

## Sushil Karmarkar, MD

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2014 Cecil Cutting Leadership Award

Anyone who's had a cardiac catheterization procedure at Walnut Creek can be thankful to Sushil Karmarkar, MD.

When Dr. Karmarkar came to Walnut Creek, there was no cardiac cath lab; he helped design and develop the lab, which opened in 2007. A year later, he succeeded in making Walnut Creek a major receiving center for Contra Costa County residents who suffer acute heart attacks.

He's helping the state of California conduct a pilot program to allow hospitals without cardiac surgery services to perform elective angioplasty. The program's success promises to help expand the use of this life-saving procedure to many more hospitals throughout the state.

> Under Dr. Karmarkar's superb leadership, Walnut Creek has become a leader in cardiac care," says Abdul Wali, MD, Chief of Staff. "His team has produced spectacular results for our patients.