



**Columbia Heart physician practice joins
Palmetto Health-USC Medical Group, part of Prisma Health**

*Frequently asked questions
as of Oct. 1, 2019*

Q: What is happening to Columbia Heart and Palmetto Heart?

A: Columbia Heart is becoming a part of the Palmetto Health-USC Medical Group, Division of Cardiology. Beginning Tuesday, Oct. 1, the practice will be called Palmetto Health-USC Cardiology Columbia Heart. Palmetto Heart (an existing Medical Group practice) will be known as Palmetto Health-USC Cardiology Palmetto Heart. These two will continue to operate as separate practices.

Q: What is Palmetto Health-USC Cardiology?

A: Palmetto Health-USC Cardiology is a leader in services and care for cardiac patients in the Midlands and across South Carolina. This newly combined team will continue its excellence in care, teaching and quality. The practice also includes the Advanced Heart Health Center for heart failure, which is nationally recognized for its high performance in heart failure treatment.

Q: Are Columbia Heart physicians now employed by the Palmetto Health-USC Medical Group?

A: Yes, the 15 physicians and seven advanced practice providers – all of the providers currently employed by Columbia Heart – are becoming Medical Group team members. The existing more than 90 supporting team members from Columbia Heart also are joining us – some as part of the Medical Group and some as part of the Prisma Health Heart Hospital.

Q: Is there a new location/facility?

A: No. Palmetto Health-USC Cardiology Columbia Heart will still be located inside Prisma Health Heart Hospital. Columbia Heart's five satellite clinics in Newberry, Winnsboro, Chester, Manning and Kingstree, will continue to operate, now as part of Palmetto Health-USC Cardiology.

Q: What changes will patients and team members notice?

A: Signs will reflect the new name and help direct patients to the right location.