

Memorial Health Care System

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Chattanooga Heart Institute Physicians Relocate

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. – Memorial Health Care System proudly announces that Dr. Samuel Ledford and Dr. Stephen Monroe of the Chattanooga Heart Institute have relocated from CHI's East Third Street office to better serve their patients.

Dr. Ledford's office is now located at CHI's main office, 2501 Citico Ave., on the Memorial Hospital campus.

Dr. Monroe is seeing patients at the CHI office at Memorial North Park Hospital, 2051 Hamill Road, Suite 2000.

Dr. Ledford is an interventional cardiologist with CHI. He performed the first percutaneous patent foramen ovale (PFO) closure on an adult patient in the Chattanooga region. This implant is less invasive than open heart surgery thereby posing fewer risks to the patient. He served 22 years in the U.S. Navy and completed a fellowship in Cardiovascular Disease at the National Naval Medical Center at Bethesda and a fellowship in Interventional Cardiology at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan.

Dr. Monroe also is an interventional cardiologist and was one of the first cardiologists in this area to perform radial catheterizations. Currently, he is involved in a number of cardiology research studies either as principal investigator, co-investigator or sub-investigator, or protocol co-author. He is also currently participating in ongoing clinical trials.

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