



Jesse E. Edwards, MD has made significant contributions to the field of cardiovascular disease. He is widely recognized as the first person to correlate clinical and pathological data in cardiology, and his work on the interplay

between the heart and lungs is considered a medical landmark.

Dr. Edwards founded the Registry in 1960 and retired in 1987. His opinions were widely sought by pathologists, cardiac surgeons and cardiologists around the world, and he continued to publish cardiac pathology textbooks until his death in 2008 at the age of 96.



Jack L. Titus, MD medical director and senior consultant of the Cardiovascular Registry from 1987- 2004. Dr. Titus is a renowed cardiovascular pathologist recognized worldwide.

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# Jesse E. Edwards Registry of Cardiovascular Disease

A guide for medical examiners, coroners and medical device companies



## **Mission and Goals**

The Jesse E. Edwards Registry of Cardiovascular Disease is a unique resource for the study of cardiovascular disease. The mission is accomplished by specific goals:

- To provide consultative diagnostic services for referred cardiovascular specimens derived from autopsies and surgically resected tissue
- To provide educational opportunities, primarily by preceptorial experiences, for the study of cardiovascular disease.
- To participate in investigational studies of cardiovascular disease.



Jesse E. Edwards, MD and Jack L. Titus, MD.

#### **Location and Parking**

United Hospital is located in downtown St. Paul, near the Cathedral of Saint Paul and Capitol Hill. United is easily accessible from I-35E (north and south), as well as the Marion and Kellogg exits from I-94 (east and west).

Patients, families and visitors may park in one of four ramps. All ramps are connected to United Hospital by underground corridors; the Gold Ramp also has a skyway. Valet parking is available from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday at the front entrance of the hospital, and from noon to 10 p.m. at the entrance to the Emergency Department.

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# What is the Registry

The Jesse E.
Edwards Registry
serves as a vital
repository of
knowledge that is
regularly utilized
by practicing
cardiac surgeons,
cardiologists and
other physicians



worldwide, particularly those dealing with rare or unusual cases. The extensive collection enables researchers and cardiovascular specialists in training to examine multiple examples of conditions so rarely seen that, without the specimens in the Jesse E. Edwards Registry, patterns of the disease would likely not be apparent.

Often, the Jesse E. Edwards Registry is the only place a physician can view a variety of cases that share similar features. Specimens date to the 1940s, and the Registry has one of the largest collections of hearts with unoperated, congenital conditions.

The Jesse E. Edwards Registry's resources also aid the development and testing of new diagnostic equipment and procedures. Many of the world's major cardiovascular device companies regularly access the information available through the Jesse E. Edwards Registry and send representatives for training.

Our specimens come from autopsies or surgical pathology referrals from many different institutions, including regional and national hospitals, medical examiners, coroners, medical device companies and tissue procurement organizations.



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- The Registry is recognized as an international center for cardiovascular research, education and training.
- Our pathologists provide cardiac and forensic consultative services for pathologists, medical examiners, coroners and device companies.
- The Registry has more than 23,000 cardiac specimens, making it one of the largest comprehensive and active collections.
- The Registry has examples of congenital and acquired heart disease, including many sudden cardiac death cases referred by medical examiners and coroners.
- The Registry continues to work closely with the cardiovascular medical community to stay up to date with the most recent conditions, diseases, procedures and treatment programs.
- The Registry also works with various medical device companies who develop new technologies in the fight against cardiac disease.



Staff
Shannon M. Mackey-Bojack, MD, medical director, is a forensic and cardiovascular pathologist, and trained with both Drs. Edwards and Titus. She joined the Registry in 2004.

and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Registry.



Emily R. Duncanson, MD, associate cardiovascular pathologist, is a forensic and cardiovascular pathologist, She joined the staff in 2008.

### Staff (continued)



Susan J. Roe, MD, associate cardiovascular pathologist, has extensive experience as a forensic pathologist. Dr. Roe joined the Registry upon completion of a Bush Medical Fellowship.



Richard Dykoski, pathology assistant, has more than 30 years of anatomic pathology experience. He trained with both Drs. Edwards and Titus.



Judy Anderson, office supervisor and Krista Barsness, administrative assistant provide exceptional support to our staff and visitors.



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