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NEW SURGICAL MICROSCOPE AT ST BERNARD'S

The GHA has taken delivery of a Luxor LX3, the latest model of surgical microscopes. This model is so new that there are only three of them in the whole of Iberia. In St Bernard's Hospital, the LX3 will replace a Zeiss microscope which is still functional but there may soon be problems in obtaining replacement parts for the Zeiss as the model is no longer in production.

Typically, microscopes such as these are used to perform microsurgery, particularly surgery on eyes.

The new Luxor LX3 is equipped with a 3D 'stereo assistant scope' which allows a nurse or junior doctor to view the procedure at the same level of detail as the surgeon. It is also equipped with a video camera that transmits the surgeon's view to a TV screen where it can be recorded or watched by students. It will allow the GHA to increase the range of eye operations that can be undertaken in Gibraltar without the need to refer patients to UK.

Minister for Health, the Hon Dr John Cortes said, 'I am delighted to see more state-of-the-art equipment arriving in the hospital. The GHA continues to invest in both its equipment and its staff so as to improve the health of our community.'