

Success Story

Facility Management Solutions

A Short Take on Success

The Challenge

- Hospital in hard-to-build location must expand facilities to serve more children and their families, without disruption of on-going patient care
- Small facilities staff must oversee details of large construction team and suppliers

The Solution

- Construction of new 65,000 sq. ft. building over existing parking facility; and 16-phase, 70,000 sq. ft. renovation of existing hospital facility; Amerinet supports hospital facility team with consultation, bids and project oversight

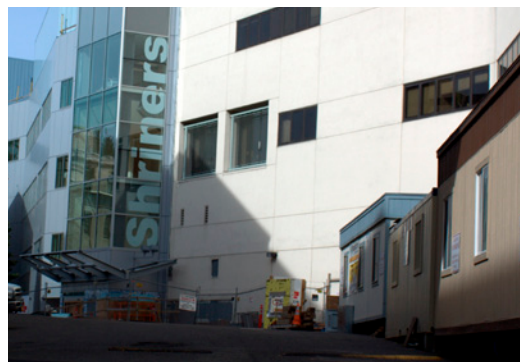
The Outcome

- Award-winning engineering project completed under budget (>5 percent), and without disruption of patient care and hospital operations
- Hospital adds new OR suites; patient and family rooms; outpatient clinic; physical therapy space and more; with additional room available for future expansion and hospital operations

“Instead of relocating our hospital, the award-winning plan to build a new facility over our existing parking facility was brilliant, and the work performed by all Amerinet suppliers helped us complete the entire project under budget and without disruption.”

*Tom Ochab
Director, Facilities Management
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Shriners Hospitals for Children®*

Amerinet Collaborates with Shriners Hospitals for Children® in Portland on Award-Winning Construction Project



The Challenge

Shriners Hospitals for Children® has 22 locations, all providing the highest quality care to children with neuromusculoskeletal conditions, burn injuries and other special healthcare needs, regardless of race, color, creed, sex or sect, disability, national origin, or ability of a patient or family to pay.

To accommodate more children and their families, the Portland, Ore., Shriners Hospitals for Children® needed to expand, however, the Marquam Hill location was not construction-friendly, and, with a limited construction staff (two people for 22 hospitals), logistics presented additional challenges.

The Solution

Because of the challenging situation high up on Marquam Hill, consideration was given to relocating the hospital. This presented its own challenges, so the decision was made to build a new three-story, 65,000 sq. ft. structure above an existing parking facility, then proceed with a 70,000 sq. ft. renovation of existing hospital space. It remained very important to avoid interrupting day-to-day patient care and hospital operations.

As an Amerinet member, Shriners engaged the Amerinet Facility Management team, which includes experts in construction, renovation and interior design, energy solutions and plant engineering. Amerinet encouraged lead architect SRG Partnership to specify products from member suppliers and worked with general contractor Andersen Construction, and the capital equipment purchasing agent, to help them take advantage of discounted pricing in their bid packages.

As a leading healthcare solutions organization, Amerinet provides access to a large portfolio of supplier contracts, which offer substantial cost savings to Amerinet members. Suppliers who worked with Amerinet and Shriners on the project included Stryker (OR lighting controls and tables); Amerinet contracted supplier (HVAC equipment); and GE Healthcare (patient monitoring and anesthesia machines). Working through the Amerinet agreements, Shriners Hospitals for Children® realized an estimated savings of more than 5 percent that may not have been available had they purchased independently.

The Outcome

“Simply outstanding,” states Tom Ochab, director, Facilities Management, Maintenance and Construction for Shriners Hospitals for Children®. Mr. Ochab continues, “Catena Consulting Engineers’ plan for building a new facility over our existing parking structure, which won an ACEC of Oregon Engineering Award, was brilliant, and the work performed by all Amerinet suppliers helped us complete the entire project under budget and without disruption.”

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Shriners Hospitals for Children® in Portland now has more OR suites, private patient and family rooms, a new outpatient clinic with easy outside access, a greatly improved kitchen and cafeteria and upgraded orthotics, prosthetics and motion analysis labs. And there's the ability to add more space when needed. "We're very proud to work with Shriners Hospitals for Children®," shares Rick Mooney, director, construction, capital and facilities services of Amerinet, "and so pleased the Portland, Oregon, hospital has accomplished their primary goal of being able to continue to compassionately, professionally and comfortably serve even more children and their families."



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