

*April 30,*

### **Carolinas Medical Center Unveils New Pediatric Cardiac Cath Lab**

Continuing its tradition as the Charlotte region's first and only pediatric cardiology service, Carolinas Medical Center will open its new Pediatric Cardiac Catheterization Lab this week. The lab is designed to treat children – mainly those with congenital heart defects – prior to surgery. The Lab will be directed and staffed by physicians and technicians from The Sanger Clinic.

The facility, located in Carolinas Heart Institute at Carolinas Medical Center, will host an open house for the media on Friday, April 30 at noon.

The visual highlight of the tour is the new \$1.5 million equipment, which replaces traditional film technology with digital imaging. Because pediatric patients can tolerate less x-ray exposure than adults, they require this specialized equipment. The lab also features a parents' waiting area and a recovery room that includes a TV and VCR.