

# Main South: Children's clinical building expansion

This summer, Children's Hospital Boston will open a new, 11-story addition to its clinical building. It will be called Main South, and will give clinicians access to some of the most cutting-edge technologies while carving out more room for patients and their families. "We recognize how difficult it is to be in the hospital," says Eileen Spring, MSN, RN, senior vice president of Patient Care Operations, "so everything in Main South has been designed to support both our patients and their families." Here are some of the highlights of Main South.



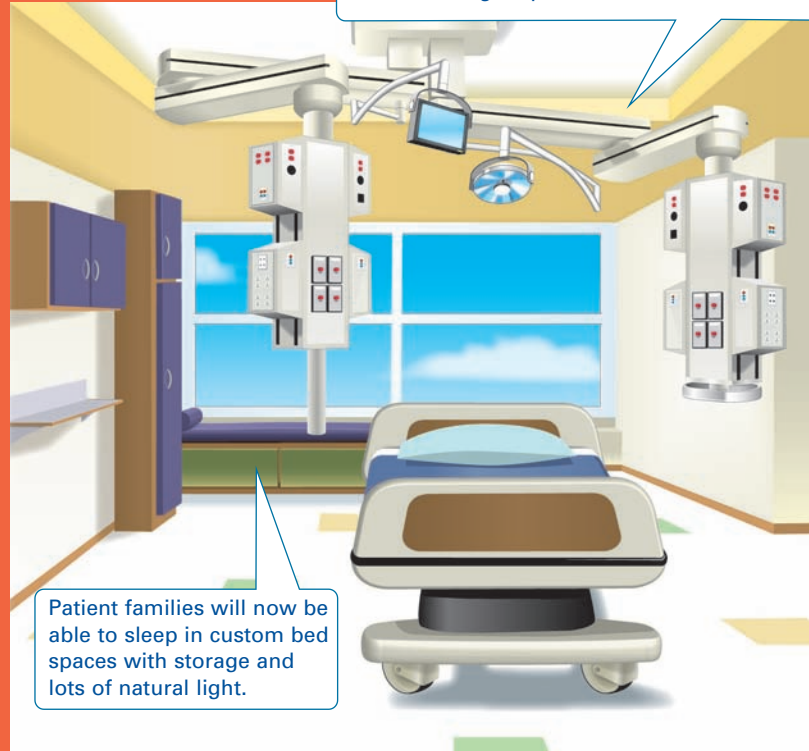
### Brighter, more colorful welcomes

Reception areas will greet visitors as they come off the elevators from the Main Lobby.

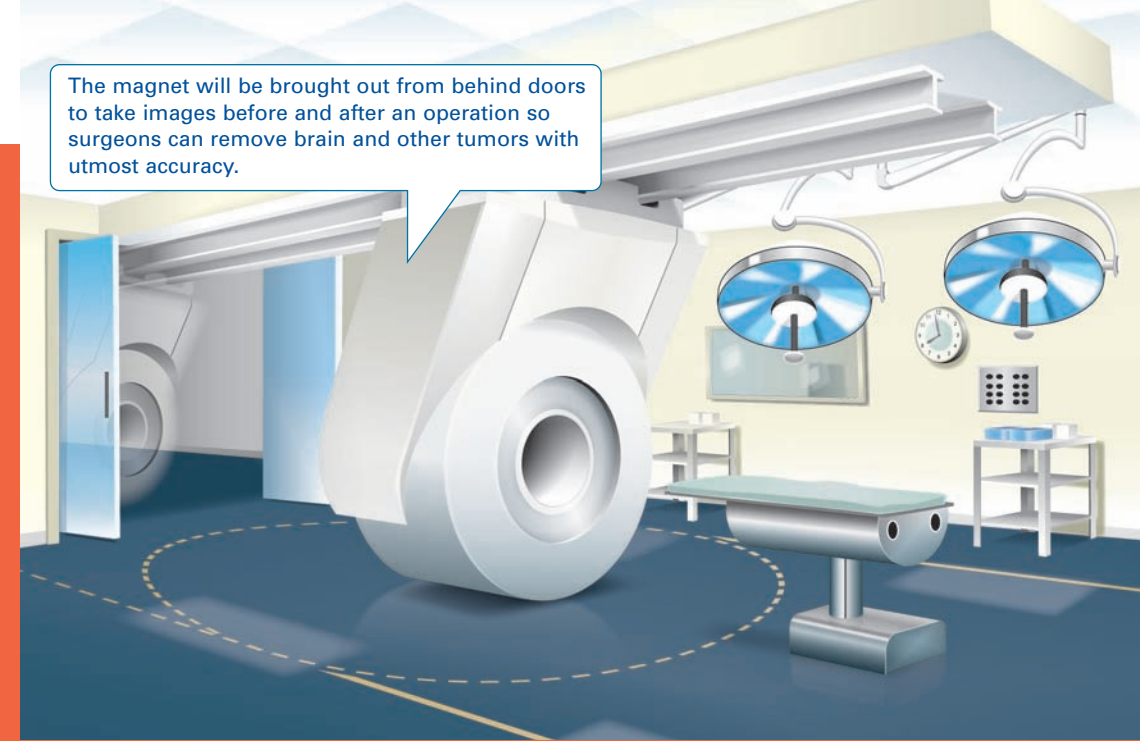
### Larger, more open ICUs

The hospital's world-class Cardiac and Medical/Surgical intensive care units (ICUs) are moving into new space in Main South. Forty-eight beds spread out over two floors will give critical caregivers unfettered access to patients needing the highest level of care.

Ceiling-mounted booms stocked with nearly everything needed for patient care—including surgical lights and small TVs for patients—allow the beds to be moved to the center of the room so clinicians can have 360-degree patient access.



Patient families will now be able to sleep in custom bed spaces with storage and lots of natural light.



The magnet will be brought out from behind doors to take images before and after an operation so surgeons can remove brain and other tumors with utmost accuracy.

### A mobile MRI unit for more precise surgery

A first-of-its-kind, 15,000-pound mobile magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) unit, suspended from a piece of structural steel similar to those holding up the building, is the main feature of this space-age operating room. The mobility of the MRI unit lets surgeons use their usual metal surgical tools instead of those made of non-metallic substances developed for other intraoperative MRI machines. The MR/OR is one of eight new surgical suites in Main South. For more on the MR/OR see page 5.



**Occupancy Dates**  
 Phase I: Floors 6 to 10 → June 29, 2005  
 Phase II: Floors 1 to 3 → August 15, 2005

### A bay for the ICU on wheels

The back side of Main South will be home to Children's Critical Care Transport Ambulance. Special features include room for two patients, an X-ray box, IV warmer and a DVD player for children awake during transport.



An entertainment center in each room features a TV, DVD player, video game console, Internet connection and a place to hang artwork or get well cards.

### More room, comforts for patients and families

The 48 new inpatient rooms on floors 9 and 10 are home to amenities and comforts to make hospital stays more comfortable. Every room is a single, and there's more room for family members, as a wardrobe and bed space with a mattress have been built into the alcove next to each window.