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## **GLWACH to hold eICU ribbon cutting ceremony**

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.** – The General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital is scheduled to hold a ribbon cutting ceremony for the electronic Intensive Care Unit here at 2:30 p.m., Thursday in the hospital’s medical and dental activity classroom.

Brig. Gen. John Cho, Western Regional Medical Command commanding general, is slated to attend the event with Col Marie Dominguez, GLWACH commander, presiding over the ceremony.

“The eICU pilot program here is the result of dedicated, caring hospital staff who worked hard to make General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital No. 1 in outpatient efficiency in WRMC,” said John Ingersoll, GLWACH Clinical Operations supervisor.

“As other hospitals are downsizing and even closing, we’re continuing to provide new services and technology at an increasing rate,” Ingersoll said. “We are No. 1 in outpatient efficiency in all of MEDCOM, and there’s a real, solid reason for that. We care.”

“It may sound trite, but it’s true. We care about those we serve,” he said. “We’re on the same team and Army medicine’s new ‘System for Health’ is providing the patient-centered, team-based framework for both staff and patient to communicate and work together better.”

The eICU is expected to contribute increase to the hospital’s inpatient care efficiency, currently rated No. 3 in WRMC.

“The eICU more than doubles our staff’s ability to provide critical care for our inpatients,” Ingersoll said. “And this level of quality care has also increased our efficiency. Now we’ve got a state-of-the-art, high-tech tool to take caring to a whole new level.”

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The new state-of-the-art eICU brings additional board-certified intensivists and critical-care nursing staff members on board, electronically, significantly contributing to value-added care for enrollees here in rural Missouri, Ingersoll said.

Second and third opinion care and continuous electronic monitoring, provided by a partnership with an eICU control center at Baptist Hospital in Little Rock, Ark., allows for fewer patient transfers to distant, larger hospitals.

Visiting family members to ICU patients here can also enjoy staying at home rather than at a hotel two hours away from home.

“But you can’t win if you don’t play,” Ingersoll said. “So enroll today. Closing our enrollment gap will continue to send the right message to decision makers that we are a valued and needed medical treatment facility in this budget-minded age.”

The enrollment window is open for TRICARE Prime (active duty) and TRICARE Plus (65+) at GLWACH and the Ozark Family-Centered Medical Home satellite clinic, located off post in the St. Robert municipal building.

Those eligible to enroll are encouraged to call the hospital’s Enrollment Hotline at (573) 596.0727.

For more information, contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at (573) 563.4145.

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