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Naval Hospital Pensacola, Florida

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The Naval Hospital Pensacola, Florida, a 60-bed hospital, provides care for active Navy personnel, retirees, and their dependents.

For years, the Naval Hospital Pensacola, Fla., utilized a mobile MRI service that was onsite for three days a week, operating eight hours a day. However, this mobile service was limited, and could no longer satisfy the hospital's needs and the growing demand for exams. In addition, the annual costs were becoming prohibitive.

"The cost of renting the MRI equipment and trailers was ever increasing and not meeting our patient needs," states John Scott. "We needed a solution where we could provide MRI services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week."

Once the decision to purchase MRI equipment was approved, the Radiology Department Head and his team evaluated a variety of MRI systems and manufacturers, and selected the Siemens MAGNETOM Espree™.

The MAGNETOM Espree combines, a wide 70-cm bore with a short 125-cm magnet that provides a powerful performance of 1.5T to create a revolutionary open-bore MRI. The Espree has the

power of Total imaging matrix (Tim®), a unique Siemens technology, which means faster, more precise results without patient repositioning, while providing shorter exam times.

In addition to an innovative MRI solution, equally as important to the Naval Hospital was creating an optimal room for the equipment and having it installed quickly and cost effectively. Even though the Naval Hospital Pensacola has an internal design and engineering team, it decided to collaborate with Siemens Design and Construction Services (DCS) to obtain a solution for designing and constructing a room for the MAGNETOM Espree, as well as facilitating the installation with Siemens Project Management.

"We chose to work with the Siemens DCS team because they know what is needed to install their equipment and the space that is required. Installing medical equipment of this magnitude requires a thorough understanding of numerous variables," says Scott. "Due to the tight schedule, we felt it was best to utilize Siemens DCS expertise."



Siemens DCS offers customized construction solutions regardless of the complexity of the building program. With this service, Siemens was able to offer a complete solution for the Naval Hospital Pensacola from project management to design and construction, to final implementation of the equipment and clinical education services.

After assessing the needs of the hospital and the equipment, the DCS team identified unused spaces for the best and most convenient location to build the new fixed MRI room attached to the hospital. The DCS team presented a condensed overall project schedule and delivery timeline to the Naval Hospital. In spite of numerous obstacles, the Siemens DCS team provided this project on time and on budget.

"This is the most thorough design team I have ever worked with in my 30+ years of being with the Navy," says Scott. "The Siemens team stayed abreast of every issue. I could not rate them any higher."

With the successful completion of this project and the new fixed MAGNETOM Espree, the Naval Hospital Pensacola is now able to offer additional diagnostic services.

By partnering with Siemens on Design and Construction Services and state-of-the-art imaging equipment, the Naval Hospital Pensacola was able to expand its capabilities and increase patient care.

"The system operates wonderfully, but it also looks so attractive. The building construction, the operator area – our new MR room has just become a beautiful working environment."



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