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Heart Hospital Dedicates Echocardiography Laboratory in Honor of Bob Gallegos
Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 8, 2005 – The Heart Hospital of New Mexico will dedicate its Echocardiography Laboratory to the memory of former colleague Robert “Echo Bob” Gallegos on Tuesday, June 14th. In honor of the event, a small reception will be held for family, friends and co-workers.

Echo Bob, as he was affectionately known, passed away in November 2004. As a cardiographer for 30 years, he was immensely respected in the medical community. Dr. Barry Ramo, a cardiologist who began working with Echo Bob in the 1970’s says “his skills were enormous.....they were such that he knew what he was looking for so he would frequently make diagnoses that other people wouldn’t make that could be easily missed. But I think the other thing about him, that sort of really distinguished him, was his enthusiasm and passion for his work. He found great satisfaction in helping people.”

At the time of his death, Echo Bob was working as a cardiographer with the Heart Hospital of New Mexico. Prior to that he had worked for the New Mexico Heart Clinic and Presbyterian Hospital. Sherry Aragon, diagnostic imaging team leader at the Heart Hospital of New Mexico said that Echo Bob “was the best cardiographer in town. He could anticipate the needs of the physicians before they asked.”

Heart Hospital of New Mexico's Echocardiography Laboratory scans approximately 3500 patients a year looking at valve function, esophageal tears and basic heart function.

Located on an 8-acre campus near downtown Albuquerque, the Heart Hospital of New Mexico is an entire medical facility dedicated to fighting heart disease.

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