Maine Medical Center has opened The Hannaford Team Training Facility for Safe Patient Care – a medical team training facility outfitted with adult and pediatric patient simulators at its Bramhall Campus. The facility will have a patient room, where medical teams including residents, nurses and therapists can practice actual emergency situations. These simulators will be used for emergency training exercises such as Code Blues (adult or pediatric medical emergency), stroke, and DART (Difficult Airway Response Team).

Hannaford Charitable Foundation donated $250,000 for the new 1,600 sq. ft. training facility, a satellite location to the 18,000 sq. ft. Hannaford Center for Safety, Innovation and Simulation located at MMC’s Brighton Campus, which has hosted training for more than 25,000 medical professionals since it opened in 2010.

“This new satellite training environment enables our interdisciplinary medical teams to train together on a routine basis to repetitively practice critical events, where rapid delivery of high-quality care makes a difference in patient outcomes,” Randy Darby, M.D., Medical Director for the Hannaford Center for Safety, Innovation and Simulation. “We appreciate Hannaford’s renewed commitment to improved patient care through their investment in our new training facility.”

“Hannaford is proud to support this new Training Facility and contribute to the health of our community,” said Cheryl Hinkson, Hannaford’s Director of Operations for southern Maine. “Our company is committed to partnering with organizations such as Maine Medical Center to provide healthy choices and excellent medical care right here at home.”

In addition to the gift from Hannaford, the children’s hospital philanthropy raised $44,000 through community-wide events for the purchase of a simulated pediatric patient.

The new facility also includes a skills lab, where surgeons can prepare for the use of robotics technologies. The surgical skills room will accommodate three work stations outfitted with virtual trainers. The da Vinci robotic simulator, Heartworks TEE and TTE simulator and the Symbionix Bronchoscopy and Colonoscopy trainer are all located in the skills room.
Lucy M. Amory, M.D., has joined Maine Medical Partners - Westbrook Pediatrics. Dr. Amory comes to Maine from the west coast, where she completed residency at Oregon Health & Science University. Her medical education included teaching visits to Poland and Africa, where she provided support for low-income health care options. Dr. Amory is originally from Camden, Maine, and has interests in childhood literacy, trail running, and sailing.

New Neuro IMC Unit Opens To Patients

Patients were moved into the new Neuro Intermediate Care unit on R6 last week.

The new unit increases capacity from six beds (some shared) to nine private rooms that include telemetry and ICP monitoring for patients requiring close observation. Many patients on R6 are recovering from trauma, neurosurgical procedures, and cerebrovascular events, and the updated design allows visibility of patient rooms from the centralized nurses’ station. The unit’s design includes new medication and clean supply rooms and a separate nutrition station.

Nurse Lynn White assists in moving patient Stuart Davis into his private room on the new unit.