TOPIC FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019:

Will there be new equipment in the hospital? I keep hearing rumors that MVHS will not be purchasing anything new for the regional medical center and will just be moving the existing equipment, furnishings, etc.

Yes, there will be new equipment purchased for the new regional medical center. Here’s just a short list of what is planned:

- New, state-of-the-art cardiac catheterization labs
- Larger, updated operating rooms complete with the latest in technology on items such as lighting, beds and monitors
- Spacious Emergency Department equipped with advanced technology for life-saving procedures and trauma
- Imaging equipment
- Clinical Lab equipment
- All new furnishings.

More than $45 million is slated for the purchase of these and many other items.

Each year, MVHS spends millions upgrading equipment and technology to provide our community with advanced medical care. During our annual capital planning process, we identify all the equipment that must be upgraded, replaced or is new to support a new service or technology for the forthcoming year. We also keep track of the age of equipment and the projected replacement time. We expect to spend at least $30 million over the next two years on upgrading equipment such as a new fluoroscopy, which is a type of medical imaging that helps to diagnose disease or to guide physicians during certain treatment procedures. If we need to make additional major purchases (several million dollars) in the next couple years, we will do so with the understanding it will be moved into the new medical center.