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Dr. William K. Nasser, one of our founders of the International Society for Cardiovascular Disease Prevention, is being honored today with the dedication of a new facility in Indianapolis, Indiana. Although Dr. Nasser passed away in 2005 his legacy still lives on. Below is an excerpt from a newspaper article about his legacy. It was a privilege and great honor to have been a colleague and friend of his. For the full article please follow this link <http://tinyurl.com/y9garflh>.

A new medical education facility named for a Terre Haute heart surgeon is scheduled to be dedicated this week in Indianapolis.

The \$13.6 million William K. Nasser MD Healthcare Education and Simulation Center is designed to help train new healthcare professionals and keep current providers skilled in the latest practices.

Bill Nasser, who died in 2005, helped popularize heart catheterizations. He founded Nasser, Smith and Pinkerton cardiologists in Indianapolis, which became The Care Group. From one catheterization his office performed in 1973, the number had topped 11,000 by 2002, according to a Tribune-Star interview in 2003.

The hospital trains more than 2,000 medical residents and nursing students annually. The new 30,000 square foot facility features flexible space that can be modified to simulate a variety of settings. It will include responsive manikins and task-specific tools to give participants the look and feel of real patients.

“This will embody his spirit; it will last in perpetuity with his name on the building and solidify his place in history as the father of cardiology,” said Nasser’s son, Dr. Tony K. Nasser, also a cardiologist.

The senior Nasser was the first clinical cardiologist in Indiana and he worked to provide a statewide network to train healthcare providers.

If his father were still alive, he would say “he was so proud to be born and raised in Terre Haute and to give back to the community in a way that will carry on ... He would be so proud to help everyone.”

Calling his dad a “Terre Haute classic,” Tony Nasser said, “Our family is honored to have my father’s legacy endure forever.”

While Bill Nasser played a role in keeping thousands of people alive during his career, he underwent a series of pioneering operations himself to replace an aortic valve in 1961. At one point, he was the world’s longest living recipient of a heart valve.



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