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## Medical pioneer inaugurates Good Samaritan Hospital's state-of-the-art surgery pavilion

**Downers Grove-** Following a celebratory ribbon-cutting and ceremonial blessing, a pioneer in the era of laparoscopic surgery, Mohan Airan, M.D., performed the inaugural procedure in Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital's new state-of-the-art surgical pavilion October 8th. Complete with 10 fully-integrated, high-tech operating suites, this new 50,000 square foot pavilion boasts "first in the nation" technology.

In addition to the 10 new ultra-modern operating suites, phase I of the \$45 million initiative includes 18 all-private recovery bays and centralized sterile processing. Phase II will feature five additional operating rooms as well as a 38-private bed same day surgery unit.

"This new pavilion really represents a collaboration of layout, lighting, equipment mobility and design integration-- all focused on enhancing the patient experience," said Peggy Guastella, Director of Surgical & Ambulatory Services.

As this project neared completion following two years of planning and dedication from a comprehensive team of physicians, nurses, administrators and medical experts, focus began to shift to who would perform the first procedure. Airan was asked to perform the inaugural surgery due to his key leadership that greatly impacted the final vision of the project. "He served as Chairman of Surgery for more than a decade. Our staff was thrilled to have him perform the first procedure."

"Good Samaritan is committed to serving our community with the latest in technology and services as well as proven excellence in physician and nursing care. Our new state-of-the-art surgery pavilion further represents Good Samaritan's dedication to serve as a national benchmark for community hospitals. Good Samaritan is the first hospital in the nation to utilize several of the technological components of our new 'integrated' operating suites. This advanced capability will support our role as a Solucient Top 100 Hospital for Cardiovascular Care and DuPage County's only Level I Trauma Center," said David Fox, Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital President.

*Good Samaritan Hospital opened its doors in 1976. With 340 licensed beds, more than 8,600 surgeries are performed annually at the hospital. Good Samaritan has more than 200 board-certified surgeons and 16 board-certified anesthesiologists on staff. Good Samaritan holds the state's highest level of care for both trauma and neonatal services.*

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