

Aster Health Donates Equipment to M State to Support Healthcare Training

WADENA, Minn. – March 18, 2026 – Aster Health has donated three pieces of clinical equipment to M State to support hands-on training for students preparing for careers in healthcare.

The donation includes two Infant SiPAP machines and one ZOLL R-Series defibrillator. While no longer suitable for direct patient care, the equipment remains valuable for education and training.

The Infant SiPAP machines are in working condition, but maintenance parts are no longer available. The defibrillator is also functional, but cracked knobs make it unreliable for hospital use. Together, the equipment is well-suited for classroom instruction and simulation training.

“This donation highlights the value of our partnership with M State and the importance of finding meaningful ways to invest in the next generation of healthcare workers,” said Shelly Gompf, chief operating officer at Aster Health. “When we can repurpose equipment for education and training, it creates a win for students, a win for our organization, and a win for the communities we serve. Supporting future healthcare professionals today helps strengthen the care available in our region tomorrow.”

The donation reflects Aster Health’s ongoing commitment to supporting healthcare education and strengthening the future workforce.

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Photo Caption: The equipment donated. Pictured from left: Ken Kompelien, M State Dean for the School of Health Sciences; Shelly Gompf, AH Chief Operating Officer; Mike Johnson, AH Director of Facilities; Karl Klint, AH BioMed Services; Medley Shamp, Chief Clinical Officer; Shannon Britten, M State Foundation Associate Director of Advancement and Development.

ABOUT ASTERA HEALTH

Aster Health is a private, not-for-profit health care system based in Wadena, Minnesota. It offers care services such as primary health, surgery, cancer care, diagnostic imaging, obstetrics, orthopedics and rehabilitation. Aster Health operates a hospital and medical clinic in Wadena, and serves the counties of Wadena, Todd and Otter Tail through five satellite clinics and two physical therapy clinics in Bertha, Henning, Ottertail, Sebeka and Verndale. Visit asterahealth.org.

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