



Jean McKeown from the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo presented Wyoming County Community Hospital with funding for our new SonaSite Ultra-sound System. Janet Miller, center, and CEO Ronald Krawiec accepted the check.

Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo donates to health care

by Dolly Kowalski

The Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo this week presented check for \$51,814 to Wyoming County Community Hospital for the purchase of a Sona Site Ultra Sound Device.

Peripherally Inserted Catheters (PICC) is an important technology, which is utilized by both hospitalized and home patients. The utilization of these devices often allows patients to go home earlier than previously possible.

Vascular ultrasound technology allows the use of PICC lines in a greater number of patients. The equipment will decrease exposure to riskier central line procedures and increase the number of residents that can receive acute care at home.

According to hospital CEO Ronald Krawiec, physicians can make use of the Sona Ultrasound Device for rapid diagnosis in an emergency situation or for routine diagnosis at the bedside. In rural health care physicians rely on nurses to ease their workload in a variety of ways.



Director of Surgical Nursing, Cindy Elbow explained the procedure of using the new State of the art equipment to Jean McKeown.

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The Sona Site Ultrasound Device will allow specially trained nurses to place PICC lines thereby easing the workload for physicians and increasing services to the Wyoming County Community.

Janet Miller representing the Wyoming Hospital Foundation said, "It's a roller coaster health care climate right now. It's a real blessing to be partnered with the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo and look forward to continuing our rela-

tionship with them."

Director of surgical nursing, Cindy Elbow was on hand with the Ultra Sound device to explain its use. She said, "It's state of the art equipment and was much needed to ease the comfort for patients and allow them, in some cases, to leave the hospital sooner than anticipated."

The money was awarded as part of the William Thiel Fund. His wish was to provide health care to residents in Wyoming County.