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**Portable medical computer system at Mt. Grant General Hospital**

HAWTHORNE--A portable computer system that gives local health professionals access to information at the National Library of Medicine is now in place at Mt. Grant General Hospital.

The system, one of the services offered by the Learning Resources Center of the Northeastern Nevada Area Health Education Center based in Elko, gives physicians, nurses and other health care providers access to over 500 professional journals. Gerald Ackerman, Learning Resource Center coordinator, places the system, called a CD ROM, in a different community each month. The system will remain in Hawthorne until the end of January when it will move on to Caliente.

Ackerman said the system helps health professionals in rural areas obtain fast access to a wide range of recent medical information.

Nevada Area Health Education Centers, with offices in Reno, Elko and a planned one in Las Vegas, work in partnership with the University of Nevada School of Medicine to provide support services for health care providers in rural Nevada.