Advanced medical imaging benefitting patients at RDH

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Territory patients are benefiting from shorter operating times and faster recovery thanks to a new integrated hybrid operating theatre at Royal Darwin Hospital.

The hybrid theatre, which is a surgical theatre equipped with advanced medical imaging devices, is the first in the Territory.

The Country Liberals Government provided $2.6 million in funding which supported the cost of the new theatre, imaging equipment, building works and other equipment including audio/visual.

Inspecting the theatre and its hi-tech equipment today, Mr Elferink said the hybrid operating theatre was a “significant improvement for patients at Royal Darwin Hospital.”

“This equipment means Royal Darwin Hospital can perform minimally-invasive surgery which results in shorter recovery times, less pain and scarring and patients can go home from hospital quicker.

“It will also enable some more complex cases to be treated in the Territory rather than patients having to go interstate.”

The technology improves image quality and also reduces radiation exposure compared to normal radiation exposure of a standard x-ray machine.

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