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## **M&CA Completes Emergency Department Expansion**

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**Chicago, IL - Palos Community Hospital recently completed a major expansion and renovation of their Emergency Department at the Palos Heights, IL campus. The multi-phased project was developed as part of an earlier master plan which projected ED growth up to 56,200 visits/year. The total calculated capacity resulted in 43 treatment rooms including three Behavioral Health rooms. The expanded area was designed to support the existing Acute Care Treatment Rooms and consists of 6 Fast Track Rooms for lower acuity care with separate sub-waiting, 12 ED Admit Overflow private rooms designed in two pods for flexibility with cardiac monitor capabilities, and two dedicated radiology rooms with one CT Scanner for diagnostic imaging. Centralized workstations support the pod layout of the ED Admit Overflow and provide visual control of all rooms. M&CA worked closely with the design/construction team including Owner, Consultants, Contractor and Subcontractors in a design-assist approach to share information early in the schedule to provide a seamless transition during the construction process.**

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Palos Community Hospital is a full service, regional healthcare provider that has served the people of Chicago's southwest suburbs for more than 40 years and guided by traditions of quality, respect and trust since 1972. Their mission of compassionate care is founded in the rich heritage of the Sisters of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph who built the hospital on 40 wooded acres in Palos Heights for patients seeking care. Today, in response to community need, the hospital has flourished as a major health care provider with a responsive network of services and a singleness of purpose to provide quality care. Palos Community Hospital is the recipient of several past and current Healthgrades Quality Achievement awards, including "America's 50 Best Hospitals" Award for three years in a row (2012-2014) and the Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence for nine years in a row (2006-2014).

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