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OHSU Donates Lifesaving Device to Virginia Garcia Clinic

Oregon Health and Science University presented an automatic electronic defibrillator, or AED, to Virginia Garcia Clinic's Cornelius site this morning. The machine is used by trained personnel to deliver a shock to revive the heart of someone who is suffering from a heart attack. "We've wanted to have these for a long time, but there's been no room in our budget for them," says Kathleen Bax, Virginia Garcia Clinical Coordinator.

Presenting the device, Jenny Cook of OHSU's Emergency Department, said that OHSU had acquired a number of the devices for a clinical trial and that the Emergency Department was through with them and so decided to donate two to Virginia Garcia Clinics (another one has been given to the Beaverton site.) "These devices can save lives and we're glad the Virginia Garcia's staff has taken the training to use them," says Cook.

Anita Markoff, AED Coordinator for Washington County Health and Human Services, facilitated the donation of the machine. "Our role," says Markoff, "is to provide physician oversight and training in the use of the AED to staff at Virginia Garcia. We'll also inform all the emergency responders that there is an AED on site, and will follow up with maintenance if the machine has to be used."

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PHOTO CAPTION:

Kathleen Bax (l), Virginia Garcia Clinic Clinical Coordinator, receives an automatic electronic defibrillator for the Cornelius center from Jenny Cook of OHSU's Emergency Department, which donated the device.

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