

M&CA completes renovation of MRI rooms, incorporating new technology to reduce patient anxiety



OAK LAWN, IL — **Last month Matthei & Colin Associates completed the final phase of an MRI renovation at Advocate Christ Medical Center.** The phase included the renovation of holding bays and the central nursing area that serves three MRI Rooms. During the first phase of the project one of the MRI rooms was renovated for the installation of a 1.5T magnet. The existing magnet was removed through an opening in the exterior precast wall and the new magnet, weighing 11,000 lbs., was delivered via the same opening. The new MRI room integrates lighting, audio and a ceiling video display to create a custom-themed environment. Using a tablet, patients and caregivers can personalize the lighting color and intensity, music, images and video, helping to reduce the patient's anxiety during imaging.

Advocate Christ Medical Center (ACMC), a 749-bed, premier teaching institution, serves as a major referral hospital in the Midwest for a number of specialties including cardiovascular services; heart, lung and kidney transplant; neurosciences, orthopedics and women's health. The institution was re-designated, for the third consecutive time, as a Magnet hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. In 2014, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked ACMC as being among the top 50 hospitals in the nation for cardiology/heart surgery, gynecology, geriatric medicine and neurology/neurosurgery. The publication also rated the medical center as being among the top three hospitals overall in Illinois. It's Cancer Institute has achieved three-year accreditation with commendation from the Commission on Cancer, a program of the American College of Surgeons and is rated the highest possible three stars in heart surgery.

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