

## **Union Hospital Brings Specialized Care Team to Area ICU Patients**

Maryland ICU patients at Union Hospital in Elkton now have tele-ICU nurses and physicians as part of their care team thanks to Maryland eCare, a seven-hospital collaborative bringing cutting edge patient care technology to rural Maryland.

Union is the fifth hospital to bring eCare's remote critical care unit into their ICU, further enhancing patient care. eCare hospitals connect ICU beds via video camera, voice technology, intelligent monitoring and alarm systems to critical care physicians and nurses at a remote monitoring center based at Christian Care Health System in Newark, Delaware. The remote team works with Union's critical care nurses, physicians and other local staff.

Studies show improved patient outcomes and decreased lengths of stay for patients managed by critical care physicians. Yet, due to a current and worsening shortage in the specialty, it's difficult to impossible for some hospitals to have these physicians on-site 24 hours a day. eCare provides an innovative solution via its tele-ICU.

### **About Maryland eCare**

Maryland eCare, LLC is a group of independent hospitals committed to improving patient care and safety for the communities they serve by sharing resources and bringing skilled critical care to rural Maryland. Maryland eCare hospitals include: Atlantic General Hospital, Berlin; Calvert Memorial Hospital, Prince Frederick; Civista Medical Center, La Plata; Peninsula Regional Medical Center, Salisbury; St. Mary's Hospital, Leonardtown; Union Hospital, Elkton; and Washington County Health System, Hagerstown. For more information, visit [www.marylandecare.org](http://www.marylandecare.org).