

It's Your Surgery - Know Your Choices!

Over the past few weeks, we have received many inquiries about the new Black Canyon Surgical Center and how it works with the hospital. We welcome this new service to town and would like to share with you some information about our relationship with the surgical center.

One of the main differences between the two organizations is that Montrose Memorial Hospital is a not for profit, 501C3 business and the Surgical Center is a for profit enterprise which is owned by the physicians who provide care there. Nueterra Healthcare is the development company that assisted these physicians to get the center designed, built and operational, and they continue to hold a minority interest. MMH was not able to partner with the surgical center because it would have jeopardized our not for profit status. Nevertheless, we intend to work with the Center as an ally in serving our community, and will collaborate for the benefit of patients wherever and whenever we can.

Many of the physicians at the surgical center are the same physicians who work at MMH. They have all been credentialed through the hospital's rigorous credentialing process and continue to have privileges here. The procedures that are performed at the surgical center are primarily "outpatient" procedures, which means you won't spend the night. If you need to stay overnight in the hospital, or your procedure is a little more involved, your surgeon will schedule your surgery at MMH. No matter what kind of procedure you are having, please understand that it is your choice whether you have it done, at the surgical center or at the hospital.

It is important to have an honest discussion with your surgeon before your surgery is scheduled. You can request to have your procedure done wherever you feel most comfortable. Your surgeon, the Surgical Center, and Montrose Memorial Hospital all share the same goal: Your safety and the assurance of quality care.

When a choice must be made concerning where you have your surgery procedure, be sure that your opinion is heard. In alignment with our mission, MMH will continue to care for any patient that comes to our doors, as we have for over 55 years. We continue

to work hard to provide you with the best, most compassionate and state-of-the-art care possible. Please feel free to call the hospital if you have any further questions.