



UI Health Hospital & Clinics ROUNDUP

JUNE 2017

Hybrid Operating Room Is Now Available

UI Health began utilizing a new hybrid operating room this month.

The hybrid OR is a surgical theater in which specialized equipment — including an adjustable, radiolucent operating table — is used in conjunction with fixed imaging systems (C-arm, CT, MRI) and 3D imaging software to facilitate a synergistic, open surgical and minimally invasive approach to patient care.

The hybrid OR is a favorable alternative to the standard operating room for the treatment of patients with complicated conditions and diseases that otherwise would require open surgery, which may represent an increased risk for complications and a potentially longer recovery period.

Cath lab radiology technologists and nurses join the surgical staff during procedures in the hybrid OR, which can host vascular, cardiothoracic, cardiovascular, and neurosurgical procedures.

“The hybrid operating room is a unique environment that offers the vascular practitioner an opportunity to perform complex interventions in a safe and efficient manner,” says Dr. Scott Ziporin, of the Division of Vascular Surgery. “While combining open surgical techniques with percutaneous/endovascular therapies during a single procedure, complicated vascular, cardiac, and neurologic disease is treated with less physiologic impact on the patient. In addition, the hybrid environment facilitates a greater precision of care resulting in a reduction in complications and an overall improvement in patient outcomes.”

DID YOU KNOW?

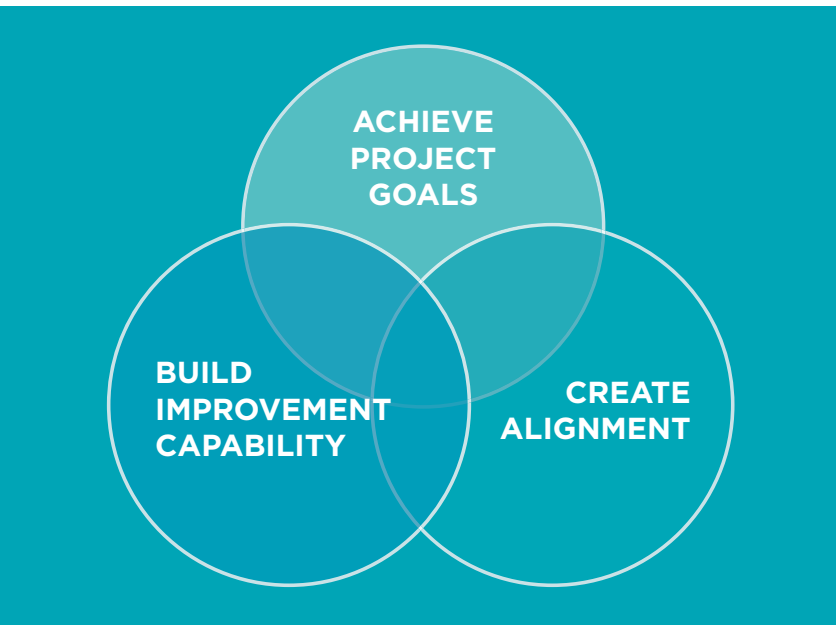
NEWS FROM AROUND UI HEALTH



"Living Healthy Chicago"

The Kidney Transplant Program was featured on WGN's "Living Healthy Chicago" on Sunday, June 25. The segment highlighted Drs. Jain, Benedetti, and Tzvetanov, from the Kidney Transplant team, and a trio of our kidney transplant patients.

You can view this segment at [Kidney.UIHealth.Care](https://www.kidney.uihealth.care)



Do you need help on a QI Project?

The Organizational Process Improvement (OPI) Office is now available to support your successful quality improvement initiatives. The OPI team is made up of process improvement experts who have proficiency in healthcare operations, project management, change management, and team building.

The OPI team offers operational support and facilitates all types of QI projects, from clinical to operational, targeting the adoption of best practices with the focus on advancing your improvement agenda. The OPI team can help you with project planning, data collection and analysis, solution deployment, and post-implementation controls.

For additional information or to discuss your project, contact the OPI Office at opi@uic.edu or OPI assistant Elizabeth Day at eday2@uic.edu.



"Play Ball" with the Chicago White Sox

The Chicago White Sox will be offering discounted tickets to all UI Health employees, their families, and friends on Saturday, July 15. There will be a high-end premium item giveaway, postgame fireworks, and more!

To purchase your specially priced ticket, visit www.whitesox.com/uihealth.



UI Health Employees Go Above and Beyond

Recently, a number of UI Health providers and staff went to extraordinary lengths to care for an Emergency Department patient who was being coerced into illegal activity. The case involved the Department of Child & Family Services, Chicago Police Department, and the FBI, and it truly took a team effort to care for and protect the patient. During the patient's time here, a number of providers and staff put in hours of extra time to ensure the patient was kept calm, looked over, and remained on the premises until it was time for appropriate discharge. Further, the employees worked closely with authorities to help them collect as much information as they needed, and worked alongside the agencies to process paperwork and conduct appropriate follow-ups.

The sensitive situation was handled with care and precision thanks to the efforts of our Emergency Department nurses, receptionists, and techs; EMTs; security officers; UIC Police; the Pediatric, Psychiatry, and Social Work departments; nursing administration; risk management; and housekeeping. Thank you to everyone involved who went above and beyond to manage this case.



Advancing Trust in Medical Research

Join UI Health Cancer Center experts, a cancer survivor, and family members of Henrietta Lacks, the African-American woman whose cancer cells became the most important cell lines in medical history, on July 7 to discuss the impact of her important legacy on medical research, efforts to safeguard public trust, and the Cancer Center's participation in the National Institutes of Health *All of Us* Research Program, a historic effort to gather data from one million or more people living in the United States to accelerate research and improve health. More information is available on the intranet.

PATIENTS COME FIRST.

Don't forget ... Be **kind**
and act with **C.A.R.E.**
A **thank you** goes a
long way.