



## Springfield Clinic unveils Xenex Germ-Zapping Robot for infection control

(April 26, 2016) (Springfield, IL) Springfield Clinic announced it is the first Ambulatory Surgery Center in Illinois to use the Xenex Germ-Zapping Robot™ and is among the leading outpatient surgery centers in the country to incorporate the technology.

The Xenex robot, affectionately named Louie by the Springfield Clinic Infection Control Committee, uses Full Spectrum™ pulsed xenon ultraviolet (UV) light to quickly and safely destroy harmful bacteria, viruses, fungi and bacterial spores. The portable system is effective against even the most dangerous pathogens, including C. diff, influenza, Ebola and MRSA.

"Springfield Clinic is committed to delivering the highest quality health care," said Mary Stewart, Chief Clinical Officer. "By implementing the latest technology in infection control, we can keep our patients safer and improve the quality of their medical outcomes."

Springfield Clinic's state-of-the-art Ambulatory Surgery and Endoscopy Center (ASC) has already achieved one of the lowest infection rates at less than one percent and earned the highest marks possible for quality and safety from the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC).

In addition to further improving safety, installation of the Xenex Germ-Zapping Robot is part of a program that permits Springfield Clinic's surgeons to perform longer and more complex surgical cases where infection control is paramount.

"We expect to offer total shoulder and total knee replacement as an outpatient procedure within the next couple of months," said Stewart. "The Xenex device will enable us to more effectively disinfect the ORs, and we are excited to perform surgeries in the ASC that have been typically reserved for a hospital setting," added Stewart. "

The Xenex system can disinfect a typical admitting/recovery bay in five minute cycles without warm-up or cool-down times. Cycle times vary, depending on the size of the room, Springfield Clinic expects the disinfection of a large surgical/procedure suite to be completed in about 16-24 minutes.

The Xenex Germ-Zapping Robot has been tested and proven effective using independent lab verification on the most common, dangerous and difficult-to-treat microorganisms. Most importantly, the Xenex system has been credited by health care facilities across the U.S. for helping reduce their infection rates significantly.

### **About Springfield Clinic**

Springfield Clinic is a progressive, physician-led multi-specialty medical group, devoted to providing the highest quality health care to its patients. More than 400 physicians and advanced practitioners deliver value-based care in approximately 80 medical specialties and sub-specialties. As one of the largest private, multi-specialty medical clinics in Illinois, Springfield Clinic currently employs over 2,000 clinical and administrative staff members who are committed to leadership in quality, service and technology. For more information, go to [www.SpringfieldClinic.com](http://www.SpringfieldClinic.com).

**About Xenex**

Xenex's patented Full Spectrum pulsed xenon UV room disinfection system is used for the advanced disinfection of healthcare facilities. Due to its speed and ease of use, the Xenex system has proven to integrate smoothly into hospital cleaning operations. Xenex's mission is to save lives and reduce suffering by eliminating the deadly microorganisms that cause hospital acquired infections (HAIs). The company is backed by well-known investors that include Malin Corporation, Battery Ventures, Targeted Technology Fund II and RK Ventures. For more information, visit [Xenex.com](http://Xenex.com).

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