



CUTLINE: Atrium Medical Center recently donated a BiPAP machine to the respiratory care program at Southern State Community College. Celebrating the donation are (front, l-r) Dr. Jeffery Hoffman, Chief Medical Officer; Jennifer Wendling, Respiratory Care Services Manager; Atrium staff members Lorin Collins, Lisa Banks and Therese Watkins; and Dr. Nicole Roades, SSCC Vice President of Institutional Advancement; (back, l-r) and Atrium staff members Kristie Lee and Robert Crowe.

Atrium Medical Center donates equipment to Southern State

Southern State Community College recently received an equipment donation from Atrium Medical Center. The donated Bilevel Positive Airway Pressure (BiPAP) machine was no longer used for patient care at Atrium due to being replaced by an updated model. The BiPaP machine, which is a breathing apparatus that increases air intake for patients, will be used by the college's respiratory care program.

"This machine is a wonderful enhancement to our program and offers students hands-on experience with equipment they will encounter in the clinical setting," said Chyane Collins, Assistant Professor and Program Director for SSCC's respiratory care program. "We appreciate that our clinical partners support our program and consider us when rotating their equipment."

“Atrium Medical Center has many educational partnerships throughout the region,” stated Jennifer Wendling, Atrium’s Respiratory Department Manager, who coordinated the equipment donation. “We appreciate the efforts of our partners to provide as realistic a learning experience as possible and are happy to support those efforts when possible.”

Atrium Medical Center is a 328-bed hospital in Middletown, Ohio that was opened in December 2007. The hospital features a Level III Trauma Center, Certified Primary Stroke Center, a Special Care Nursery, Women’s Center and other services. Atrium Medical Center, which serves as a clinical partner with Southern State, is part of Premier Health, a system that includes Miami Valley Hospital, Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton and Upper Valley Medical Center.

Southern State’s associate degree in respiratory care is a specialized program with limited enrollment. The program prepares students for providing care to patients with heart and lung disorders. Licensed graduates are integral healthcare team members in general care, neonatal and pediatric critical care, adult trauma care, diagnostic testing, rehabilitation, home care, education and research.

Fall semester begins August 25 and registration opens April 14. To learn more about the respiratory care program at Southern State Community College, contact Collins at 1-800-628-7722, ext. 5620, email ccollins@sscc.edu or visit www.sscc.edu/academics/associate/respiratory-care.shtml.

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