

## Saint Clare's hits surgery milestone

DENVILLE — Saint Clare's Health System announced that it has reached a significant milestone in robot-assisted, minimally invasive surgery, performing its 1,000th case.

Dr. Gregg Zimmerman, medical director for the Center for Robotic Surgery and Dr. Adam Berman performed the 1,000th case on Dec. 16 at the Bott Family Surgical Pavilion.

As part of its ongoing commitment to provide the latest in medical care and technology to its patients in the communities in which they live, Saint Clare's offers robotics for minimally invasive surgery with the da Vinci Si Surgical System through the robotic program launched at Saint Clare's in March 2007.

For more information on the Center for Robotic Surgery at Saint Clare's, please call 973-983-5700 or visit [saintclares.org](http://saintclares.org).

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WHERE WE ARE TURNING PROMISE INTO PRACTICE EVERYDAY

Due to the Christmas holiday, *Inside Saint Clare's* will not be published next Friday, December 27th. The Marketing Department wishes all our colleagues a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Center for Robotic Surgery Celebrates 1,000<sup>th</sup> da Vinci Robot-Assisted Surgery

Saint Clare's reached a significant milestone this week when physicians performed the 1,000<sup>th</sup> case of robot-assisted, minimally invasive surgery at the Center for Robotic Surgery using the da Vinci<sup>®</sup> Si Surgical System. This type of surgery enables surgeons to perform the most complex and delicate procedures through very small incisions with precision. Dr. Gregg Zimmerman, Medical Director, Center for Robotic Surgery, and Dr. Adam Berman, performed the 1,000<sup>th</sup> case on December 16, 2013, at the Bott Family Surgical Pavilion. Some of the benefits of robotic surgery include a shorter hospital stay, less pain, less risk of infection, less blood loss, fewer transfusions, less scarring, faster recovery and a quicker return to daily activities.



Pictured (l-r): Dr. Adam Berman; Linda Gillis, RN, Robotic Specialty Coordinator; Martina Mendoza, RN; Jami Hernandez, RN; Dr. Gregg Zimmerman; Cheryl Bergeron, RN, RNFA; and Ngawang Agnihotri, RN.

## President's Scholarships Awarded

At the December Nurse Practice Council meeting, several employees were awarded a \$1,000 President's Scholarship established by President and CEO Leslie Hirsch for Saint Clare's employees who are continuing their education in a health-related field.

Margaret Frick, RN, Shift Supervisor, Maternity attending Walden University-MSN

Jacqueline Galante, RN, Clinical Educator, 4B, attending Drexel University-MSN

Agnes Ricciotti, Surgical Scheduler, for certification in medical coding

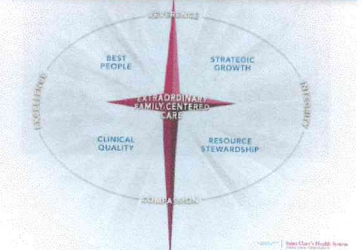
Patsy Vanderhoof, RN, Staff Nurse, Endoscopy, attending College of St. Elizabeth's-BSN

Cara Pompei, RN, Staff Nurse, CCU, attending College of St. Elizabeth's-BSN



Pictured are: Jan Bednar, Executive Director, Clinical Operations; Jacqueline Galante; Agnes Ricciotti; Cara Pompei; Patsy Vanderhoof; and CEO Leslie Hirsch (Peggy Frick not pictured)

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## IFSS Open House Showcases New Space



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Intensive Family Support Services recently celebrated its new space at an Open House. Saint Clare's Behavioral Health Services has provided this grant-funded program to families and caregivers of adults with a mental illness since 1998 in both Morris and Sussex Counties. More

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