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Local Physician Donates State-of-the-art Surgical Equipment To Hospital

Local Ukiah Physician, Dr. Peter Cho, Family Practice/OB, donated a state-of-the-art piece of surgical equipment to Ukiah Valley Medical Center. The Filshie Applier is designed to close the fallopian tube which prevents pregnancy using a clip that is smaller than a penny.

The clip is loaded in the applicator and applied by simply squeezing down on the unit. The device is made of titanium with a silicone rubber lining, which expands to keep the tube compressed as it flattens. Using the customized applicator, the clip is released automatically from the device and locked onto the tube. "This new technique is so simple that the tubal ligation surgery can be completed in just 15 minutes; this benefits the patient by reducing the time spent under anesthesia and thereby speeding recovery," said Dr. Cho.

"We are delighted with the donation," said UVMC President/CEO, Mark E. LaRose. "The physicians who practice at UVMC are highly skilled practioners and it is always good to have the most state-of-the-art equipment available for our community."

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