

Griffin Deploys Defibrillators



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DERBY - Griffin Hospital has installed six defibrillators throughout its Derby facility to ensure speedy treatment of heart attacks.

This month the hospital finished placing six Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in public spaces including the main lobby and cafeteria. The heart-shocking devices are used in case of cardiac arrest and feature voice prompts to help rescuers use the device.

"The AED is designed to be foolproof," said Gregory Boris, MD, Griffin's chairman of emergency services. "It is not possible to deliver an unneeded shock, and even untrained individuals can save lives."

The Valley Parish Nurse Program helped secure funding for Griffin's AEDs and 48 other devices in the community. The group also provides CPR and defibrillator training in municipal facilities.

Dozens of defibrillators have been installed around the Naugatuck Valley this year as part of the HEARTSafe program.