



Foundation News

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Swirnow Videoscopic Surgical Center Renovations

Thanks to a generous gift from the Swirnow Charitable Foundation, the Swirnow Videoscopic Surgical Center is transforming into a high visibility, advanced technologies board/conference room that can be easily adapted into a classroom. The Swirnow Center, dedicated in honor of the Richard and Rae Swirnow Family, consists of three main areas—the Swirnow Videoscopic Office, the Swirnow DryLab, and the Swirnow Conference Room.

The Swirnow Videoscopic Office is home to the Advanced Technologies and Special Project team of the Division of General Surgery. Here the activities of the Swirnow Conference Room and The Swirnow DryLab are coordinated. This highly specialized staff develops and produces audiovisual and multimedia projects as well as educational resources for high-end clinical purposes.

The Swirnow Conference Room is converting into a high-tech boardroom and classroom, with upgraded furniture, furnishings and equipment to host far-reaching multidisciplinary, multigeographic activities and events. Thanks to the vision of Richard and Rae Swirnow and through a generous gift from the Swirnow Charitable Foundation, the Division of Surgery has developed a tele-video conference room that is one of the most advanced in the area. The ongoing and generous gifts of the Swirnow Family have made possible this new state-of-the-art area that features advanced tele-video equipment and unique furniture that can transform the room from a boardroom to a classroom. Form and function are addressed with a novel architectural design for the ceiling that utilizes components arranged to provide a dramatically curved vaulted ceiling. This augments the ergonomic furnishings that compliment and continue the high-tech theme. The room is the center of much of the Division's activities for both internal and external constituents. The Swirnow Conference Room will also achieve usage and visibility through its close connections with the soon-to-open surgical Simulation Center.

The Swirnow Charitable Foundation has also provided funds for modifications to the Swirnow Drylab. The Drylab, located between the Swirnow Conference Room and the Swirnow Videoscopic Office, is a crucial educational training resource for residents, medical students, and fellows. Using the DryLab equipment, students can learn entirely new skill sets both individually and under the watchful eye of mentors.

The University of Maryland Medical System is extremely grateful to the Swirnow Family. Their vision and generosity has made the Swirnow Videoscopic Surgical Center and the advances it allows possible.



Ivan M. George, Director of Advanced Technologies and Special Projects – Division of General Surgery

Upcoming Events...

April 1, 2006

April 8, 2006

April 22, 2006

Beating Cancer Bash

Keep your Colin Rollin' 5K Run/1 Mile Walk

A Night for Heroes – Shock Trauma Gala

For more event information, go to <http://www.ummsfoundation.org/calendar/events.html>