

Physician Pillar **of excellence:**



Dr. Robert Gallino

Dr. Robert Gallino is the 2008 Physician Pillar of Excellence Award recipient at Montgomery General Hospital for the first quarter. He was greeted with a surprise party in the Cath Lab, where much of his cutting-edge work is performed. Mama Lucia's donated a cake to celebrate the occasion.

Gallino, the hospital's director of peripheral intervention, has gained international recognition for his limb-saving surgeries, many of which are done on an outpatient basis at the hospital. By removing blockages in arteries and restoring blood flow to legs and feet, Gallino is able to help his patients avoid amputations.

"Dr. Gallino has placed MGH in the spotlight by proving our team techniques world-wide," noted one nominator. Another said, the doctor "displays excellence in performing procedures at MGH which are shown to audiences all over the world...He brings cases to MGH and the ability of the staff has grown." A Cath Lab staff member described Gallino's dedication to the community in volunteering his time and knowledge to the Dare to C.A.R.E. Events, where free vascular screenings are offered at the hospital. A dedicated surgeon, Gallino is respected by staff and patients alike. He brings new hope to many patients who may otherwise have opted for amputation.

