



59th Medical Wing, Wilford Hall CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Building the Future of Military Medicine in San Antonio

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Spotlight: MRI Magnets Installation

SIOTS (Initial Outfitting Contractor) coordinated with General Electric (GE), Skanska (General Contractor), and the government to begin the installation of two new state-of-the-art MRI systems. Coordination between all parties has been on-going for several months to ensure that the proper utilities are available to support the delivery, installation, and maintenance of the MRI magnets.

The design of the facility allowed for two “knock-out” walls, approximately 9’ x 9’ each, which enabled a safer installation of the several thousand pound magnets. Skanska provided the wall opening on Tuesday, September 8th, and on Wednesday, September 9th a GE installation team (contracted by SIOTS) met the tractor trailer carrying the two units. Another partner (US Stars), a rigging company, provided the crane to off-load the magnets and position them in their final location. Skanska then worked with GE to make all required connections to secure and maintain the magnets. The wall opening was then closed on Thursday, September 10th providing for the permanent protection for the MRI suites. Complete installation of both MRI units will continue for over a month, ending with commissioning by GE, Wilford Hall BMETS, and Medical Physics.



WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND PATIENCE DURING THIS EXCITING TIME OF TRANSITION.



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