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## Shands Children's Hospital Gives Birth to a Newly Renovated Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Level 3



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NEW NICU Level 3

**T**hanks to a \$4.2 million grant from Children's Miracle Network, Shands Children's Hospital at the University of Florida has given birth to a newly renovated Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) Level 3. The new NICU increases the former nursery space from 1,890 square feet to 4,060 square feet. This increased space will allow for greater privacy and intimacy for the parents and visiting families. Through this renovation, Shands Children's Hospital will be able to provide the critical care needed for these neonates and will enable us to fulfill our mission of providing innovative and comprehensive care for children at the highest standards of quality and service. In addition, the NICU Level 3 has two isolation rooms, ECMO rooms, family lockers, family waiting room, windows and a skylight, for a total of 10,000 square feet. Named after Donald V. Eitzman, M.D., the new NICU Level 3 unit opened to patients in January 2005.



Dr. Terence Flotte, UF Pediatrics Chair, and  
Dr. Donald Eitzman open the NICU doors.

The new NICU has an average of 125 square feet per patient bed space that will assist with family centered care, a concept where the families' wishes to participate in the care become part of the plan. In this model, parents need to be in the NICU more, which was impossible in the older space. In addition, the NICU now has 2 isolation rooms. These rooms are important for management of neonates with certain infectious diseases.

Lastly, this newer NICU has several bed spaces that are specially built to serve our ECMO clinical service. ECMO, or cardiac by-pass for babies, is a highly technical procedure that requires multiple caregivers, additional equipment, and possibly surgery on-site, as opposed to surgery in the operating room. These ECMO bed spaces will enhance our capabilities to provide Level 4 neonatal care, and expand the clinical mission of taking care of the sickest of the sick.



Giraffe Bed



Mick Shannon, CEO of Children's Miracle Network



NICU Nursing Staff



Dr. David Burchfield, Medical Director, NICU



NICU Family Waiting Room



NICU graduates - The Bright Triplets

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