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## “Improving Patient Outcomes and the Mega-sizing of US Hospitals” Session the Right Prescription at Healthcare Facilities Symposium & Expo

CHICAGO— The closing session of the Healthcare Facilities Symposium & Expo (HFSE), “Why are U.S. Hospitals Getting Bigger,” involved lively dialog between the speakers and about 250 conference attendees on Oct. 4, 2012.

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The key points of the presentation highlighted why hospitals are larger today and how this evolved over the past 30 years. The speakers of the keynote program were 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.

True to the objectives of the HFSE, the speakers and the attendees shared ideas on how physical space directly impacts the hospital as a facility, healthcare delivery, and the staff, patients, and their families. Using a 30-year timeline, five key areas were addressed such as: technology codes, standards, information technology, service line expansion, and market expectation of yesterday and today’s practices. Also, two hospitals were used in the comparative analysis of the 30-year timeline that were built on the same site, using the same architectural firm and hospital owner.

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. For more information, visit [www.hcarefacilities.com/](http://www.hcarefacilities.com/).

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