

**NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED HEART SURGEONS JOIN RENOWN DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY**  
*Two Open-Heart Surgeons and Two Advanced Practitioners Bring Nearly 70 Years of Local Experience*



*Renown Medical Group – Specialty Care team.  
Back – left to right: Dr. Athan Roumanas, Dr. Joseph Brandl.  
Front – left to right: Cindy Powers, APRN, Ashley White, APRN.*

**RENO, Nev. (Feb. 1, 2019)** – As part of a continuing focus on offering comprehensive care for patients experiencing cardiac and vascular disease across northern Nevada, Renown Health Department of Surgery and [Renown Institute for Heart & Vascular Health](#) have developed Renown's first division of cardiothoracic surgery dedicated to heart surgery patients.

“Today, I am proud to announce cardiothoracic surgeons, Athan Roumanas, M.D., FACS, and Joseph Brandl, M.D., FACS, who have more than 45 years of combined experience caring for northern Nevadans in need of open-heart surgery, will lead this new practice at Renown,” said [Anthony Slonim, M.D., Dr.PH., FACHE](#), President and CEO of Renown Health. “Advanced practitioners Cindy Powers and Ashley White bring another 23 years of expert care to our community and the new division of cardiothoracic surgery.”

Dr. Roumanas has 18 years of experience in northern Nevada. He is a clinical associate professor of surgery at the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine (UNR Med) and currently serves as medical director of cardiothoracic surgery for Renown Regional Medical Center.

Since 1991, Dr. Brandl has cared for our region and held numerous positions throughout the community including Renown's director of cardiac surgery and community adjunct faculty for UNR Med.

Renown Institute for Heart & Vascular Health offers the most highly-skilled and experienced heart and vascular team and the most advanced heart center in the region. Renown has long been the region's heart care leader – performing the area's first open-heart surgery, angioplasty, stent and valve replacements decades ago. In 2015, Renown Regional became the first hospital in the region to offer [transcatheter aortic valve replacement \(TAVR\)](#), a lifesaving alternative to open-heart surgery for patients considered high-risk or inoperable.

Renown is among the nation's top-performing hospitals for heart attack treatment and one of only 105 hospitals nationwide to receive the American College of Cardiology ACTION Registry Silver Performance Achievement Award recognizing success in implementing a higher standard of care for heart attack patients. Additionally, Renown's Roseview, Sierra and Cardiac Intensive Care Units (ICUs) were the only ICUs in Nevada to receive the Beacon Award of Excellence from the American Association of Critical Care Nurses. This distinction is based on sustained unit performance and patient outcomes that exceed national benchmarks.

As Reno's only locally-owned, charitable, not-for-profit integrated health network, Renown continues to meet customer demand for affordable healthcare and enhanced service and access by keeping the highest levels of clinical quality care right here in our community.

Patients in need of advanced heart care can speak with their care provider about Renown Medical Group – Specialty Care, which can be reached at 775-982-6270 or visit [renown.org/HeartCare](http://renown.org/HeartCare).

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