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Cape Girardeau, Missouri - Southeast Hospital has continued its commitment to pioneering the best in minimally-invasive robotic surgery with the addition of the Mazor XTM surgical assurance platform to its highly recognized spinal surgery program. The first procedure utilizing the Mazor platform was performed August 4 by Neurosurgeon Kevin Vaught, MD, of Regional Brain and Spine.

Southeast is the first hospital in Missouri with Mazor X technology. The Mazor X system combines un-precedented pre-operative planning tools and analytics with unparalleled intra-operative guidance, giving patients the most advanced spinal surgery options available.

Dr. Vaught explains. “Robotic technology is primarily used for placement of instrumentation in the spine. The idea of robotic technology is similar to using GPS technology in your car. It helps place instrumentation we are planning in a very precise way. That precision comes from first planning the surgery ahead of time so we know exactly what instrumentation we are going to be using, what sizes, what lengths and the exact trajectories needed to place the instrumentation. Once we are satisfied with our plan the Mazor X allows us to accurately and safely place instrumentation as already planned.”

Benefits of minimally-invasive procedures include less pain, less blood loss, smaller incisions, shorter hospitalizations and quicker recovery time. Of particular benefit to patients with the Mazor X is a dramatic reduction in radiation exposure during surgery.

Dr. Vaught said Mazor X spinal instrumentation can be utilized for cervical, thoracic or lumbar fusion, SI joint fusion, instrumentation needed for treatment of tumors, traumatic fractures or for treatment of degenerative spinal disorders.

He added, “We are very excited about Southeast’s commitment to our neurosurgery program. We have a very rich and long history of advanced techniques and technologies. There have been a number of technologies we have utilized at Southeast even before the academic institutions in our state. We believe Mazor is the next step in that continued evolution of increased patient safety and outcomes through technology.”

Minimally-invasive surgery has been a major focus for SoutheastHEALTH, said President and CEO Ken Bateman. “We believe in providing the most advanced technologies along

with the highest quality care for our patients, close to home. Mazor X defines a new standard for precision and safety for patients which is of the utmost importance to us.”

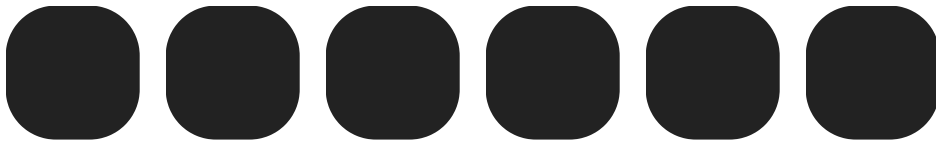
About SoutheastHEALTH

At SoutheastHEALTH, the region's premier healthcare system in southeast Missouri, our patients receive excellent care of the highest clinical quality, close to home. Within our network are more than 50 care locations in 12 communities, including hospitals, primary and specialty care clinics representing over 30 clinical specialties and extending care for patients in a four-state area. Learn more at SEhealth.org.

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Cape Girardeau, Missouri - SoutheastHEALTH, a recognized leader in surgical innovation, has acquired the da Vinci Xi® Surgical System, further enhancing its minimally invasive robotic surgical capabilities. The first procedure using the new technology was performed today. Southeast is the first hospital in the region, which includes southeast Missouri, southern Illinois, western Kentucky and northeast Arkansas, to offer da Vinci Xi technology.

The new system, manufactured by Intuitive Surgical, has far broader capabilities than prior generations of the da Vinci System. It can be used across a wide spectrum of minimally invasive surgical procedures and has been optimized for complex, multi-quadrant surgeries.

SoutheastHEALTH introduced da Vinci technology to downstate Missouri in 2006, becoming the second hospital in Missouri to offer this surgical option and the first community hospital to do so.

Since then, more than 2400 robotic-assisted surgeries across several medical specialties have been performed at Southeast Hospital, over 1000 of those by Dr. Hallman. “the robotic approach allows much smaller incisions to be used during surgery, which translates to a shorter hospital stay, fewer complications, less need for narcotic pain medicine, less blood loss, shorter hospitalization, quicker recovery and minimal scarring,” said Urologist Gregg Hallman, MD, with Cape Girardeau Urology Associates. He was instrumental in the acquisition of the region’s first da Vinci system and pioneered surgical removal of the prostate gland using the technology at Southeast Hospital.

Dr. Hallman added, “The da Vinci Xi continues to expand on the da Vinci technology. The Xi enables complex surgeries using a minimally invasive approach.” He explained that the multi-quadrant approach on the da Vinci Xi allows greater anatomical access from the kidney to the bladder, along with crystal-clear 3-dimensional HD visualization that facilitates delineation between tissue planes. Additional benefits of the new system include fewer and smaller incisions and a reduction in operative time.

He said in the field of Urology currently there are 8 to 12 different procedures utilizing the da Vinci Xi. Dr. Hallman noted that 99 percent of patients who undergo a surgical procedure utilizing the da Vinci go home the next day.

Dr. Hallman said he is “pleased and excited that Southeast has continued to invest in this technology for patients in the community and region. I believe it is tremendously

advantageous for patients to have the opportunity to keep their care close to home and family and reap the advantages that this technology offers.”

SoutheastHEALTH President and CEO Ken Bateman said the da Vinci Xi “demonstrates our ongoing commitment to providing patients the finest in technology coupled with excellent, quality care.

We are fortunate to have highly skilled, outstanding surgeons on our medical staff who share that commitment and dedication to offering patients the very best care, close to home.”

Key Features

The da Vinci Xi System’s key features include:

A new overhead instrument arm architecture designed to facilitate anatomical access from virtually any position.

A new endoscope digital architecture that creates a simpler, more compact design with improved visual definition and clarity.

An ability to attach the endoscope (an instrument that can be introduced into the body to view its internal parts) to any arm, providing flexibility for visualizing the surgical site. Smaller, thinner arms with newly designed joints that offer a greater range of motion than ever before.

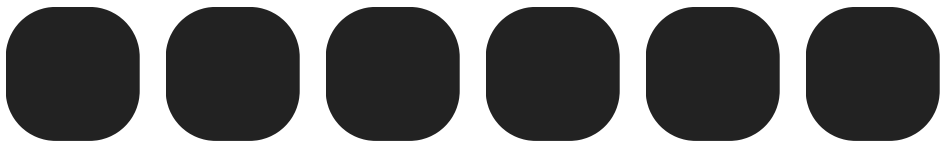
Longer instrument shafts designed to give surgeons greater operative reach.

Pictured: Cape Girardeau urologist Gregg Hallman, MD, center, and the Southeast Hospital Surgery team celebrate installation of the da Vinci Xi Surgical System, first of its kind in the region. The first procedure on the new robotics platform was performed on August 2

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Thrower to Retire at Regional Healthcare Foundation

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Dexter, Missouri - Lisa Thrower, Executive Director of the Regional Healthcare Foundation, will retire at the end of June 2017. A reception for the public is planned for Tuesday, June 20th at the Foundation office located at 215 West Grant Street from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. to honor Thrower on her retirement.

Thrower has been Executive Director since July 2012, but began her tenure at the Regional Healthcare Foundation in 2008 when she volunteered with the Drug Assistance Program. Later she became a part-time patient advocate. Through her efforts the Foundation has increased awareness with such programs as the Prescription Drug Assistance Program, Mother-to-Mother, and the Stoddard County Health Coalition. A medical field related Scholarship was established and the ever popular annual Fitness Challenge was created.

She will be succeeded by Dexter retired teacher, Melinda Sweeney, at the end of June.

Dexter Community Regional Healthcare Foundation is a non-profit corporation, previously known as the Dexter Memorial Hospital, which opened in August of 1968 and maintained an active medical staff until April of 1999 when the operation of the facility was leased to a for profit corporation known today as the Missouri Southern Healthcare Hospital facility. As of January 2014, Southeast Health of Stoddard County leased the hospital.

Regional Healthcare Foundation continues to promote health and wellness, to the communities of Southeast Missouri, through its diverse community programs.

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SoutheastHEALTH Ambassadors Spearheading AED, CPR Project

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SoutheastHEALTH Ambassadors, an arm of the SoutheastHEALTH Foundation, will begin awarding local non-profits and places in need with AEDs (automated external defibrillators) and CPR kits early this fall.

In 2016, in collaboration with the Cape Girardeau Fire Department, and recognizing the community need for heart health awareness, the Ambassadors chose to raise money exclusively for the HeartStrong Fund of the SoutheastHEALTH Foundation. With money raised from their fundraising efforts the Ambassadors will purchase AEDs to distribute. The devices will be awarded on an application basis. Priority will be given to projects that focus on community health improvement and address the following:

Focus on disproportionate unmet needs by delivering care to the uninsured and underinsured;

Focus on healthy environments and behaviors;

Engage in collaborative partnerships to help ensure healthy communities; and

Provide measurable outcomes on healthcare in our community.

The program initially will distribute 10 AEDs and CPR kits along with training to recipients. Applications are available on the Foundation website at <https://www.sehealth.org/foundation/aed-request>. Contact the Foundation with any questions by email, wquick@sehealth.org or call 573-519-4923.

Next up in fundraising efforts for the devices will be a “Coins for Cardiac” event from 5 until 8 p.m. on Friday, September 15 at the Coin-Op Cantina on North Main in Cape. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door and include beverages and food.

Sudden cardiac arrest is one of the leading causes of death in the U.S. More than 350,000 people will suffer from sudden cardiac arrest this year. In most cases, the event does not happen in a healthcare setting where emergency help is readily available. An AED is the only effective treatment for restoring a regular heart rhythm and, with training, is easy to operate for someone without a medical background.

As with all medical emergencies, time is of the essence. For each minute defibrillation is delayed, the chance of survival is reduced by approximately 10 percent.

Donations to the HeartStrong Fund can be made online by visiting <https://www.sehealth.org/foundation/online-donation-form>.

About the SoutheastHEALTH Ambassadors

The SoutheastHEALTH Ambassadors are a volunteer board that focuses on supporting the SoutheastHEALTH Foundation. They specifically support the HeartStrong Fund which is a resource to provide funding for programs to address cardiovascular disorders and prevention and community outreach to educate people about preventing heart disease.

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Dexter, Missouri - As a courtesy to patients and visitors during construction of the new Emergency Services Department and Behavioral Health Unit at Southeast Health Center

of Stoddard County, a free valet parking service has been established.

Valet parking is offered from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 7:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m on Thursday. Parking attendants are stationed at the main entrance of the hospital at 1200 North One Mile Road.

“This is an exciting time for Southeast Health of Stoddard County as our construction progresses,” said CEO Sue Ann Williams. “During this time we are committed to making our patient and visitor experience as smooth as possible. With our valet service, patients and visitors may safely and quickly reach their destination within the hospital or medical office plaza.”

The project, a total of 30,982 square feet, will substantially increase the size of Emergency Services and is designed with the patient experience in mind. The Emergency Services 10-room expansion will be located adjacent to the new Southeast Medical Plaza. Features include a new waiting/triage area, trauma room, cardiac room, obstetrics room, three exam rooms for behavior health patients and four rooms for non-emergent healthcare needs. There also will be two additional ambulance bays and an update to the main hospital lobby. '

The Adult Voluntary Behavioral Health Unit located on the second floor of the new addition will include 15 private patient rooms with full bathrooms along with areas for activities, group therapy, dining and visiting. Both projects are expected to be completed in late 2017.

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