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1,000 robotic surgeries at AWH

Aspirus Wausau Hospital hit a milestone on Monday as surgeons performed the facility's 1,000th surgical procedure using da Vinci robotic technology. The da Vinci robot, which Aspirus purchased in Sept. 2007, was initially implemented for use in urology procedures like prostatectomies, but is becoming a preferred surgical technique whenever appropriate. The bulk of da Vinci surgical procedures performed at Aspirus have treated urologic and gynecologic conditions. Aspirus surgeons have performed 600 robotic hysterectomies and 316 robotic prostatectomies. The da Vinci robot also has been used at Aspirus to repair vaginal prolapse, remove uterine fibroids and perform kidney procedures.

Aspirus creates 'teach-back' video

Aspirus has created a 4-minute video demonstrating the "teach-back" technique, an effective method for ensuring that patients understand what you have told them. "Teach-back" involves asking patients to explain or demonstrate what they have been told and can help professionals assess how effective they are communicating health information or instructions to their patients. Special thanks to the many Aspirus employees who made this possible. If you would like someone to come to your department to give a 20-minute presentation on "teach-back," please contact Jan Kraus, MLS, at jank@aspirus.org or 715.847.2184.

Splash into Safety June 16

From 10:30 am to 12:15 pm on Sat., June 16, Safe Kids Wausau Area is sponsoring Splash Into Safety at Kaiser Pool, 900 E. Bridge St. in Wausau. This water safety program is open to children ages 5 to 14, and will include demonstrations and hands on experiences including: Boating Safety, Life Jacket Safety, Deep Water Safety, Pool and Spa Safety, Reach and Throw Assists, Wading Assists and Hypothermia Precautions. Swimsuits are required and pre-registration is required by calling 715.847.2380. Children must be accompanied by an adult for the entire event, and each participant will receive a free life jacket provided by Safe Kids Wausau Area. A free swim for even participants will begin at 1 pm.

Radtke in UWEC's first DNP class

Kimberly Radtke, adult clinical nurse specialist in Aspirus Wausau Hospital's MSICU, was part of University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire history on May 19 when she graduated with the school's first-ever Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP) class. A professional doctorate, the DNP is similar to the doctorates required of physicians, dentists, pharmacists and attorneys, and DNP prepares nurses to assume leadership roles in the areas of advanced clinical practice or nursing administration. Radtke has been with Aspirus for 10 years. The DNP degree reflects the combination of the highest level of scientific knowledge and practice expertise to assure high-quality patient outcomes. Congratulations, Kimberly!