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## **ATLANTIC GENERAL HOSPITAL GOES LIVES WITH eCARE REMOTE ICU MONITORING**

*Innovative eICU® Program Improves Care with VISICU Technology*

*Berlin, Md.* – On July 27, Atlantic General Hospital will join four other Maryland eCare hospitals who have implemented the VISICU eICU® technology, which allows for remote monitoring of its most critically ill patients.

Complementing the intensive care provided by Atlantic General's clinical staff and intensivists, eICU critical care physicians and nurses – based at Christiana Care's eICU monitoring center – closely watch patient conditions 24/7 remotely, through video and audio technology combined with intelligent monitoring, sensors and alarm systems.

While maintaining patient privacy, the eICU's remote center closely monitors patients for any physical change, immediately alerting local caregivers and recommending corrective action. This additional monitoring will be especially important during the evenings or when Atlantic General's intensivists are otherwise on call.

"eCARE will provide an additional line of safety and monitoring for all ICU patients," said Scott Rose, director of the ICU at Atlantic General. "It does not replace the bedside nurse or our intensivist physicians. The cameras installed in each room are an added feature and will only be activated by the ICU staff at Atlantic General, or if the eCARE team in Christiana notices a potential problem or emergency."

Studies have shown improved patient outcomes and decreased lengths of stay in ICUs that have around-the-clock intensivist coverage. The eICU program will allow for that, making the road to recovery much shorter for Atlantic General's patients.

**About Maryland eCare**

Seven hospitals, known collectively as Maryland eCare, united more than four years ago to find a solution to the critical care physician shortage. It is the largest collaboration of independent hospitals in the country – and the only such partnership in the state of Maryland – to establish this model of care for its patients. Participating hospitals include Atlantic General Hospital and Salisbury's Peninsula Regional Medical Center as well as Calvert Memorial Hospital, Civista Medical Center, St. Mary's Hospital, Union Hospital and Washington County Health System, which collectively admit more than 66,000 patients every year.

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