History
In 2007, SCRI launched its cardiovascular research program with the establishment of Centennial Heart as a strategic investigative site. In 2008, Steven V. Manoukian, M.D., F.A.C.C., F.S.C.A.I., came to SCRI from Emory University to lead the cardiovascular research program. In 2009, a second strategic investigative site, Redmond Regional Medical Center/Harbin Clinic, was added, and R. Christopher Jones, M.D., F.A.C.C., joined as director of electrophysiology research.

Cardiovascular research at SCRI continues the legacy of cancer research initiated in 1993 by Tennessee Oncology researchers F. Anthony Greco, M.D., director of Sarah Cannon Cancer Center, and John D. Hainsworth, M.D., chief scientific officer, who shared a vision of bringing innovative treatments to cancer patients in the communities where they lived. They co-founded the Sarah Cannon Cancer Center, which quickly became the largest privately funded, community-based cancer program in the country. In 2004, the Sarah Cannon Research Institute was formed to expand the research initiatives of the Sarah Cannon Cancer Center.

Research Excellence
SCRI is setting the standard for effectively managed, reliable clinical research trials and has a growing network of nationally recognized clinical trial management programs in association with physician practices. Our comprehensive cardiovascular research program is designed to provide state-of-the-art, innovative approaches and facilitate a wide spectrum of comprehensive and cost-effective services rarely found in today’s management of clinical trials.

Services
SCRI specializes in clinical research services for physician groups, including program development, clinical trial pipeline development, regulatory affairs, quality assurance, contracts and budgets, site management, patient recruitment and marketing support. By integrating these capabilities into our organization, SCRI is able to effectively manage the growing demand for support in managing clinical trials.

Quality and Expertise
A solid operational infrastructure, experienced management team and sound strategic vision have well positioned SCRI to provide all of its partners—physicians and pharmaceutical companies—an optimal way to conduct quality, outcome-based clinical trials.
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Steven V. Manoukian, M.D., F.A.C.C., F.S.C.A.I., serves as director of cardiovascular research, Sarah Cannon Research Institute; medical director of cardiovascular services, Clinical Services Group (CSG), Hospital Corporation of America (HCA), Inc; and interventional cardiologist, Centennial Heart Cardiovascular Consultants; all in Nashville, TN. Previously, he held the role of director, interventional cardiology, Emory University Hospital Midtown in Atlanta, GA, and faculty member, Emory University School of Medicine, for 15 years.

Dr. Manoukian received his medical degree from New York University School of Medicine in New York, NY. He completed his residency and chief residency at the State University of New York at Stony Brook and completed his cardiology and interventional cardiology fellowships at Emory University School of Medicine. He is a member of the faculty of the Transcatheter Cardiovascular Therapeutics (TCT), American Heart Association (AHA), American College of Cardiology (ACC), Cardiovascular Revascularization Therapies (CRT) scientific sessions, Emory Practical Intervention Course (EPIC) and numerous other national and international meetings. He is active in interventional research, particularly regarding the efficacy and safety of antithrombin and antiplatelet therapy.

R. Christopher Jones, M.D., F.A.C.C., is director of electrophysiology research for Sarah Cannon Research Institute and an electrophysiologist at Centennial Heart Cardiovascular Consultants.

Dr. Jones received his medical degree from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and served as intern and resident on the Osler medical service at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD. He later completed a fellowship in cardiovascular disease at The Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Cleveland, OH. Dr. Jones furthered his cardiology training by completing an electrophysiology fellowship at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis, IN, under the tutelage of Dr. Eric Prystowsky.

He is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and its subspecialty board of Cardiovascular Diseases and Cardiac Electrophysiology. He is a member of the American College of Cardiology and a member of the faculty of the Heart Rhythm Society. His cardiac electrophysiology expertise includes evaluation of syncope and palpitations, medical management of arrhythmias, device implantation and follow-up, and catheter ablation of tachy-arrhythmias.

Our Vision:
To be a leader in cardiovascular research in order to provide the foundation for evidence-based strategies that facilitate optimal and cost-effective patient care.