





The Pediatric Heart Center at Tulane Hospital for Children debuted the first and only combined Hybrid Cath Lab / Operating Room Suite in Louisiana. One of just ten hybrid cath labs in the country, Tulane's lab is a fully equipped pediatric catheterization lab as well as a full operating room. Here cardiologists and surgeons work side-by-side to open the chest, place delivery catheters in the heart, and deploy devices.

To begin work on the project, representatives of associated office systems met with VergesRome architects and the surgeons and technicians who use the room. "Our client, the physician in charge of the program, had garnered funding through a grant," said Angelle Verges of aos. "So, he had very specific directives for the structure and details of the suite including the storage of the equipment."

Discrete components with short and long rollouts were required to hold catheter bags of various sizes. Cabinets needed to match the height of the existing soffit. Critical care necessitated glass cabinet fronts for clear visibility of supplies and a sterile environment.

Hamilton Sorter was charged with constructing a complex storage system for the suite from the inside out. To save time and money, the specialty interiors were housed in standard cabinets. Stainless steel exceeding SEFA 8 Performance Standards was employed in one room of the suite as it holds up under chemical treatments and bleach washings. The other room featured laminate cabinets with thermofoil fronts. Supporting the laminate cabinets were steel bases that eliminated wicking action and epoxied into the floor created a smooth cleaning surface from floor to cabinet. Hamilton Sorter's recommendation of an exclusive stainless steel hinge with no plastic washers further ensured infection control.

GREENGUARD Children & Schools certified with a lifetime warranty, Hamilton Sorter takes full responsibility for the manufacturing of the caseworks. "This is what is so special about working with Hamilton Sorter,' says Angelle. "This project required a high level of custom work quickly, and Hamilton Sorter delivered."



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