Health

Mazor Robotics inks deal with Medtronic

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Mazor Robotics, which has its U.S. headquarters in downtown Orlando, has entered commercial and equity agreements with Medtronic, a global leader in medical technology. The arrangement is for the development and commercialization of robotic-based spine systems and applications. The commercial agreement is for Mazor’s future systems and applications.

“What I’m seeing is that that’s going to accelerate our growth,” said CEO Christopher Prentice.

The company regularly brings surgeons and hospital administrators to Orlando to watch and learn about its products.

“With Medtronic, 700 reps will talk about our product and the number of surgeons coming to Orlando will increase. I may have to find new space as we grow,” Prentice said.

Places

The 2016 Central Florida Medical Office Report by Cushman & Wakefield shows that leasing activity increased by 104 percent compared with last year. “The health-care industry continues to play a more significant part in the overall economy,” said Anne Spencer, a director at the real estate firm. “It now directly employs nearly 15 million people and has caused the pool of available medical office space to tighten.”

Hospital growth has continued to rise in the region with both on and off-campus medical office construction and nearly 100,000 square feet of new space in the works.

The third annual report also showed that direct vacancy for medical office space in Orlando has steadily decreased since 2011 and the for-sale inventory of institutional medical office buildings has been limited.

Florida Hospital opened its new stand-alone emergency department in Lake Mary. The 19,000-square-foot facility has a helipad and 24 patient rooms.

Greater Orlando American Heart Association has received a $117,600 award to support and facilitate CPR education in Central Florida.

Community Based Care Integrated Health, a national privatized Medicaid plan designed for children in foster care and their adoptive families, has marked its second year. It has enrolled 36,000 kids and has 500 participating providers.

Mothers’ Milk Bank of Florida, the only non-profit community milk bank in Florida, is marking its one-year anniversary. It has collected more than 165,000 ounces of milk, approved 270 donors and shipped 25,000 bottles to 16 NICUs in Florida.

People

Dr. André Hebra, is the new chief medical officer and physician-in-chief for Nemours Children’s Hospital. He was most recently surgeon-in-chief at Medical University of South Carolina Children’s Hospital in Charleston, S.C.

Lewis Seifert is the new chief financial officer for Adventist Health System’s multi-state division.

Jill Hamilton Buss, executive director of Healthy Central Florida, has been awarded America Walks’ Walking College Fellowship. Buss and 24 other advocates from around the country will take part in a four-month training to learn about making communities more walkable.

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