

JUPITER MEDICAL CENTER Receives \$3 Million Donation for State-of-the-Art Simulation Lab

Jupiter Medical Center (JMC), the region's only independent, not-for-profit hospital system, announced a \$3 million gift from **Katherine L. Pinard** to support its state-of-the-art **Clinical Simulation Center**. This investment aims to strengthen patient safety and prepare the next generation of clinicians through hands-on, real-world training.

In recognition of the gift, the space will be named the **Katherine L. Pinard Clinical Simulation Center**. Located within Jupiter Medical Center's new five-story, 92-bed **Tim and Jayne Donahue Patient Care Tower**, the Simulation Center features realistic patient care environments modeled after the hospital's own medical/surgical, critical care/cardiac, and obstetrics/NICU units. The Center also includes a dedicated skills-based practice area, such as for blood draws, and supports hands-on training for both new and experienced clinical team members.

Across the country, leading health systems are increasingly investing in simulation centers as a strategic tool to advance workforce readiness, enhance patient safety, and incorporate emerging technologies into clinical education. This advanced level of training is most often associated with large academic medical centers and major health systems.

"As health care continues to evolve, it is vital that our teams have opportunities to practice, learn, and innovate in an environment that reflects the complexity of real patient care," said **Amit Rastogi, MD, MHCM**, President and CEO of Jupiter Medical Center. "Simulations enable our clinicians to prepare for both routine and high-acuity situations, enhance communication during critical moments, and continually improve the care experience for every patient we serve. We are grateful to Katherine L. Pinard for the ability to have such an advanced resource right here on our main campus."

The Katherine L. Pinard Clinical Simulation Center supports Jupiter Medical Center's *Novice Nurse Program*, which pairs first-time nursing graduates with education teams for a full year of guided training. The program is designed to build confidence, improve clinical skills, and promote professional growth as nurses transition into practice. Additionally, the



Anne Marie Leahy and Katherine L. Pinard visiting simulators at the Katherine L. Pinard Clinical Simulation Center

Center provides experienced team members with opportunities to refresh and expand their skills through realistic scenarios, including mock emergencies, labor and delivery simulations, neonatal care exercises, and team-based communication training.

"Philanthropy has always played a vital role in enabling Jupiter Medical Center to provide the highest quality of care to our community," said **Traci Simonsen**, Chief Philanthropy Officer of Jupiter Medical Center Foundation. "Katherine L. Pinard's generosity and vision enable us to invest in the people behind that care — our nurses, physicians, and clinical teams — by giving them access to advanced simulation technology right here on our campus. We are grateful for her dedication to promoting health care for all through this investment."

This gift reflects the continued impact of philanthropy in advancing Jupiter Medical Center's mission and long-term vision for its Generational Health capital campaign: to deliver the right care, at the right time, for every moment that matters. Through investments in advanced technology, expanded services, and next-generation facilities, Jupiter Medical Center continues to strengthen access to world-class care for patients and families across Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast.

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