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## **\$25,000 Grant for State-of-the-Art Operating Room at SMHCS**

SARASOTA – Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation, Inc. has received a \$25,000 grant from The Frank E. Duckwall Foundation, Inc. to support the design, purchase and installation of an Integrated Operating Room (I-OR) at Sarasota Memorial Health Care System (SMHCS).

The state-of-the-art operating room will enhance the operating room technology by redesigning the surgical room environment for efficiency and risk management, benefiting both the medical practitioner and the patient. Patient information, audio, video, surgical lights and room lights, building automation, and medical equipment will be functionally connected, thus, integrating the general flow of information, more comprehensive intra-operative diagnostic imaging procedures, and the use of visualization processes. The new innovations are designed to decrease operating costs and improve surgical outcomes.

This state-of-the-art operating room will be Sarasota Memorial's first I-OR enhancement, and when complete, the hospital will have the most up-to-date surgical facility and technological resources it needs to meet the healthcare needs of the community. SMHCS will be the first hospital in a four-county area, and the first hospital that is southwest of the Tampa Bay area, to add to its surgical service delivery the use of an I-OR.

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