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Offering first-class cardiology care

According to the Irish Heart Foundation, heart disease is Ireland's number one killer and approximately 10,000 people die from the disease annually.

For this reason, **Hermitage Medical Clinic** believes that it is essential to provide a first-class, patient-centred cardiology service. "To do that we have a fully functional cardiac catheterisation laboratory (cath lab) with a team that works from 8am to 10pm if required," says renowned interventional cardiologist, Prof David Foley.

"The cath lab at the HMC has state-of-the-art technology for invasive heart disease treatment which includes the capability to carry out stenting of the coronary arteries, the most common form of coronary heart disease treatment nowadays."

The hospital also offers a full range of non-invasive cardiac services including ultrasound



examination of the heart (echo), exercise testing, cardiac MRI, cardiac CT and Cardiac Nuclear Imaging.

Dr Brendan McAdam, Consultant Cardiologist at HMC and Beaumont Hospital and a Senior Lecturer in Cardiology at the RCSI, outlines HMC's offering for cardiac imaging.

HMC's Cardiology Department offers services such as cardiac CT to test and quantify the extent of coronary calcification and to determine the risk of cardiovascular events. CT coronary angiography

also allows non-invasive coronary angiography in selected patients.

However, the gold standard imaging technique for diagnosis of disease of the heart muscle is cardiac MRI which is also available at the HMC. Cardiac MRI or cardiac magnetic resonance imaging (CMR) is now a well established, important non-invasive diagnostic tool in the assessment of a wide spectrum of cardiac disorders.

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