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An Inside Look at Stanford Hospital & Clinics

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"I was never sick. I never once thought about my heart giving me problems."

—Donna Jackson

## PORTABLE HEART PUMP ALTERNATIVE TO TRANSPLANT

What Was Once Just a Bridge Takes Over as Long-Term Rescue for Failing Hearts

Donna Jackson's first reaction to the news that she needed a heart transplant was to do nothing. But after a heart-to-heart with her great granddaughter, she made another choice-- one that meant she could live without a transplant. [READ FULL ARTICLE AND WATCH VIDEO>](#)



### Where Immunotherapy's Core Science Discovered, Ground-breaking Cancer Treatment Begins

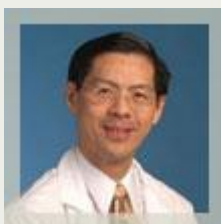
After Peter Alfke stopped responding to regular treatment for prostate cancer, his Stanford Cancer Center physicians, including Russell Pachynski, MD, offered him a ground-breaking immunotherapy treatment that ordered his immune system to recognize his cancer as an enemy.

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### New Device Puts the Freeze on Atrial Fibrillation

Eugene Tsugi, a cycling enthusiast, underwent a novel treatment for his abnormal heart rhythm at Stanford Hospital & Clinics. The treatment was developed with Paul Wang, MD, an expert on atrial fibrillation at Stanford. [READ FULL ARTICLE >](#)



### Hospital Offers Innovative, Hybrid Procedure for Cases of Atrial Fibrillation

Cardiologists and heart surgeons at Stanford Hospital are honing a new technique to treat the most difficult cases of atrial fibrillation.

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### Super-fast, Super-Accurate, the LA-15 Gives Stanford a First

The Stanford Cancer Center was one of the first five treatment centers in the world to have the TrueBeam STX, and the Stanford team's use of all its advanced SABR technology makes Stanford's TrueBeam, known as LA-15, one of the fastest and most accurate radiation therapy machines in the world.

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