



Continuum Health Partners, Inc.

The AI-Sabah Arrhythmia Institute

Executive Summary

The heart's health is closely tied to a regular rhythm and a dependable heartbeat, governed by a system of electrical impulses. A problem with this system, known as arrhythmia, may be life-threatening or trigger debilitating symptoms. In fact, cardiac arrhythmias are the single most common cause of death in the United States, accounting for 300,000 to 400,000 deaths annually and responsible for more than 1 million hospitalizations – numbers that will only increase as the population continues to age.

Under the leadership of Jonathan S. Steinberg, M.D., the AI-Sabah Director of the Arrhythmia Institute, St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospital's Arrhythmia Service is among the world's leaders in treating electrical disorders of the heart. Performing more than 2,500 procedures annually, the Arrhythmia Service is the largest such program in the New York metropolitan area. The Service's 17-member clinical team is dedicated to providing curative therapy for virtually all cardiac arrhythmias by using highly innovative and complex catheter techniques and improving the welfare and outcome of patients with heart disease through the use of sophisticated implantable devices. In addition, St. Luke's and Roosevelt's Arrhythmia Service conducts ongoing research, investigating new treatments to prevent the arrhythmic conditions of atrial fibrillation and sudden death.

To advance the arrhythmia field and raise awareness of the latest, lifesaving treatments, St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals will establish an Arrhythmia Institute that will consolidate the Service's physical plant in one state-of-the-art facility and serve as a think tank for advanced arrhythmia care, training and research. The first such center in the United States, the Institute's mission and purpose will be to provide outstanding arrhythmia care, offer physician and patient education and train tomorrow's specialists, while conducting ongoing research to clarify the mechanisms of cardiac arrhythmias and develop improved methods for diagnosis and treatment.

The Arrhythmia Institute will raise awareness of this life-threatening condition among physicians and patients, and quickly build a reputation as the facility of choice for state-of-the-art treatment of this increasingly common diagnosis. By gathering a critical mass of physicians, researchers and fellows specializing in arrhythmia, the Institute will create an environment of intellectual collaboration and medical advancement that will assure excellent patient care and groundbreaking research, and continue to attract and retain leaders in the field.

We seek to fully underwrite the capital construction costs and the purchase of equipment and advanced technology housed in this new facility. Your commitment to this important project would be a wonderful and fitting way to impact pioneering research, the training of future generations of electrophysiologists, and the care of countless patients suffering from this devastating illness.

We hope you share our vision. Thank you for your interest and consideration.