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Procedure gives woman back lifestyle

Surgery could give hope to others suffering from heart disease

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There was a time when Charlotte Adams' irregular heartbeat was so debilitating, she had trouble bending over or climbing stairs.

To deal with the condition, a device similar to a pacemaker was implanted a few years ago to help regulate her heartbeat.

Ms Adams, who had suffered a cardiac arrest on Christmas Day, 2001, also had four operations in which carefully selected parts of the heart muscle were destroyed to stop the area from giving off extra impulses, which cause rapid or extra heartbeats.

But the irregular beat continued, until she went to Southlake Regional Health Centre to have an operation that burns tissue around the pulmonary veins.

Although the procedure is the same

as Ms Adams' previous operations, the ability to burn tissue near the pulmonary vein is new.

Since then, Ms Adams has been able to swim, go for long walks and work full time as an English teacher at Uxbridge Secondary School.

"That's what really made me better," said the Uxbridge resident and mother of two daughters. "That got rid of it for me and I've been arrhythmia free for two years. Now, my heart runs in rhythm with the rest of my body."

Southlake is poised to perform the cutting-edge procedure up to 200 times a year, said Dr. Zaev Wulffhart, medical director of the hospital's arrhythmia program.

The heart's top chamber can beat out of sync with the bottom one. The condition arises because an area in the heart is firing electrical signals inappropriately, Dr. Wulffhart said. Some patients have no trouble dealing with their condition, while others are uncomfortable but can live with it.

Some, such as Ms Adams, are debilitated by the condition and have little or no luck with drugs.

It's those patients who are candidates

for the procedure, Dr. Wulffhart said.

"Not everybody who has this problem will be calling to say, 'I want this procedure,'" he said.

The operation involves inserting a tube, usually into either the groin or neck, that makes its way to the heart.

Using the tube, an area around the pulmonary veins is burned, which stops the electric impulse from getting in and disrupting the heart's rhythm.

Risks during the three-to-five-hour procedure exist but are small, with complications arising in one in 1,000 operations, Dr. Wulffhart said.

"Because it's so new, there are very few centres that offer the treatment," he said, noting some smaller hospitals have sent staff to Southlake to learn how to do the operation.

"We're pretty proud of what we're doing up here," he said. "To have this procedure right here in the community is pretty great."

For Ms Adams, the operation has meant the difference between a serious condition and a normal life.

"They really gave me back my life," she said. "My life is very normal and you appreciate that when you don't have it."

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