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The artery 'superscan' that saved comedy star

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FORMER Fawlty Towers actor Andrew Sachs revealed today how a life-saving scan saved him from heart disease.

The star, who played waiter Manuel in the TV comedy, was diagnosed with high cholesterol and a blocked artery thanks to a revolutionary "superscanner".

The Wellington hospital is understood to be the first in London to offer screening with the dual-source, dual-energy CT scanner. The machine can detect problems at the most benign stage, before symptoms are apparent.



Blockage: actor Andrew Sachs

Experts predict it will transform the diagnosis of heart disease and could save millions of lives.

Doctors treated Sachs successfully but the actor, 78, still has regular scans to monitor artery-blocking deposits. He said: "When I was first diagnosed and not even experiencing any symptoms, I realised how important my health is."

The scanner is the centrepiece of the Wellington's new heart diagnostic centre, launched today. The Clinical Imaging and Research Centre will treat both private and NHS patients.