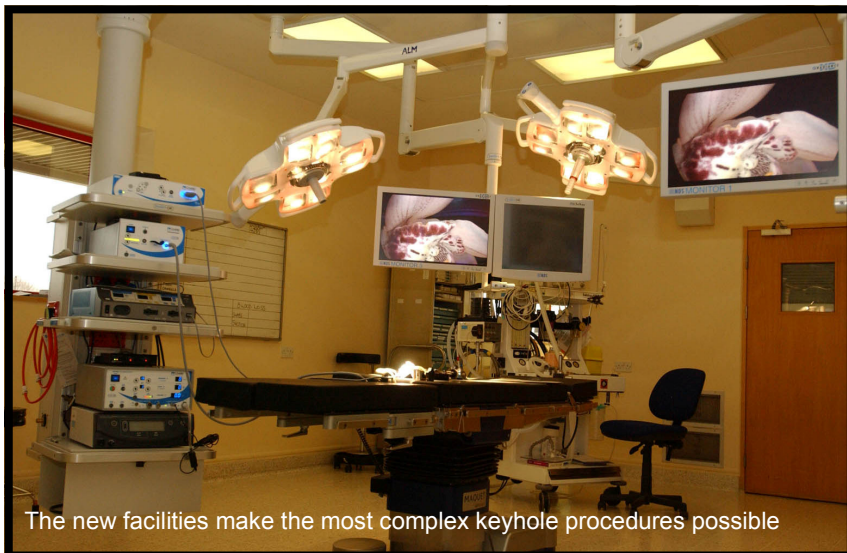


Stars Appeal Keyhole Cancer Campaign - Surgeons' Report

The new keyhole cancer operating suite at Salisbury District Hospital opened in January 2008, just 11 months after we launched the Appeal. From the very first day, patients with cancer, such as bowel or prostate cancer, have been treated in these state-of-the-art operating theatres where they are already receiving the benefits of the new equipment. At the heart of this is one of the most advanced camera systems in Europe, which delivers extremely high resolution images, allowing the surgeons to see and identify anatomical structures more easily, enabling us to perform the most complex keyhole procedures. All of the various systems in the operating theatre have now been brought under the control of touch screen panels, which allow the surgeons to manage all the systems for themselves. This not only allows them to get the very best out of the equipment but also speeds up patient treatment. The new operating theatres are now free of the pipes, tubes and wiring previously necessary to operate the old equipment, providing a much improved environment for all concerned.

We can now bring digital x-rays and body scans to the screens allowing us to view these important images without having to leave the operating table. First class picture and video recording systems allow us to, for the first time, record what we do and store it in a picture archiving computer system. We no longer have to rely on handwritten notes and can easily retrieve this vital information in the future should a patient be readmitted, ensuring the very best care in years to come. In addition we can now send these high definition pictures from the operating theatres to the Hospital's education centre for the benefit of trainee theatre staff. The video conferencing system that makes this possible allows the surgeon in the operating theatre to have a two-way interaction with them whilst surgery is proceeding, dramatically enhancing the teaching process.

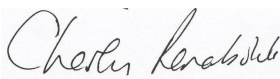
The surgeons of Salisbury are enormously grateful to all those who so generously supported the Stars Appeal Keyhole Cancer Campaign. We would like to take this opportunity to send our heartfelt thanks on behalf of all of our patients to whom this equipment has, and will continue to, make such a significant difference. This new facility has transformed our work!



The new facilities make the most complex keyhole procedures possible



New high definition screens show an unprecedented level of anatomical detail.


Charles Ranaboldo
Consultant Surgeon


Helen Chave
Consultant Colorectal Surgeon


Graham Branagan
Consultant Colorectal Surgeon