

# TriStar Centennial

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## MEDICAL CENTER

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### **COMMUNITY WIDE DRILL TO FURTHER IMPROVE ALL ASPECTS OF PATIENT CARE FOR THOSE SUFFERING HEART ATTACK**

**NASHVILLE/SPRING HILL, Tenn.** – Aug. 24, 2015 – TriStar Spring Hill ER and TriStar Centennial Medical Center will team up on Wednesday, Aug. 26 with local emergency response organizations to stage a drill that will test preparedness for the treatment of patients with heart attack.

The drill will begin with a 911 call dispatching the Spring Hill Fire Department and LifeGuard EMS to the site of the emergency. The Walmart store located at 4959 Main Street in Spring Hill will serve as the site for the exercise, with the role of the “heart attack patient” being filled by Spring Hill Fire Chief, Terry Hood. Chief Hood will be transported by EMS to TriStar Spring Hill ER for evaluation and treatment. The drill scenario calls for a heart attack patient that requires AirEvac transport to TriStar Centennial Medical Center and treatment in that facility’s cardiac catheterization lab. Taking part will be the TriStar Spring Hill ER medical and emergency department staff, AirEvac Lifeteam, LifeGuard EMS, Spring Hill Fire Department, Spring Hill 911 Dispatch and the physicians and staff of TriStar Centennial Medical Center.

“Heart attacks are one of the leading causes of death in the United States, with 600,000 dying annually of heart disease, says Terry Hood, Spring Hill Fire Chief. “It is our mission here in Spring Hill to ensure that our community is aware of the signs and symptoms of a heart attack and that our first responders are trained and prepared to follow life-saving critical care protocols in providing effective cardiac emergency care.

The participating organizations in the drill will focus on opportunities to improve all aspects of patient care, including a seamless transportation process and treatment and intervention protocols. The emphasis on treating patients with a heart attack is minimizing “door to balloon” time, or the time it takes to get the patient from arrival to the cardiac catheterization lab and inflation of a balloon catheter within the patient’s blocked artery.

TriStar Spring Hill ER and TriStar Centennial Medical Center are working with the community and first responders to improve all aspects of “door to treatment” times at local facilities as well as improve transport times for patients that require life-saving surgical interventions. National guidelines developed by the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association state that hospitals should achieve “door to balloon” time of 90 minutes or less. TriStar Centennial Medical Center’s “door to balloon” time average is already below the 90-minute benchmark.

“Our emergency department is committed to meeting and exceeding a wide set of stringent criteria and as we continue to serve the healthcare needs of patients here in Spring Hill and surrounding communities. This drill is an important component,” said Keri McKamey, Director of the TriStar Spring Hill ER. “We remain committed to working closely with our community partners to ensure we are providing the best emergency care services and improving patient outcomes.”

**About TriStar Centennial Medical Center**

TriStar Centennial Medical Center, part of HCA/TriStar Health System, is a 657-bed facility accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. One of Tennessee’s most complete medical facilities, the hospital campus is also home to The Sarah Cannon Cancer Center at Centennial, The Children’s Hospital at Centennial, Women’s Hospital at Centennial, Centennial Heart & Vascular Center, as well as Parthenon Pavilion, one of the oldest and largest full-service psychiatric facilities in the region. Round-the-clock care is also available at TriStar Ashland City Medical Center, a critical access hospital in nearby Cheatham County. To learn more, visit [TriStarHealth.com](http://TriStarHealth.com) and click on TriStar Centennial Medical Center or call 800-242-5662.

**About TriStar Spring Hill ER:**

TriStar Spring Hill ER, located at 3001 Reserve Boulevard, Spring Hill, TN 37174, is a full-service, free-standing emergency department staffed by board-certified physicians and emergency care staff. In addition to the physician specialties mentioned, the ER has dedicated medical laboratory and imaging diagnostic services, telemedicine technology for consult with specialists, and features a helipad for expedited transport to area hospitals for seriously ill or injured patients. For more information about TriStar Spring Hill ER, including a location map and directions, services overview, and outpatient imaging or medical laboratory services, visit [TriStarHealth.com/SpringHill](http://TriStarHealth.com/SpringHill) or call TriStar MedLine® at (615) 342-1919.

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