



B.R. Fries completes \$1.2 million sports medicine area for Hospital for Special Surgery

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B.R. Fries & Associates, LLC, a New York-based general contracting and construction management firm, has completed a new sports medicine suite for physicians in the sports medicine and shoulder service at Hospital for Special Surgery on East 70th St.

The \$1.2 million dedicated floor, for which HLW International served as architect, had the goals of improving the patient and doctor experience as well as more clearly communicating the hospital's brand identity. The 10,000 s/f project, completed in 17 weeks, includes a reception center, 16 exam rooms, a radiology suite and men's and women's bathrooms.

The two-phase project was constructed while the facility remained operational.

"Constructing occupied medical facilities marries the science of construction to the art of stringent and sensitive coordination so that daily routines and procedures are minimally disrupted by noise, dust and off-hour construction," said Barry Fries, CEO, B.R. Fries & Associates.

Drawing inspiration from Special Surgery's mission of restoring movement to patients, the reception area incorporates flowing three dimensional fiberglass feature walls. Ceilings are barrel vaulted and zebra wood paired with decorative columns with LED lighting and etched glass.

Doctors' office fronts and corridors include anegre wood and frosted glass for privacy, with a clear glass transom running along the tops of the corridors to allow for the passage of light. An LED lit art display system incorporated into the walls showcases memorabilia from the hospital's many elite and professional athlete clients.

B.R. Fries has completed a number of projects for Hospital for Special Surgery including the renovation of the pre-surgical department, radiology facilities and most recently the high profile renovation of the hospital's two-story drive-through entrance. Hospital for Special Surgery is nationally ranked No. 1 for orthopedics by U.S. News & World Report (2010-11).

B.R. Fries & Associates offers a full range of renovation, restoration and new construction building services including general contracting and construction management. It has extensive experience in renovating and retrofitting commercial, institutional, retail and medical properties.

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