



STURDY
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

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**IMPLANTABLE CARDIOVERTER-DEFIBRILLATOR
AT STURDY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

ATTLEBORO, MA – March 10, 2014 – An implantable cardioverter-defibrillator (ICD) is a small electronic device that is implanted into your body. It is designed to treat life-threatening rapid heart rhythms. The ICD monitors your heart rhythm at all times. If it senses a dangerously fast heart rhythm, the ICD delivers electrical impulses and/or shocks to restore a normal heart rhythm.

ICD implantation and monitoring are both available at Sturdy Memorial Hospital. Patients who have experienced heart failure or arrhythmias can get a referral from their primary care physicians to see a cardiologist at Sturdy Cardiology Associates. Once evaluated by a cardiologist, and if it is determined the patient fits the criteria of needing a device, they will then be seen by a Boston Medical Center (BMC) physician at Sturdy Cardiology Associates' Attleboro office. The implantations are done in the Cardiac Catheterization Lab at Sturdy Memorial Hospital and are accompanied by education on living with the device. For more information, please call the Cardiac Catheterization Lab at **508-236-7490**.

Sturdy Cardiology Associates is located at 2 Hayward Street in Attleboro. The practice is one of seventeen managed by Sturdy Memorial Associates (SMA) and is affiliated with Sturdy Memorial Hospital.

Sturdy Memorial Hospital is a full-service, independent, financially stable, not-for-profit acute care community hospital in Attleboro, Massachusetts.

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