

Among the Nation's Best for Complex Cardiac Care

3 Stars from the Society of Thoracic Surgeons in new multiprocedural category



McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center earned a 3-star rating—the highest possible—from the Society of Thoracic Surgeons in their new multiprocedural category. This places our program among the top heart surgery centers nationwide, based on exceptional outcomes in valve, CABG, and combination procedures.

This recognition reflects the strength of our program, led by Dr. Engstrom and supported by an experienced, high-performing heart team. We're proud to offer this level of care and welcome your referrals with confidence.

 **66min**

Patients spend an average of 66.6 minutes less in the OR compared to the national average, contributing to more efficient surgeries and reduced overall recovery time.

 **5hrs**

Patients spend an average of 5 hours less on mechanical ventilation compared to the national average, promoting quicker recovery and improved outcomes.

 **1.7days**

On average, patients are discharged home 1.7 days earlier after surgery compared to the national average.

 **3x**

Our surgical program achieves a readmission rate of just 3%, compared to the national average of 9.11%. This means patients are three times less likely to require readmission after surgery.

Leaders in Excellence



Nicholas Engstrom, MD



Claudia Lam, PA-C

Dr. Nicholas Engstrom, a board-certified cardiothoracic surgeon, and Claudia Lam, a nationally certified physician assistant, bring high-quality care to McKenzie Heart Group. Dr. Engstrom specializes in valve repair/replacement, coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG), and complex aortic procedures, as well as thoracic surgery for conditions like lung cancer and mediastinal masses. Claudia Lam, PA-C, has extensive experience in both cardiac and thoracic surgery. Together, they are dedicated to providing skilled, compassionate care, with their program being recognized as a 3-star program by the STS, the highest designation possible.

**Data derived from internal hospital quality reports, as well as outcomes tracked through the STS (Society of Thoracic Surgeons) Database and ARMUS reporting systems."*

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