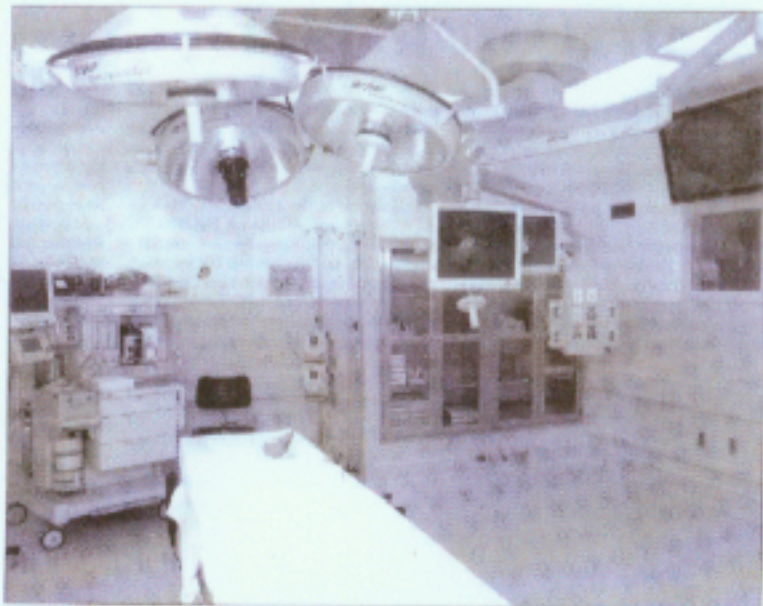


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Dr. Romualdo "Peter" Seguro, medical director of the Heart Institute at Palmetto General Hospital, holds a model heart as he demonstrates the technology available in the new operating rooms.



## Palmetto General unveils high-tech operating rooms

Palmetto General Hospital has remodeled its Heart Institute to have 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 10-bed intensive care unit – which has individual rooms for each patient – so they can prepare for the patients' conditions.

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

— Brian Bandell