

Area's organ procurement center holds dedication for surgical addition

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Administrators and board members of the Center for Organ Recovery & Education in O'Hara on Thursday dedicated a \$10 million addition for human tissue and organ recovery.

The 25,000-square-foot pavilion, which includes two operating rooms, is expected to make better use of the time doctors have to remove organs for transplantation, officials said.

Onsite organ and tissue recovery is a way for some of the nation's 58 organ procurement organizations to cut costs, the Tribune-Review reported this month as part of its Donor Dilemma investigation.

The newspaper reported that 51 of the nonprofits collected revenue of \$1.2 billion and recovered more than 80,000 body parts.

Workers began collecting tissue at the new facility in October and expect to start removing organs such as livers and kidneys in the coming months from donors who are patients outside of UPMC Presbyterian and Allegheny General hospitals.

The building, in the RIDC business park, is named for Brian A. Broznick, who was CORE's CEO until his death in 2003. His widow, Susan Stuart, is CEO.



Guests talk on the patio beyond a green roof at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Brian A. Broznick Pavilion at CORE (Center for Organ Recovery and Education) facility in O'Hara on Thursday, Sept. 12, 2013. The new pavilion enables CORE to provide improved care and support to donors, donor families and hospital partners throughout the donation process. The facility includes two fully functional operating rooms so CORE can recover organs and tissues

on site rather than impacting the operating room or ICU schedules in local hospitals, which will increase efficiency.



CEO and president of CORE, Susan Stuart, helps with the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Brian A. Broznick Pavilion at CORE (Center for Organ Recovery and Education) facility in O'Hara with Bill Broznick (center) and chairman of the board Michael Howard on Thursday, Sept. 12, 2013. Stuart and Broznick are the wife and son, respectively, of the late Brian A. Broznick, the former CEO and president of CORE, for whom the pavilion is named.





Eye bank supervisor Michael Christ, 55, of Moon displays technology to aid with eye cornea transplants in the eye bank during a tour at CORE (Center for Organ Recovery and Education) facility in O'Hara on Thursday evening, September 12, 2013.

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