracic Surgery functions in a physician-extending role by directing and coordinating the care of the CVT patient using the protocols and standards which have been developed to direct the management of patient care. All clinical activities are performed in collaboration with the CVT surgeon.

Lauren Abate, CRNP
- Cardiovascular Clinician at Virginia Hospital Center
  February 2017 – Present
- Masters of Science in Nursing, University of Cincinnati
- Board Certified Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Megan Lange, ACNP
- Cardiovascular Clinician at Virginia Hospital Center
  May 2017 – Present
- Masters of Science, Georgetown University; Doctor of Nursing Practice, University of Maryland
- Board Certified Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Heather McCorry, MSN, FNP-BC
- Cardiovascular Clinician at Virginia Hospital Center
  January 2002 – Present
- Masters of Science in Nursing, George Mason University
- Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner

Lori Brien, MS, ACNP-BC
- Cardiovascular Clinician at Virginia Hospital Center
  December 1999 – Present
- Masters of Science, Georgetown University
- Board Certified Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Jillian Riley, MSN, FNP-C
- Cardiovascular Clinician at Virginia Hospital Center
  October 2015 – Present
- Masters of Science in Nursing, George Mason University
- Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner

Marie Clark, MSN, ACNP-BC
- Cardiovascular Clinician at Virginia Hospital Center
  May 1997 – Present
- Masters of Science in Nursing, University of Maryland
- Board Certified Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Jody Roupe, MSN, ACNP-BC
- Cardiovascular Clinician at Virginia Hospital Center
  January 1999 – Present
- Masters of Science in Nursing, University of Maryland
- Board Certified Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Dan Haldeman, MSN, AGACNP
- Cardiovascular Clinician at Virginia Hospital Center
  October 2015 – Present
- Masters of Science in Nursing, University of Pennsylvania
- Board Certified Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Cathy Tierney, MSN, ACNP-BC
- Cardiovascular Clinician at Virginia Hospital Center
  August 1999 – Present
- Masters of Science in Nursing, University of Maryland
- Board Certified Acute Care Nurse Practitioner