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Girl first in Arizona to get heart surgery through veins



University physician Dr. Kalyani Trivedi examines a vital signs monitor in a University Medical Center operating room where a new alternative open-heart surgery procedure took place for the first time last week.

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To reduce risks for a 2-year-old girl with heart disease, a University Medical Center physician was the first in Arizona to use a new technique, which allowed closing a hole in the girl's heart and avoiding open-heart surgery.

Alexis Woods, who has had heart problems since she was born, recovered quickly from the procedure, said her mother, Kelly Woods.

"She has been a lot better; she has more strength, more energy and started

eating thoroughly," Kelly Woods said. "It's healing faster than I expected."

Traditionally, when a person has a hole between the two heart chambers, called the Ventricular Septal Defect, open-heart surgery has been required. In this procedure, surgeons would also have to use a heart lung-bypass machine and cut into the heart directly in order to reach the hole, said Dr. Kalyani Trivedi, UMC health care physician who performed the procedure.

After the surgery, the patient would have to stay in the intensive care unit for seven to 10 days, said Trivedi, an

assistant professor in the department of pediatrics at the UA.

Instead, Trivedi said she used the Amplatzer VSD Muscular Occlude, which consists of a wire body filled with polyester mesh and has the shape of a disk. The disk can be pulled into a small tube, which travels in the body's veins in order to reach the heart.

With the new device, patients can be released as soon as one day after the device was placed, she said.

"You can avoid all those issues and the child goes home with just that little scar that you can't even see after some

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Bill could help rape victims

By Andrea Kelly
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PHOENIX — Health professionals are not required to provide information about emergency contraception when treating a rape victim, but a bill at the Legislature would require them to do so and help to prevent thousands of unwanted pregnancies from rape each year, say supporters.

An Arizona Senate bill would require any health professional treating a victim of sexual assault to provide the patient with information on emergency contraception and then, if the patient requested it, to provide them with the contraception.

Bridget Riceci, president and chief executive officer of the Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault said the bill would help prevent thousands of unwanted pregnancies resulting from rape each year.

One in five women will be victims of sexual assault in their lifetime, and each year 32,000 rape victims are impregnated by their assailant, Riceci said.

She urged the Senate Health Committee to pass the bill to "unite in the interest of rape victims."

The committee passed the bill yesterday, and it now awaits hearing in the full Senate.

Rep. Pete Hershberger, R-Tucson, spoke on behalf of the bill's sponsor, Sen. Gabriel Giffords, D-Tucson, because she was unable to be at the committee meeting.

Hershberger, who is sponsoring a similar bill in the Arizona House of Representatives, said the bill allows health care providers to treat victims of sexual assault as people, rather than just crime scenes, and the bill does not hinder any forensic efforts to gather evidence for prosecution.

"I believe it is very important that we help prevent another trauma of an unwanted pregnancy from a rape," Hershberger said.

The issue hits home to the UA community in light of recent events. Last semester, several sexual assaults and attempted sexual assaults near campus and in mostly-student apartment complexes raised concern on how women could protect themselves

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Greeks collaborate to enhance black awareness

By Danielle Rideau
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In an effort to gain a better presence on campus, increase community service, and raise money, the National Pan Hellenic Council is hosting activities throughout the week to get students involved in greek life.

The NPHC is made up of the historically black fraternities and sororities on campus.

Yesterday they held "penny wars" to raise funds for next year's board and tonight's keynote speaker, Steve Birdine, the international president of Iota Phi Theta fraternity,

Birdine is a motivational speaker who will speak about student leadership and how young adults can take

action to better the community, said Larissa Smith, president of NPHC.

Each chapter is competing to see how much money they can raise by decorating jugs and trying to attract students who are walking on the UA Mall, said Smith, an anthropology senior.

The fraternities and sororities are also having a yard show tomorrow where each chapter will speak on the north stage of the Student Union Memorial Center to promote their fraternity or sorority.

"A lot of them will be talking about their history, colors, mascots and doing something to let people on campus know who we are," Smith said.

Last week, many black students attended a meeting to come up with ideas about how to increase their pres-

ence on campus.

Black students and the NPHC expressed concern about the lack of black presence and awareness at the UA at last Friday's Campus Town Hall meeting.

This week has been a good opportunity to hold activities in a public arena and let students know who they are, and what activities they are holding around campus, said Kristin Robinson, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha and NPHC secretary.

"Many people don't know what we are about so being on the Mall has gotten people interested and is getting people asking about our fraternities and sororities," said Robinson, a speech and hearing sciences senior.

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Pre-business junior Simon Georgalli deposits his spare change to anthropology senior and president of the National Pan Hellenic Council Larissa Smith's sorority Sigma Gamma Rho yesterday on the UA Mall.