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### **New monitoring system for ICU**

The Wimmera Health Care Group is continuing to lead the way in health care with a new monitoring system in the Intensive Care Unit.

Intensive Care Unit associate nurse unit manager Anne Russell said the unit's previous monitoring system predicted end of life was December 2011.

Mrs Russell said the new system included state-of-the-art machines that also allowed staff to monitor patients in other wards from the Intensive Care Unit.

"It is a central monitoring unit with the latest in technology bedside monitors, which have a 12 inch LCD flat panel display with touch screen. The screen shows six patient information waves including cardiac, blood pressure and oxygen saturation," Mrs Russell said.

"There are also telemetry units, so patients can be moved to a ward but still monitored from ICU. There are multi-measurement modules which are useful for monitoring patients who go the x-ray or theatre."

She said the new system improved patient care and nursing efficiencies at Wimmera Health Care Group, the regional acute hospital for the Wimmera.

"The new system, which cost \$92,000 was funded by the Department of Health as the previous monitors were near their end of life and parts and service were no longer available," Mrs Russell said.

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