

Progressive Care

Zelda Bennett of Athens had a personal experience with **O'Bleness Memorial Hospital's catheterization laboratory for cardiac and vascular procedures** when she had a renal stent procedure this past spring. Located in the **Cornwell Center for Cardiovascular and Diabetes Care** at the hospital, the catheterization laboratory opened in 2006. It is the only such facility in the Athens area.



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Because she had high blood pressure that couldn't be explained by her medical history, Zelda's family physician, Imber Coppinger, DO, referred her to MidOhio Cardiology and Vascular Consultants in the Cornwell Center. Coppinger is associated with **Health First Care Center**, an affiliate of the O'Bleness Health System. Although an ultrasound of her kidneys showed a 60 percent blockage of the left kidney, a catheterization procedure showed an 80 percent blockage. A MidOhio cardiologist, Charles Botti, MD, FACC, was able to do a renal stent procedure immediately to open the blockage.

"I told Dr. Botti that I'm a one-time shopper — if there is something that needs to be done, go ahead and do it," Zelda said. "I don't like to drive in Columbus — it is so great to be able to have this done locally.

"I was nervous, but the nurses were a great help to me before and after the procedure," Zelda said. "They did everything they could to keep me at ease. They explained everything right up front — I didn't even have to ask questions. I couldn't

have gotten better care in the Cleveland Clinic! The staff follow-up really impressed me — they called me at home to make sure I was doing O.K. "Some people think you need to go to Columbus for health care, but that's not true! I was in the hospital here two years ago and I had quality care. I hear a lot of positive things about the Cornwell Center. I would recommend it to anybody. It's really top quality," Zelda added.