

## **Physician Resource Alert**

### **Headline:**

New Patient-Friendly GERD Studies Available at Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital & Clinics

### **Body:**

Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital & Clinics offers the catheter-free Bravo® pH Monitoring System (Bravo) and the 36-sensor manometry catheter for esophageal function. These new studies provide a more accurate picture of GERD symptomatology and significantly improve the patient's experience.

### **pH Monitoring**

The conventional 24-hr pH monitoring requires transnasal introduction of the catheter with pH sensors. Patients experience discomfort, embarrassment, and interference with daily activity.

The catheter-free Bravo study collects pH data for 48 hours via a miniature capsule attached to esophageal mucosa. Data is transmitted through radio frequency telemetry to a pager-sized receiver on the patient's clothing. Patients can more easily engage in normal activities; additional data can be collected.

### **Esophageal Manometry**

The new esophageal manometry catheter has 36 sensors compared to the older four-sensor catheter. The additional sensors simultaneously record pressure along the entire esophagus—without frequent catheter adjustment. Patient discomfort is significantly reduced, diagnostic decision-making is enhanced, and length of study is shortened.

Your patients may experience many benefits from the new SPMHC studies for GERD:

- Reduced discomfort
- A more accurate assessment
- No social embarrassment
- Less interference with daily activities

At SPMHC, your patients can expect state-of-the-art technology in an environment of compassionate care.

**For more information or to make a referral, please call our general surgeons:  
Surgical Associates, S.C. at (608) 643-2431.**

**Graphics:**

Bravo miniature capsule in esophagus

36-sensor manometry catheter

Surgeons

**Sidebar:**

The following award-winning, SPMHC general surgeons offer advanced technology, comprehensive surgical care, and a track record for excellent clinical outcomes. They provide health care you can trust.

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