Patient satisfaction from better environmental/comfort controls has a positive effect on the overall experience at St. Joseph's...the WPT enables temperature control to ensure that the patient is comfortable.

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**Improved Patient Satisfaction** St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix, AZ WIRELESS PNEUMATIC THERMOSTAT (WPT)







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## **SITUATION:**

St. Joseph's hospital had inefficient pneumatic thermostats that impacted patient satisfaction, operations and energy costs

#### **Negatively Impacted Patient Satisfaction**

- No visibility meant slow response to patient needs
- Patient surveys were negatively affected by HVAC control issues
- Nurses spent unnecessary time responding to complaints about temperature

#### **Outdated Operations**

- Many hot/cold calls from nurses and doctors
- Repeated trips to zones
- No data to facilitate troubleshooting

#### Wasted Energy

- Extreme setpoints
- Undetected mechanical issues
- Drifting calibration

#### Before WPT Retrofit



# **SOLUTION:**

The facility manager identified the WPT as a cost-effective retrofit solution for upgrading patient rooms

#### Retrofitting to DDC was not feasible for St. Joseph's



Infection control barriers

• High costs exceeded

available budget and

 Invasive installation meant disruption to staff and shutting down rooms



The WPT made it possible for the hospital to retrofit immediately and gain control



- Fast and non-invasive installation meant retrofit could take place in occupied rooms
- No barriers for infection control made project easier
- 80% lower costs fit within budget and provided a fast payback

## **RESULTS:**

St. Joseph's experienced higher patient satisfaction, improved operations, and saved energy resulting in a fast payback

#### **Enabled Higher Patient Satisfaction**

- Greater visibility enabled faster response to patient needs
- Improved HVAC control led to higher patient satisfaction survey scores
- Patients focused on healing and not temperature

#### **Improved Operations**

- Fewer hot/cold calls
- Fewer trips to zones
- Faster troubleshooting facilitated by diagnostic data

#### **Saved Energy**

- Programmable temperature resets
- Ongoing commissioning of mechanical issues
- Automatic calibration and tighter control

#### After WPT Retrofit

