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### **Mary Black Has First Wireless Operating Rooms in the Upstate HDTV goes from the Living Room into the Operating Room**

SPARTANBURG, SC -- Mary Black Health System has announced that it is the first hospital in the Upstate to obtain wireless HDTV capability in their operating rooms. "It's a sign of the times that High-definition television (HDTV) is evolving from an entertainment unit in a person's living room into incredibly precise technology which physicians and staff can use in Mary Black's operating rooms to benefit patients who are in need of orthopedic surgery," said Phillip L. Wright, MBHS CEO. "We are working with Stryker Endoscopy to upgrade four of our current 12 operating rooms with Stryker's latest wireless video displays and their 1288 3-Chip® High Definition Camera Systems," added Wright.

"These special wireless HDTV's allow for greater surgeon flexibility in positioning the surgical displays while operating," said John E. Keith Jr. MD, Orthopedic Surgeon with Orthopedic Specialties of Spartanburg. "The precision and clarity of display are remarkable. With 1288 lines of resolution available in a wireless Operating Room, that far exceeds the number of scan lines used by conventional systems at other facilities," added Keith.

"This new technology also will increase operating room space, enhance efficiencies and have less downtime due to cable breakage," said Michael Hoenig, MD, Orthopedic Surgeon with Orthopedic Associates in Spartanburg.

Steven Kana, MD, Orthopedic Surgeon with Orthopedic Specialties of Spartanburg added, "As orthopedic surgeons, we are very pleased to see Mary Black make this technological commitment to take surgery in the operating rooms to a new level of excellence in the Spartanburg community."

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Mary Black Health System LLC is an integrated delivery system comprised of Mary Black Memorial Hospital, Mary Black Physicians Group, and Mary Black HealthNetwork, Inc. The hospital's medical staff of nearly 400 physicians represents all major specialties. Mary Black Memorial Hospital is a 209-bed facility with a consistent reputation for quality care. Accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations, Mary Black serves more than 8,000 inpatients and more than 100,000 outpatients each year. For more information about the full range of services and physician offices associated with Mary Black Health System, please visit [www.maryblackhealthsystem.com](http://www.maryblackhealthsystem.com).