

# EXCEPTIONAL HEART CARE IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

## 1000th patient treated in Gerald Champion's Cardiac Cath Lab

Gerald Champion is making lifesaving heart care available right here in Alamogordo -- from preventive care and early diagnostics to inpatient treatment.

### When it comes to the heart, time is everything.

Just ask Robert Vasquez, the 1000th patient treated in Gerald Champion's Cardiac Cath Lab since 2015. From "I think I'm having a heart attack" to recovering at home the next day, Mr. Robert Vasquez is thankful for the cath lab and team at Gerald Champion.

“ I was sitting at home when I felt a heavy weight on my chest and in my throat. Those were telling signs that made me think I was having a heart attack. My son took me to the emergency room.

They got me into the cath lab right away. When I woke up the pressure was gone, my family said my eyes were clearer and I could see the color in my hands had improved. Lying in the ICU bed that night, I remembered I did the wiring in the new ICU construction. When I was on the ladder pulling wires, I never dreamed I would one day be in this very ICU, thankful for my life.

This is an amazing place, and I helped build it! ”



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