

## Benefits

to Working in this Area

Working with the multidisciplinary team in providing the highest quality nursing care is very rewarding. Being part of the specialist team that performs dynamic and lifesaving procedures makes this a great learning environment. Strong relationships develop when working closely in this fast paced environment.

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# Welcome

The CV lab is a **dynamic** area to work as the **center of excellence** in treating cardiac disease for the much of Ireland. The service opens Monday to Friday and provides, out of hours, 24hr emergency cover for patients suffering MI. We also look after patients with electro physiology EP – rhythm disturbances, and patients with structural heart issues performing pioneering procedures, working with Ireland's most experienced cardiac specialists. Our interventional cardiologists, carry out PCI work on a daily basis, and range in specialties from congenital, to heart failure to chronic artery occlusions to pre cardiac transplant care. Nurses who are interested in a CV lab role should be detail- orientated and work well as part of a **Multidisciplinary team**. Cath Lab nurses should have a calm demeanor and work well under pressure in this critical care setting. As cardiology continues to evolve, and new technology's progress, nurses who work in the CV lab have the opportunity to enjoy learning and stay on top of the latest information.

# Opportunities

To rotate between the coronary care unit (CCU), and the CV lab gives nurses a thorough grounding in all aspects of cardiology, allowing them to become very knowledgeable practitioners.

A Post Graduate Diploma in cardiovascular studies is supported by both our staff facilitators, giving nurses every opportunity to facilitate their professional development.



# Projects / Research / Lean

We are currently part of the National Primary PCI Audit, and play a huge role in the development and improvement of the country wide primary PCI service.

As we continue to progress, currently we are changing our cardiac referral process to a paperless IT facility, as part of a hospital wide **Lean** process.

**Research** is on-going in the area, with highly educated nurses, radiographers, cardiac physiologists, cardiac senior registers, and interventional cardiologists attending educational journal meetings occur weekly.