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In 2009, when San Jacinto Methodist Hospital in Baytown, Texas decided to build a state-of-the-art Heart and Vascular Center from the ground up, the benefits of a hybrid surgical suite were compelling. Primarily, a hybrid OR would give the hospital the versatility to offer open and minimally-invasive cardiac and vascular procedures.

“We’re a community hospital,” said Dawn Jackson, San Jacinto’s Director of Perioperative Services, “and we made the decision to build a facility that could offer the very best community-based cardiovascular treatment possible.”

The Heart and Vascular Center’s Medical Director, Wade Fischer, M.D., a cardiovascular surgeon, guided the project with the belief that San Jacinto’s significant investment should both expand the hospital’s present capabilities, and enable it to adapt to the rapid advances in cardiovascular medicine. The choice of image- and data-display technology was critical to these objectives because the monitor effectively serves as the clinicians’ eyes for the expanding roster of invasive procedures in which accuracy and precision are paramount.

“Carrot Medical’s C-View system met all of our criteria,” Ms. Jackson said. “Carrot’s solution gives us the capabilities we wanted now and the flexibility we need going forward.” In fact, they’ve already seen the benefit of C-View’s flexibility. “We recently added 3D capabilities to overlay over diagnostics in real time. And there are advanced new procedures currently in trial all over the world that we’ll be able to perform here.”



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Construction on San Jacinto’s Heart and Vascular Center began in August 2010 and was completed just three months later with no delays. “It was a challenging project involving several other major vendors,” Ms. Jackson said. “The people at Carrot were wonderful to work with through the planning and construction, and the training was outstanding. Our Carrot rep was very responsive throughout the installation. It’s unusual for a project like this to come in on time, but we did it.”

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Since San Jacinto’s hybrid suite was completed, Ms. Jackson estimates that more than 100 outside physicians, directors of nursing and EMS professionals have toured the facility.

“Everyone is just amazed at the image quality and the versatility of the Carrot monitor,” she said. “Being able to bring in up to 24 lines of data and have 16 images at once on a 56-inch screen is a tremendous improvement in the availability of data that you can see while the procedure’s going on.”

San Jacinto’s hybrid suite opened on December 15, 2010 and within the first four months, Dr. Fischer and his colleague, Jacobo Nurko, M.D., a vascular surgeon, had performed more than 60 procedures, including open-heart surgeries, aortic aneurism and peripheral vascular procedures.

“It’s a great service to our patients and their families to be able to treat them in the community,” Ms. Jackson said. “Plus, outside physicians and other hospitals are now referring these cases to us.”

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