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## Matthei & Colin Associates Presents “Why Are Hospitals Getting Bigger ?” at the Healthcare Facilities Symposium & Expo on Oct. 4, 2012 in Chicago

CHICAGO—The increase in the size of U.S. hospitals for the past 25 years is the subject of the keynote closing luncheon program at the [Healthcare Facilities Symposium & Expo](#) (HFSE) held at Navy Pier in Chicago on Oct. 4, 2012. The speakers of the keynote program are William W. Heun, AIA, partner at [Matthei & Colin Associates](#) (M&CA) and Neal McKelvey, adjunct professor at George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services and former hospital chief operating officer.

Improving hospitals and patient outcomes are at the top of the list when designing and building hospitals but have we stopped to think why hospitals are so much larger? For more than two decades, due to rigorous regulations, advancing technology, progressive patient care models, and more, there has been a dramatic increase in sizing hospitals. Attend the closing program of the conference to learn about the dramatic changes in how we describe and define hospital capacity and size today.

For 25 years the Healthcare Facilities Symposium & Expo has been the forum where leaders share ideas on healthcare delivery improvement and how the physical space directly impacts the staff, patients and their families. Architects, engineers, facility managers, healthcare administrators, interior designers and construction professionals alike come together as friends to collaborate, hear fresh perspectives, understand current trends and discover new products and solutions. The Symposium & Expo will be held at Navy Pier in Chicago, Ill. from Oct. 2-4, 2012. For more information, visit [www.hcarefacilities.com/](http://www.hcarefacilities.com/).

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