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Columbus Community Hospital Adds New Equipment for Otolaryngology Surgeries

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(COLUMBUS, Neb.) – Columbus Community Hospital (CCH) is committed to providing the latest technology for its patients. That’s why CCH has started offering the ACCLARENT TruDi™ Nav System, an electromagnetic navigation system for ear, nose and throat (ENT) surgeries.

The ACCLARENT TruDi™ Nav System allows ENT physicians to track and display the real-time location of the tip of navigated instruments during intranasal surgical procedures. At CCH, the system will be used for endoscopic sinus surgery and other types of ENT procedures.

Nila Novotny, MD, otolaryngologist with Columbus Otolaryngology Clinic, said the system provides never before available accuracy and features in ENT procedures.

“TruDi aides in identifying and treating difficult sinus anatomy. It also helps provide a more comprehensive and complete procedure that may not be available elsewhere in Nebraska,” she said.

The system will enable CCH’s otolaryngologists to better serve patients with sinus disease, allergies and nasal polyps. Dr. Novotny added that the TruDi system will be particularly helpful in identifying and treating small, problematic pockets of sinus disease and will lead to better long-term results.

“When the complicated procedures arise, TruDi can help us meet the community’s needs,” Dr. Novotny said. “In the past, complicated procedures may have had to be sent to a larger center. Now these patients can have their procedure right in Columbus and most likely be home the same night.”

Sue Hrnicek, MSN, CNOR, RN, director of CCH’s Surgical Services, said the system’s increased accuracy also makes ENT procedures even safer for patients.

“It gives our physicians a much more accurate piece of equipment to be able to do much more detailed and safer sinus surgery,” she said. “I just think it is exciting for us to be able to get what is truly the most accurate system out on the market right now. The physicians do a great job already and this will just enhance that and give even better results to our patients.”

The purchase of the ACCLARENT TruDi™ Nav System was funded by the CCH Foundation. Carol Keller, executive director of the CCH Foundation, said the Foundation was happy to bring this new equipment to Columbus and area residents.



“Every department/clinic at CCH and the patients they serve deserve the most up-to-date equipment available,” Keller said. “The Foundation is honored to provide another piece of state-of-the-art medical equipment to Columbus Community Hospital. As is true for everyone here at the Hospital, our ultimate goal is the best possible outcome for our patients.”

Dr. Novotny said that patients want better outcomes, less invasive procedures, lower costs and access to health care that is local, and yet world class. She recognized CCH and the Foundation for purchasing the ACCLARENT TruDi™ Nav System to meet these patient needs.

“This was an exceptional demonstration of the benefits and hard work of the Foundation and the role they play to help Columbus meet the community’s health needs and the importance of having a progressive minded hospital that stays at the forefront of the latest medical technology to enhance patient care,” she said.

For more information on the ACCLARENT TruDi™ Nav System or CCH’s otolaryngology services, visit www.columbushosp.org.

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