

Project: Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital
Location: New Haven, CT
Designer: Bam Architecture Studio
Products: Acrovyn Doors by Design®



About the Project

Recognized as a top U.S. hospital by U.S. News & World Report and used as a teaching hospital for the Yale School of Medicine, Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital (YNHCH), located in New Haven, CT, continues to grow and improve the quality care that it offers. In late 2014, the hospital opened its newly renovated pediatric MRI suite to young patients and families. It was designed with patient experience specifically in mind.

Design Goals

Aside from the emotional toil associated with illness, institutional-looking walls and cold, stainless steel finishes can further contribute to a child's fear and anxiety. To reduce negative feelings and create a comfortable, healing space, the hospital sought a kid-friendly environment that would evoke fun. With patients, staff and equipment continually moving throughout the MRI suite each day, using highly durable materials that could incorporate the chosen theme was paramount. Also, images displayed on the walls were expected to continue uninterrupted by the prominent double doors.

Results

YNHCH customized the pediatric MRI suite with a full-immersion beach theme. With a life-size sand castle positioned over the MRI scanner, flooring that mimics the coastline, and full wall murals, children can imagine a fun-filled day at the shore while undergoing medical testing. By using Acrovyn® Doors by Design, playful images now flow from the walls onto the doors, creating a nonstop scene. The doors not only provide the pantone-matched colors from the walls, but the revolutionary product withstands continuous impact.

With imagery and design creation from Bam Architecture Studio in New York City, CS worked closely with New Haven General Contractor Turner Construction and Kelley Brothers, located in Trumbull, CT, to execute the first-of-its-kind project. The end result is an interactive masterpiece that will brighten the lives of visiting children for many years to come.

At a Glance: Acrovyn® Doors

Acrovyn® Doors by Design were included in a full-immersion beach design theme at Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital which turned an ordinary pediatric MRI suite into a fun, playful space.



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