About the Aortic Program at OHSU

The Aortic Program at OHSU Knight Cardiovascular Institute is your partner in caring for patients with known or suspected aortic disease. We help you provide the most advanced aortic disease care available, including access to clinical trials of the latest treatments.

You and your patients benefit from full access to the resources of OHSU, Oregon’s only academic medical center. The Aortic Program brings together nationally and internationally recognized clinicians and researchers in cardiovascular surgery, cardiology, diagnostic and interventional imaging, and related disciplines. We tailor our multidisciplinary, collaborative approach to each patient’s individual needs. We partner with you every step of the way, providing complete information to assist you in resuming the patient’s care.

Conditions and when to refer

The Aortic Program’s physicians, surgeons and other providers are highly experienced at treating all types of aortic diseases. We welcome referrals of patients with any aortic condition, including:

- Aortic aneurysms, dissections, stenosis and occlusion in all anatomic locations, including the ascending aorta, aortic root and arch, thoracic, abdominal and thoracoabdominal aorta
- Aortic thrombosis, intramural hematoma and penetrating ulcer
- Genetic syndromes – Such as Marfan, Turner, Loeys-Dietz and Ehler-Danos
- Bicuspid aortic valve
- Coarctation of the aorta
- Traumatic injury to the aorta

Comprehensive aortic disease services

The OHSU Aortic Program provides consultation, treatment for acute aortic conditions and ongoing and comprehensive medical management for aortic disease, depending on your needs. Services include:

- **The most current multimodality aortic imaging**, including CT and invasive angiography, echocardiography and cardiac CT and MRI
- **Medical monitoring** – For small aneurysms or dissections that do not require surgery
- **Aneurysm open repair** – For large or ruptured aneurysms
- **Endovascular surgery** – OHSU offers endovascular repair of aneurysms of the thoracic and abdominal aorta (TEVAR and EVAR) as well as fenestrated endovascular repair (FEVAR) of complex aortic aneurysms of the aorta
- **Combination surgery** – We can combine stent placement with traditional surgery
Our approach to aortic repair

Our multidisciplinary team of heart and aortic specialists aims to find the safest, most reliable and least invasive treatment for your patient. Once the aortic team and additional specialists review your patients’ situation, we talk to you, the patient and family about the advantages and disadvantages of recommended treatment, offering as many options as possible.

The OHSU Knight Cardiovascular Institute has specialized cardiovascular operating rooms and a cardiac intensive care unit. We set high standards for care in our Magnet®-recognized hospital.

When you partner with the OHSU Aortic Program

OHSU’s aortic specialists are your partner for aortic disease care. We provide the results of your patient’s consultation and serve as a resource for follow-up, including:

- Letter with Aortic Program evaluation impressions and treatment plan
- Personal phone call from the OHSU Aortic Program physician, and ongoing consultation with you as desired
- Access to OHSU Connect – Secure, web-based electronic medical record portal for immediate access to your patient’s results

Contact the OHSU Aortic Program

Please feel free to consult with us about any patient with an aneurysm, suspected aneurysm or aortic dissection. Contact OHSU Physician Consult and Referral Services at 800 245-6478.