

A Hole in the Heart – patching the heart wall without surgery

Patients with **defects in the wall separating the chambers of the heart** may experience a host of problems or, sometimes, no symptoms at all.

Doctors at Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center can often reach the heart-wall defect and repair it, without having to resort to surgery. Specialists access the defect with catheters, and then clamp the hole shut with fine mesh discs over which heart tissue will seal. The treatment can correct symptoms caused by abnormal flow of blood in the heart and decrease the patient's risk of complications.



New, occluder devices allow heart specialists to place finely woven patches over each side of abnormal openings of the interior, atrial wall of the heart.

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