



# Ascension St. Vincent Foundation

## Expanding cardiology fellow positions in Indiana through the creation of the Eric N. Prystowsky, MD Cardiology Fellowship

Ascension St. Vincent is Indiana's leading provider of world-class heart care, and is known for its programs and services that include industry-leading heart specialists, modern facilities, and cutting-edge technology. As a result, Ascension St. Vincent is also regularly recognized as one of the nation's top health systems for heart care by numerous publications and professional organizations. **Ascension St. Vincent Heart Center was recently ranked #1 in Indiana and #2 in the country by *Money Magazine's* 2024 list of the best hospitals for cardiac care.**

**"With not enough clinicians available to meet the needs of an ever-increasing patient population, the cardiology profession is on the brink of a crisis."\***

Ascension St. Vincent is highly qualified to take a leadership role in addressing this critical workforce shortage that threatens to impact the future of heart care. The creation of the **Eric N. Prystowsky, MD Cardiology Fellowship** will help expand the cardiology training program at Ascension St. Vincent, which has a proven track record of training leaders in cardiology who are committed to their careers and prepared to excel in the art and science of cardiovascular medicine.

### About Eric N. Prystowsky, MD, FAHA, FACC, FHRS



This new cardiology fellowship position will be named in honor of longtime Ascension St. Vincent cardiologist, Dr. Eric N. Prystowsky, to recognize his leadership and legacy. Dr. Prystowsky has been with Ascension St. Vincent since 1988, specializing in electrophysiology and serving as the

Director of the Cardiac Arrhythmia Service. He also pioneered and spearheaded the cardiology fellowship program at Ascension St. Vincent.

*\*Workforce in Crisis, Charting the Path Forward, American College of Cardiology, Cardiology Magazine, June 2, 2023*

## Building a sustainable future

Due to the limited availability of federal graduate medical education funds, philanthropic support is needed to expand the cardiology fellowship program. The fellowship requires a \$5.5 million endowment to permanently fund the position. This investment will help ensure a steady stream of highly trained cardiologists and also secure the future of heart care for Indiana and beyond.

**In order to develop and train the next generation of leaders in cardiology, your help is needed.** You are invited to partner with Ascension St. Vincent as it takes another step in building its reputation as a nationally-recognized leader in cardiology. With heart disease as the leading cause of death among men and women in the U.S., your donation will help save countless lives by addressing a critical need in healthcare.

## Cardiology Fellowship Philanthropy Committee

Led by Dr. Mary Norine Walsh, a group of industry-leading physicians, donors and community members are spearheading the effort to address the critical cardiology physician shortage through the creation of this fellowship endowment. Please join them in their commitment to continue Ascension St. Vincent's legacy of being a nationally-recognized leader in providing cardiac care.

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