Cardiovascular Firsts

1985

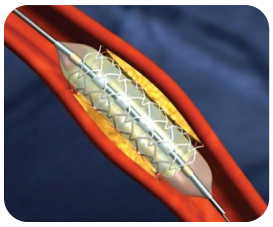
- Scripps enters into an ongoing partnership with Kaiser Permanente as the exclusive provider of cardiac surgery for its local members

1988

- First rotoblator procedure in the United States to break up plaque in the arteries
- First in San Diego to use catheter ablation to cure arrhythmias

1990

- First in Southern California to surgically correct Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome
- First in Southern California to perform open heart surgery to cure arrhythmias



- One of the first stents (Palmaz-Schatz) co-invented by a Scripps cardiologist

1995

- World's first vascular radiation therapy procedures
- First in the U.S. to implant a dual-chamber defibrillator

2005

- First heartpod—a sensor that transmits information to a wireless, handheld computer—in the Western United States

2008

- First percutaneous cardiac valve replacement in San Diego

2009

- First in Southern California to utilize CARTO sound mapping technology in atrial fibrillation ablation
- One of the first hospitals in country to utilize Hansen Sensei X robot for catheter ablation
- First in California to utilize Carrot EP lab-integrated monitor system.

2010

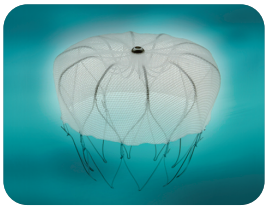
- First in the United States to apply genotyping to improve heart care
- First use of genetic testing to determine treatment efficacy
- First in the world to test a MEM sensor to evaluate cardiac dyssynchrony and biventricular pacing

2011

- First Vscan technology allowing for wireless monitoring and diagnosis

2012

- First in San Diego to use approved cryoablation (cold) technology to cure atrial fibrillation
- One of three cardiovascular sites to participate in Zio Patch study



- First in California to Study Watchman Device
- First in San Diego to use Lariat® Suture Delivery Device

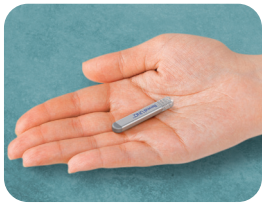
2013

- First in San Diego to successfully use the AngioVac venous drainage system
- Only West Coast site for nationwide stem cell clinical trial, ATHENA
- First in the country to use Capitivia thoracic stent graft after FDA approval

- First in San Diego to use a percutaneous MitraClip for high risk surgical patients
- First in California to insert an Endologix AFX stent graft after FDA approval
- "First in humans" ALLSTAR study to evaluate infused allogeneic cardiosphere-derived stem cells (CAP-1002) in patients who have had a recent MI

- First in San Diego to study Absorb dissolvable stent implant for heart disease treatment in clinical trial

2014



- First in the United States to implant the Reveal LINQ™ Insertable Cardiac Monitor (ICM)
- First in Southern California to implant the Nanostim™ leadless pacemaker

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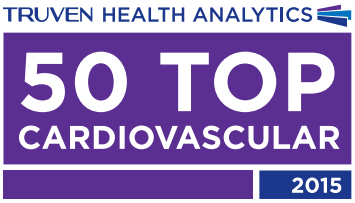
Accolades and Recognition

U.S. News & World Report's 2014-2015 Best Hospitals national rankings named the combined heart programs of Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla and Scripps Green Hospital #18 in the nation for cardiology and heart surgery.

U.S. News & World Report's 2013-2014 Best Hospitals regional rankings named Scripps Mercy Hospital among the best in the region for cardiology and heart surgery.

Becker's Hospital Review named Scripps Health to its annual "100 Hospitals and Health Systems with Great Heart Programs."

Scripps Health is the only California health system named among the Top 15 Health Systems in the Nation by Truven Health Analytics, formerly Thomson Reuters.



Scripps Green Hospital was named one of the 50 top cardiovascular hospitals in the United States by Truven Health Analytics for the sixth time.

For the fourth consecutive year and the sixth time overall, Scripps Green Hospital has been named among the 100 Top Hospitals in the Nation by Truven Health Analytics.

Scripps Health is recognized as a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in America.

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