

# New Robot Patrols Halls of Hospital

CHARLOTTE -- A new robot now chugs along the halls of the Levine Children's Hospital in Charlotte.

J.R. Tug is a mobile robot that looks like a train. Its mission is to deliver medications to nurses, who will then take them to the patients. The robot even features the voice of a conductor who talks to the children. The voice is that of Don LaFontaine, the legendary movie trailer voice-over actor who recently passed away.



The robot at work in the halls of the children's hospital.

"You create distractions, things that take their mind off the reason that they are here -- their pain or their sickness -- if even for just a moment and I can't think of anything more fun to take your mind off being sick then to see a robotic choo choo train come through the nursing unit," described Martha Whitecotton, administrator for the hospital.

The DreamCatcher Society is a local philanthropic group that supports the hospital. A society grant paid for the robot.