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Palmetto General unveils high-tech OR

Palmetto General Hospital has remodeled its Heart Institute with wireless operating rooms with computers that respond to voice commands.

The voice-activated computer program can control elements including lights, the position of the surgical table, cameras and electronic medical records, said the **Tenet Healthcare Corp.** hospital in Hialeah.

Images from operations can be beamed to nurses in the remodeled 20-bed intensive care unit so they can prepare for the patients' conditions.

The surgery, transfer and recovery area are now all one floor so cardiac patients no longer have to change beds and use elevators.