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Columbus Community Hospital Adds New Camera System to Document Physical and Sexual Abuse Cases

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(COLUMBUS, Neb.) – Columbus Community Hospital’s Emergency Department (ED) has a team of highly-trained emergency physicians and nurses who are available 24/7 to accurately assess and treat acute medical problems for patients of all ages.

This includes Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) who are nurses trained in evidence collection for sexual assaults. SANE nurses have completed specialized education on how to provide medical forensic care for patients who have experienced sexual assault or abuse.

In July, Columbus Community Hospital (CCH) will add a new medical camera system which was specifically designed to meet the photographic and video requirements of forensic medical examinations of children and adults who have suffered sexual and physical abuse.

The Fernico Cortexflo Medical Camera System was developed in partnership with SANE nurses and it allows health care providers to capture high quality photographs and video that can be securely stored on the hospital’s IT network.

“At Columbus Community Hospital we’re committed to offering compassionate, skilled care and our new Fernico Cortexflo Medical Camera System is one way we can help ensure we are offering our patients that quality of care when they need it most,” said Michael Hansen, CCH president and CEO.

The Fernico Cortexflo Medical Camera System has been designed so that people with minimal photography experience can take in-focus, high quality photos and videos. Photographs are immediately displayed on a touchscreen monitor so examiners can confirm they are in focus. This allows them to continue with the examination confident that they have captured high quality images.

Using the camera system, the examination can be recorded in high definition 1080p video, allowing it to be played back and paused so an unlimited number of still frames can easily be extracted. Additionally, the system has been engineered so it can be used hands-free in situations where the examiner has to use both hands to conduct an examination.

Additional tools allow examiners to prepare the photographs for the peer review process by adding on-screen comments. The system also has a built-in tool for peer review that allows the case to be saved to a DVD or USB drive that is automatically encrypted and password protected.



The system is connected to a local network which allows it to transfer the photographs and videos to a dedicated storage module in a secure, locked area of the building.

CCH was able to add the Fernico Cortexflo Medical Camera System because of funding and support from the Nebraska Sexual Assault Payment Program which coordinates the distribution of forensic medical examination kits and oversees forensic medical examination training throughout the state.

For more information on CCH's ED and its services, including its SANE staff and evidence collecting processes, visit www.columbushosp.org.

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