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## **Sarasota Memorial's Roberta Leventhal Sudakoff Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory Opens**

SARASOTA –A private debut of the new Roberta Leventhal Sudakoff Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory in the surgical unit on the second floor at Sarasota Memorial Hospital will be held on Monday, Jan. 14, 2008, at 1:00 p.m.

Sarasota Memorial Health Care System (SMHCS) received a \$1 million grant from the Roberta Leventhal Sudakoff Foundation to purchase a new catheterization lab used to diagnose cardiac (heart) disorders for its Heart and Vascular Institute. The cost of the entire suite was \$1.6 million, with the balance supported by the Sarasota County Public Hospital Board.

“With the number of people at risk for heart attacks in our country, this grant has the potential to touch everyone in our community, either directly or indirectly through a friend or family member,” says Debra Jacobs, administrator of the Roberta Leventhal Sudakoff Foundation.

The new lab replaces the limited technology and aging equipment previously available, and will allow 500 additional cases annually. Physicians are now able to treat patients in one location for heart, leg and arm procedures.

“This grant is one of the largest from the Roberta Leventhal Sudakoff Foundation and illustrates the community's support for the staff and physicians at our hospital,” adds Gwen MacKenzie, SMHCS president and CEO.

“Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation, Inc. is pleased to be part of this collaborative effort to provide these exceptional cardiac services to the community,” states Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation President and CEO Alexandra Quarles, CFRE.

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