



Naples hospital is using robots to fight germs

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NAPLES, Fla. - A zapping robot is aiming to help patients with bacteria and germs that go unseen inside a hospital.

"A lot of germs, we really don't see them, but we know by testing them. Some of our patients come in sick or are compromised with MRSA or the coronavirus, that we're talking about. Those are looming, and this technology will help defeat those kinds of pathogens," said Dr. Georgina Kruedelbach with NCH.

NCH Baker Hospital purchased three robots to battle bacteria, germs, and even the Wuhan coronavirus.

"This robot will be able to shine a light very bright across the room which effectively kills bacteria, cells and all the harmful superbugs you hear about," said regional director with Xenex, Will Compeland.

With all the different types of viruses we see at this time a year, we asked how long it would take to zap the germs.

"A general patient room we're going to run 3-5 minute cycles, so we can effectively kill viruses in about five minutes," Compeland said.

Doctors want to make sure rooms around the hospital are cleaned for the next patient.

"The robots are going to be used up on the patient room floors and the operating rooms, as well as the important areas," Compeland said.

The hospital has three robots that cost \$105,000 each, and NCH will look to expand in the future.

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