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1. Implementation of Echocardiography, including: transthoracic and transesophageal echocardiography, about 1200 cases per year, since 1998 until 2000 and from 2002 to 2004. [Currently 100-200/yr]
2. Implementation of Exercise Tolerance Test, about 700 cases per year, since 1998 until 2000 and from 2002 to 2004. [Currently 100-120/yr]
3. More than 200 Permanent Pacemaker implantation, 1998-2000.
4. Implementation of Angiography and cardiac catheterization: about 1000 cases annually, and more than 600/yr interventional procedures including coronary angioplasty, mitral and pulmonary valvuloplasty, few EVAR and renal artery angioplasty since 2002.

Publications:

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- 16) Yaghoubi A, Falsafi Z, Imani SH, **Ghaffari S**, Taghavi S. History of Fertility and Coronary Artery Disease in Iranian Women Older than 50 Years Old. J Cardiovasc Thorac Res 2009; Vol.1 (2): 33-36.
- 17) Jamshidi P, **Ghaffari S**, Mahmoodi K. Transpulmonary closing of left internal mammary artery to pulmonary artery fistula with polytetrafluoroethylene covered stent: a case report and review of literature. Cardiol J. 2009; 16(5):469-72. (6 citations).
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