

St. Charles Hosts Learning Opportunity for Local Students

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Students from Mountain View High School and Redmond High School, along with area health professionals will have an opportunity to learn about the newest heart device therapies in an unusual venue: an 80-foot semi truck traveling education unit parked on the St. Charles Medical Center's Bend campus. The Medtronic Therapy and Procedure Training Center Mobile Unit contains two virtual surgical implant labs with advanced simulation systems, which allows St. Charles to bring high-tech training directly to its caregivers and students.

Medtronic, Inc. is headquartered in Minneapolis and has been providing traveling simulation units to hospitals around the nation since June 2004. The simulators offer realistic procedure training programs replicating device implant cases in the areas of cardiac resynchronization therapy (CRT), heart rhythm disorders and other cardiology procedures. The system simulates both diagnostic and treatment challenges using virtual patients and virtual fluoroscopy with the "feel" of an actual case.

Mountain View High School students will be on the SCMC-B campus touring the unit and learning about cardiac procedures on Thursday, April 20, from 9-10:30 a.m. Students from Redmond High School will be on the SCMC-B campus on Friday, April 21, from 1:30-3 p.m.

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