



MedStar Health

Cardiac Surgery



"My goal for each patient is to provide the best quality of life for the longest time possible. I'm guided and motivated to do what's in each person's best interest. The only way that my patients can make the best treatment decisions for themselves is to have a realistic idea of their situation, as terrifying as it may feel." **–Keki R. Balsara, MD**

Heart Transplantation and Mechanical Circulatory Support surgeon joins MedStar Heart and Vascular Institute.

Keki R. Balsara, MD, MBA, FACS, FACC, is the new Surgical Director of Heart Transplantation and Mechanical Circulatory Support at the MedStar Heart and Vascular Institute located at MedStar Washington Hospital Center. As a board-certified cardiac surgeon and intensivist, Dr. Balsara sees patients across the entire spectrum of cardiac disease. This includes coronary artery disease, valvular heart disease, aortic pathology, and complex re-operative surgery. He has a particular interest in end-stage heart failure, heart transplantation, and mechanical circulatory support.

He brings with him a wealth of experience in expanding both the donor and recipient pools for transplantation, including the use of hepatitis-C and DCD (donor after cardiac death) donors, as well as broad utilization of the TransMedics® OCS™ Heart System platform and normothermic regional perfusion. Additional clinical interests include cardiac critical care and end-of-life care.

Dr. Balsara's credentials include:

Fellowships: Surgical Critical Care; End-Stage Heart and Lung Failure, Duke University School of Medicine

Cardiothoracic Surgery, Johns Hopkins Hospital

Internship and Residency: Duke University School of Medicine

Medical School: University of Pennsylvania

MedStar Heart & Vascular Institute— nationally recognized excellence in the Baltimore-Washington region.

MedStar Heart & Vascular Institute is a national leader in the research, diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease, and has been recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* and The Society of Thoracic Surgeons as one of the top cardiovascular programs in the nation. MedStar Heart & Vascular Institute and the Cleveland Clinic Heart, Vascular and Thoracic Institute, the nation's #1 heart program, enjoy a robust clinical and research relationship based on shared expertise. Patients benefit from rapid cycle quality improvements and the latest treatment protocols.

Referring physicians have access to recognized national leaders in multiple cardiac and vascular sub-specialties and local access to our cardiac and vascular physicians who have offices located throughout Maryland, Northern Virginia and the Greater Washington, D.C., region.

Practice locations:

MedStar Washington Hospital Center

110 Irving Street, NW
MHVI - First Floor North Addition
Washington, DC 20010

P 202-877-7464

F 202-877-3503



MedStar Washington
Hospital Center



MedStar Health

110 Irving St., NW
Room EB 7110
Washington, DC 20010

Visit [MedStarHealth.org](https://www.MedStarHealth.org) to learn more about Dr. Balsara.

To schedule a consultation with Dr. Balsara, please call **202-877-7464**.