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National award for Doshier operating rooms

SOUTHPORT—*Outpatient Surgery* magazine has named Doshier Memorial Hospital an OR Excellence Award recipient for 2017 for implementing a program to eradicate surgical smoke from the operating rooms at the hospital. Doshier is one of seven hospitals in the U.S. to earn this recognition for various aspects of operating room services, and it comes in the staff safety category.

“Removal of surgical smoke is a good thing for our patients, employees and staff physicians,” Kim York, RN, BSN, director, Doshier Surgical Services, says. York developed the program to eradicate the smoke via cautery pencils that suction smoke from incisions into a filtering device.

Board-certified ophthalmologist Alan E. Oester, MD, was the first member of the Doshier Medical Staff to test the device and gave it high marks.

York, Dr. Oester, and Doshier President & CEO Tom Siemers appear in a new video about the smoke elimination program by the manufacturer of the cautery pencils, Stryker.

Read more about the removal surgical smoke at Doshier.org.

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Doshier Operating Room staff members pause after a busy day in the Doshier ORs. Seated: Karen Clayton, Liz Millard, Kim Womble, and Nicole Jenkins. Standing: Kim York, Mandy Autry, Mark Reutter, Brian Phelps, Billy Malpass, Carolina Minton, and Eugene Cheramie. Not pictured: John Floyd and Bert Hatch.